

Arborist Report for Development 1091 Stayte Road White Rock, BC V4B 4Y8

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ASSIGNMENT / INTRODUCTION

I was asked to assess all trees located onsite, and all City & offsite trees within 4 meters of the property line. The purpose of my consultation is to determine the viability of the trees and the potential impact in relation to the construction of a new house and upgrading of all services.

I conducted my assessment on September 19, 2019.

March 27, 2022 - I was asked to update the Report to provide recommendations on how to care for the retained trees including a maintenance and watering program. The site plan has also been updated showing new walkway and screw pile locations and a reduced excavation zone on the south side of the proposed building.

NEW April 26, 2022 - Pathway near tree #678 has been modified. Additional comments provided in the Summary and Recommendations on page 8.

METHODOLOGY

- A level 2 Qualitative approach with a mallet and probe were used on accessible items without dissection, excavation, climbing or coring.
- All trees were inspected using a ground based visual examination.
- Photos have been included to help with tree identification.
- Tree Survey drawing #1 shows all trees.
- Tree Survey drawing #2 shows trees to be retained, Tree Protection Barriers and Replacement Tree locations.
- Trees were evaluated for their preservation potential based on health, structure, location, biotic, abiotic, pathogenic, decay and species factors. Topping cuts and codominant stems are considered structural defects and under most circumstances are considered structurally poor.
- Trees found to be unsafe, conflicting with the proposed building plans, of poor health, of little long term retentive value or having been requested by the owner are recommended for removal in Table #1 and shown on Tree Survey Drawing #1 with an X.
- The maximum amount of encroachment from excavation is generally around 30%. Further encroachment may de-stabilize the tree and is not recommended.
- A 1.5 meter excavation zone is calculated and used around the new house structure to show any potential conflicts with proposed construction.

OBSERVATIONS

Tree Resource

The tree resource in this report is made up of 17 trees. 10 Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), 2 Paper bark maple (*Acer griseum*), and one each of the following; English oak (*Quercus robur*), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Pacific dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*), Mountain-ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*), and Spruce (*Picea engelmannii*). Three hedges have been found which are on city property. They are labeled H1, H2 and H3 on the tree survey drawings.

All trees have been tagged and located on the tree survey drawing.

Tree Inventory and Assessment - Table 1

The following Inventory Table provides individual tree data for all protected trees. Specific information includes:

- tree/tag number, offsite (OS), shared or City Tree (City, C), species
- diameter at breast height (DBH), approximate height, live crown ratio (LCR) %, deadwood %
- structural integrity a qualitative rating of a tree's shape and structure when compared to ideal trees of the same species and age class (good, fair, poor, dead)
- health the trees overall health and vigour (good, fair, poor, dead)
- Good: Trees in this category are in good health and structural stability and have the potential for longevity at this site.
- **Fair**: Trees in this category are in moderate health and/or have structural defects that may be mitigated with treatment. These trees may require more intense management and monitoring, and may have shorter life-spans than those in the "good" category.
- **Poor**: Trees in this category are in poor health or have structural defects that may not be mitigated with treatment. These trees can be expected to decline regardless of management.
- comments and recommendations
- Tree Protection Zones (TPZs)

TABLE 1 - Tree Inventory and Assessment

TPZ 6X DBH (m)	2.52	3.42	1.98	4.44	3.54	4.26	5.58	5.4
Recommenda- tions	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor
Comments	Multi-stemmed at 2m.	Multi-stemmed at base & 4.5m Previously topped at 2.5m with dieback at the topping cuts	Multi-stemmed at 3m 2m long damage to main stem Previously topped at 2.5m with dieback at the topping cuts	Multi-stemmed at base Previously topped at 2.5m with dieback at the topping cuts		Multi-stemmed at base & 4m	Multi-stemmed at base	Multi-stemmed at base & 4m Significant Ivy in canopy
Health	poog	Fair	Fair	Fair	рооб	роо5	рооб	Fair
Structural Integrity	рооб	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair	Fair	Poor	Poor
Dead wood (%)	5	10	10	10	5	10	10	10
LCR (%)	06	85	85	85	85	06	06	06
Height (m)	13	13	13	13	20	15	15	15
(m)	.42	.35, .22	.33	.2, .54	.59	.33, .38	.37, .56	.44, .46
Botanical Name	Quercus robur	Thuja plicata	Thuja plicata	Thuja plicata	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Thuja plicata	Thuja plicata	Thuja plicata
Common Name	English oak	Western red cedar	Western red cedar	Western red cedar	Douglas fir	Western red cedar	Western red cedar	Western red cedar
Tag#	665 City	666 City	667 City	668 City	699 SO	670 OS	671 0S	672 0S

