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White Rock City Council

Dear Council Members,

I would like to add my support to the request that the City of White Rock remove the black cottonwood trees on the road allowance on Semiahmoo Street east of Findlay Street.

I am concerned about these trees remaining in place for a number of reasons:

1. There are 13 trees at present. Since these trees can grow very rapidly to 150 feet in height and 40 feet in width, their growth and propagation will result in massive greenery that is much too large for this residential area. As well, their growth will choke out other species. Later removal will become increasingly expensive to taxpayers.
2. As these trees spread their cotton seeds significant distances throughout the neighbourhood each spring, they trigger allergies for many people.
3. The trees are not robust and are prone to breakage and disease. perhaps resulting in damage to nearby homes. This is something we can eliminate by simply removing the trees.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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