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Subject: #2 Submission re: S.E. 15600 Block Semiahmoo Ave. cottonwood trees delegation
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This email contains correspondence between Michael Weiner and Helen Fathers. Contained in the email is a cover letter from Don Longstaff to the city engineering department that accompanied an independent arborist proposal from March 2021, which is also attached to this email. Also contained in the email are photos showing cottonwood tree growth between March and May 2021.

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To: Michael Weiner <michaelweinerbc@gmail.com>
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Michael Weiner
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Weiner <michaelweinerbc@gmail.com>
Date: May 5, 2021 at 5:09:35 PM PDT
To: hfathers@whiterockcity.ca
Cc: Donald Longstaff <dlongs@telus.net>
Subject: S.E. 15600 Block Semiahmoo Ave. Self planted tree situation.

Hi Helen ,

Following up on my phone call last week , please find below a letter and tree removal plan from a very experienced arborist sent to the White Rock city engineering department several weeks ago from Don Longstaff, the Semiahmoo Ave resident who lives right across from the city property at the S.E. Corner of Semiahmoo Ave which is covered now with a half dozen cottonwood trees which have self seeded in the past year .

There are several residents from Semiahmoo Ave and Cliff Ave now including myself whose views are being effected by this situation and in the next year or so will be mostly eliminated for some of them .

These cottonwood trees grow to over 100 feet , adding about 6 feet or more in height per year.. There are also pictures provided below of what the trees look like now which can be compared to

the trees just six weeks ago before the growing season started.

As noted in Don's covering letter the city arborist who viewed the property told Don that she thought it was the city's responsibility to take care of this situation however didn't believe they had the funds .

This is why several of us hired a very experienced arborist who has worked with many municipalities for over 30 years to create the tree removal plan sent to the engineering department,.

Upon receiving Don's covering letter and our Arborists plan the city engineering department made no comment regarding the situation or the plan submitted and only sent a copy of policy 611 to Don which outlines all of the city regulations regarding tree removal on city property even though the city has maintained this particular area for many years and the current cottonwood tree situation concerns recently self planted trees. There were no trees on this S.E. corner previously .

At this stage as concerned and disappointed White Rock residents we are reaching out to you for some guidance regarding how to proceed regarding this matter given the fact that the trees in question self seeded themselves and that the city maintained this property previously for many years we don't believe that all of the regulations and detailed measures outlined in the City's road based permit application and potentially policy 611 apply in this situation .

As noted these self planted trees are beginning to eliminate views enjoyed by residents for many years which are noted as a valid reason for tree removal on city property in section 6 (d) of the 611 tree management policy.

Please note I am also available at 604 218 3707 to discuss matter in more detail .

Thank you very much Helen . We look forward to your guidance concerning this situation..

Michael Weiner

Please see below: The cover letter from Don Longstaff and recent photos of the trees in question on city property. I have also attached the tree management plan prepared by our arborist John Monk submitted to the city engineering department several weeks ago. Please note the significant tree growth by comparing the photos below at with the ones in Mr. Monk's report that were taken late March.

1. Cover letter from Don Longstaff:

Engineering Dept.

City of White Rock

Re:15600 Blk Semiahmoo south side

Boulevard vegetation overgrow

Please find attached the report of John Monk, Arborist dated March 30,2021.

I retained Mr period Monk after two contacts with personnel in your department. The first contact was to ask the City to clean up this boulevard and remove the half dozen or so wild self- seeded cottonwood trees thereon that are growing into and threatening to obscure my lovely water view that I and my adjoining neighbours have been enjoying for the last forty plus years.

The second contact was a call from the city arborist who had made a site visit and agreed that something should be done about the situation but simply stated that there was no room in the current budget. The arborist referred our situation to another person in the engineering department and several weeks ago I received a communication from Carlie Gordon requesting that I submit a plan .

Following up on this request, I propose to hire a licenced contractor at my expense to remove the cottonwood trees from the boulevard in accordance with the plan and recommendations from Mr John Monk, owner of Outlook Arborist Services .

Please confirm I can go ahead with this plan

Yours truly,

Don.

Please also note a couple of weeks ago a city contractor came and removed several invasive species from this city property ,however did no other work there.