TABLE 1 - Tree Inventory and Assessment

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TPZ 6X DBH (m)	2.52	3.42	1.98	4.44	3.54	4.26	5.58	5.4	3.24
Recommenda- tions	Retain and Monitor	Remove due to conflicts with construction.	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Retain and Monitor	Remove due to conflicts with construction.
Comments	Multi-stemmed at 4m. Significant Ivy in canopy	Multi-stemmed at base Significant Ivy in canopy	Multi-stemmed at 3m & 5m	Crown on south side	Pruning for the electrical house drop is required	Pruning for the electrical house drop is required Multi-stemmed at 1m			Moderate Sapsucker damage and related resinosis
Health	Fair	Fair	рооб	рооб	рооб	рооб	Good	poog	Fair
Structural	Poor	Fair	Poor	рооб	Poor	рооб	рооб	Good	Good
Dead wood (%)	2	10	5	2	5	2	<5	< <u>\$</u>	5
LCR (%)	06	75	06	70	06	75	09	65	06
Height (m)	15	7	15	7	15	13	4.5	4.5	15
(m)	.54	.24, .32	∞i	.12, .1,	.46, .48	.21, .3,	.1, .11	.13	.54
Botanical Name	Thuja plicata	Sorbus aucuparia	Thuja plicata	Thuja plicata	Thuja plicata	Cornus nuttallii	Acer griseum	Acer griseum	Picea engelmannii
Common Name	Western red cedar	Mountain ash	Western red cedar	Western red cedar	Western red cedar	Pacific dogwood	Paperbark maple	Paperbark maple	Spruce
Tag #	673 OS	674	675 0S	676 0S	677 City Shared	678	679 City	680 City	681

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Viability of trees

City trees #666 - #668 are in poor health due to decay found on the main stems.

All 3 hedges on City property are in good condition.

Trees #669 - #674 share canopies.

March 27, 2022 - The Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*) tree has a poor-moderate relative tolerance to construction impacts and the addition of fill soil (Matheny and Clark, 1998, Trees and Development). Effort must be made to ensure the long term success and retention of all retained trees before, during and after construction is complete.

Development impact on trees

Offsite tree #670 will have encroachment from the new open patio. Arborist supervision is recommended during construction.

Offsite tree #671, 672, 673 and 675 will have 20%, 20%, 3% and 27% encroachment from the new house excavation zones. Arborist supervision is recommended during excavation and construction. A reduction in the excavation zone from 1.5m to 1m has been implemented for this side of the house.

Tree #674 will have 60% encroachment from the new house excavation zone and is therefor recommended for removal due to conflicts with construction.

Offsite/City shared tree #677 will have 32% encroachment from the new house excavation zone. A concrete walkway, gate and fence are proposed in it's TPZ. Arborist supervision is recommended during excavation and construction. A reduction in the excavation zone from 1.5m to 1m has been implemented.

Tree #678 will have 3% encroachment from the new house excavation zone. A concrete walkway, gate and fence are proposed in it's TPZ. Arborist supervision is recommended during excavation and construction. A reduction in the excavation zone from 1.5m to 1m has been implemented.

Tree #681 will have 100% encroachment from the new house excavation zone and is therefor recommended for removal due to conflicts with construction.

March 27, 2022 - To reduce the construction impacts to trees #671, 672, 673, 675, 677 and 678, the basement has been reduced in size and the excavation zone has been reduced from 1.5m to 1m. To support the unreduced floors above, screw piles shall be used and located near the protected trees. The excavation for the screw piles is approximately 60cm X 60cm and is to be done by hand or Hydro-vacuum machine. The suitability, quantity and locations of the screw piles shall be determined by the Project Architectural and Geotechnical engineers.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS continued

NEW April 26, 2022 – The pathway has been aligned with the east side entry doorway. The pathway located inside the tree protection zone of tree #678 shall be above grade using paving stones, slab-on grade concrete, Grasscrete or gravel. The pathway shall be a suitable distance away from the basal flare of the tree, as determined by the project Arborist at time of preparation/installation. No digging shall be done inside the tree protection zone. Arborist supervision during the preparation and installation of the pathway is recommended.

