

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
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**POLICY TITLE: CRITERIA FOR TYPE 2 TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS  
ON PRIVATE LANDS**

**POLICY NUMBER: PLANNING AND DEV. SERVICES - 510**

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<i>Originating Department::</i> Planning and Development Services	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee:</i> February 24, 2020

**Policy:**

1. **Who Can Apply** – The tree must be on the applicant's lands or more than 50% on the applicant's lands and the remainder is on the City right-of-way. If more than 50% is on the City right-of-way it is treated as a tree on City lands. Further, if the tree(s) or the critical root zone straddles the property lines of two privately owned properties, both property owners will be required to make joint application.
2. **Criteria for Making Type 2 Tree Removal Requests** – In order to be considered for removal (as defined in Bylaw No. 1831), the tree or trees must meet the following criteria:
  - i) the tree's roots are destroying property and cannot be resolved through root pruning; or
  - ii) the tree is dropping pitch, sap, fruit or branches/nuts, causing damage to property (i.e. houses, cars); or
  - iii) the tree is completely obstructing views and views cannot be improved through approved pruning practices such as crown thinning or width reduction.
3. **Notification Prior to Decision** – The City will mail or deliver letters to the property owners immediately adjacent to the property under consideration for Type 2 tree removal request with a request for comments to be returned by a specified date prior to consideration of the request.
4. **Criteria for Decision** – Requests for Type 2 requests shall be reviewed in relation to the following criteria:
  - i) the topping of trees as defined in Bylaw No. 1831 is not permitted.
  - ii) the proposed tree removal must not adversely impact privacy, screening or shading for a neighboring property owner, unless they have no objections to the tree removal.

- iii) the “unwanted tree” criteria must be supported by sufficient evidence, including photographs in order to determine the degree or type of nuisance or damage, where the accumulation of falling leaves or evergreen needles only does not qualify as damage.
5. **Notice of Decision** – copies of the decision will be given to Council, to the applicants, and to the immediately adjacent property owners.
6. **Appeals** – the opportunity to appeal the decision to Council shall be made within 14 days of the notification, and provided solely to applicants when their request has been denied. The decision of Council on the appeal shall be final. No tree cutting will be permitted until completion