Potential conflicts with services

Storm comes from Cliff Ave. - No conflict is expected.

Natural gas comes from Cliff Ave. - No conflict is expected.

Sanitation comes from Cliff Ave. - No conflict is expected.

Water comes from Cliff Ave. - No conflict is expected.

Electrical is above ground and comes from Cliff Avenue, through tree #677. Pruning for clearance for the new above ground electrical house drop may be necessary.

GENERAL NOTES

- 1. Replacement trees must meet the plant condition and structure requirements set out in the latest edition of the BCSLA/BCLNA "B.C. Landscape Standard" and the CNTA "Canadian Standards for nursery stock".
- 2. Replacement trees must be located, planted and maintained in accordance with the BCSLA/ BCLNA and "White Rock Tree Management Bylaw NO. 1831".
- 3. Replacement trees must be a minimum size of 3.0m ht. coniferous / 6 cm cal. deciduous
- 4. Trees must be located a minimum distance of 1m from any property lines and 3m from any other tree or buildings/services.

CONSTRUCTION, WATERING AND MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. Before beginning work, the contractor should meet with the project arborist on site to review all work procedures, access routes, storage areas and tree protection measures.
- 2. **Any work within two meters of a tree protection zone (TPZ)** shall be monitored and done under the directions of the project arborist.
- 3. All trees shall be irrigated prior to, during, and after any root pruning or after any excavation and every week after, during the months of June, July, August and September (2022). Each irrigation shall wet the soil to a depth of 150cm.
- 4. Clearing of vegetation in the TPZ shall be done by hand. Brush shall be chipped and placed in the TPZ to a depth of 6". Wood chips shall not be placed against the trunk(s). Additional wood chips may be required.
- 5. Tree(s) to be removed that have branches extending into the canopy of tree(s) to remain or are in the TPZ of tree(s) to remain, must be removed by a qualified arborist. The qualified arborist shall remove the tree(s) in a manner that causes no damage to the tree(s) and understory to remain. Trees to be removed that are located in the TPZ of trees to remain, shall be cut near ground level and the stump ground out.
- 6. Erosion control devices such as silt fencing, debris basins, and water diversion structures shall be installed to prevent siltation and/or erosion within the TPZ.
- 7. All work required within the TPZ shall be done by hand and under the direct supervision of the project Arborist.
- 8. All pruning shall be performed by a certified arborist and will be in accordance with ANSI A300 (part 5) pruning standards and ANSI Z133.1 safety standards. Pruning for building clearance will be required and is best achieved at the framing stage, prior to the installation of glazing and building wrap.
- 9. Trees should be monitored by a certified arborist for a period of 18 months after construction is complete.
- 10. No swales shall be located in the tree protection zones of retained trees.
- 11. Trees to be retained will require arborist supervision any time heavy machinery encroaches within 2 meters of the tree protection zones. Excavation pins will need to be located prior to excavation for construction. Roots should be pruned or cut prior to excavation to minimize the damage from ripping. Ripped or damaged roots shall be exposed using the least injurious method and the damaged section cut cleanly. Exposed roots should be covered with moisture retaining material such as burlap or moist fill soil, and a covering such as a tarpaulin, to prevent drying of the soil and roots.

TABLE 2 - Tree Protection Summary

	Onsite	Offsite	City	Total		
Number of protected	3	7	7	17		
trees identified						
Number of protected	2	0	0	2		
trees to be Removed						
Number of protected	1	7	7	15		
trees to be retained						
Number of replacement	6	0	0	6		
trees required						
Number of replacement	6	0	0	6		
trees proposed						
Number of replacement	0	0	0	0		
trees in deficit						
Total number of retained						
trees & replacement	21					
trees						

TREE PROTECTION PLAN

Tree protection shall be done in accordance with White Rock Tree Management Bylaw No. 1831. Tree protection fencing is to be installed prior to construction with no excavation, grade alterations or materials storage within the Tree Protection Zones (TPZ) unless preapproved by the project Arborist. Tree protection zones are listed on the Tree drawing #1. The project Arborist must be contacted prior to and be on site for any construction within **the recommended TPZ which is 6X the tree diameter**. All parties must be aware that long-term success in tree preservation efforts depends greatly on minimizing the impact caused during and post construction. Mechanical injuries caused to trees above or below ground are difficult to repair and can cause long term damage or death. Best efforts must be made to ensure that soils remain undisturbed within the tree protection zones.



Photo 1
Aerial photo March 2019, White Rock's WROMS.



Photo 2
Street view of property at time of assessment.



Photo 3
Tree #665 and #H3. Facing west.



Photo 4
Tree #665 on left and #H3. Facing east.



Photo 5
Trees #666 - #674, from right to left.
All trees share a crown.



Photo 6

Tree #666, photo showing pruning cut dieback on the main stems. Good reaction growth has developed.



Photo 7

Tree #667, photo showing pruning cut dieback on the main stem. Minimal reaction growth has developed.



Photo 8

Tree #668, photo showing pruning cut dieback on the main stem. Good reaction growth has developed.



Photo 9
Tree #674 in center with red berries.



Photo 10

Tree #675, photo showing co-dominant stems at 3m and 5m.



Photo 11 Tree #676 (left) and #677 (right).



Photo 12
Photo showing the co-dominant base of tree #677.



 $$\operatorname{\textbf{Photo}}\ 13$$ Tree #678 and #678 in center, #677 on left, and #681 on right.



Photo 14
Photo showing the base of tree #678.
Tree #681 in background.



Photo 15 Tree #681



Photo 16 Sapsucker damage on tree #681.



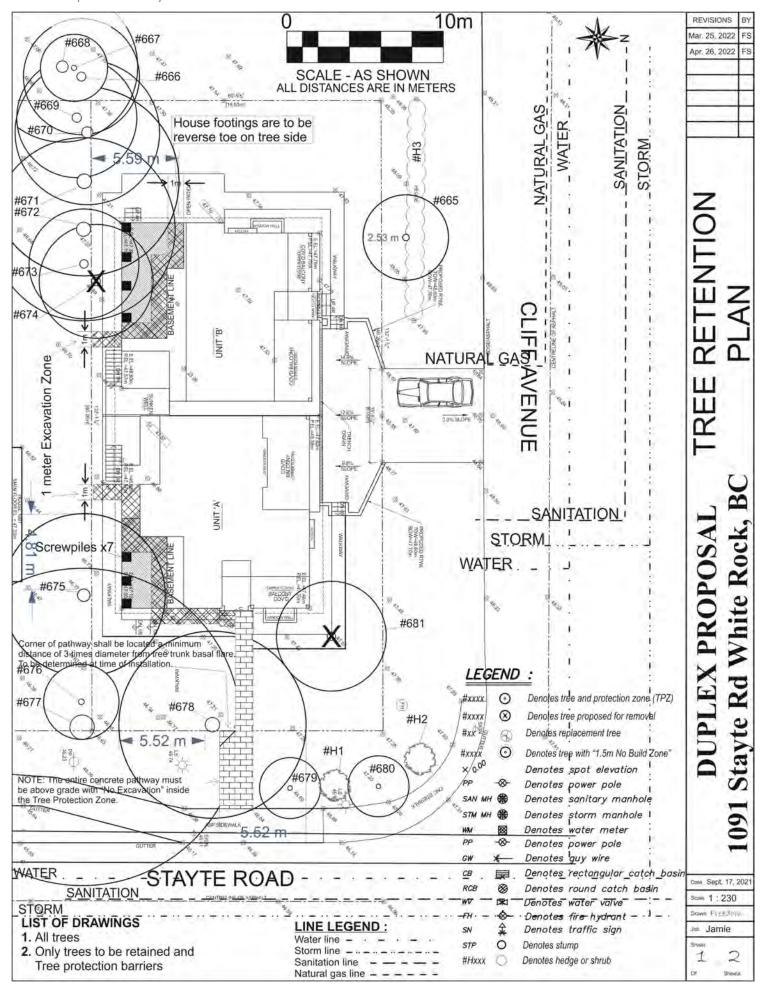
Photo 17 Boulevard trees #679, #680 and #H1.

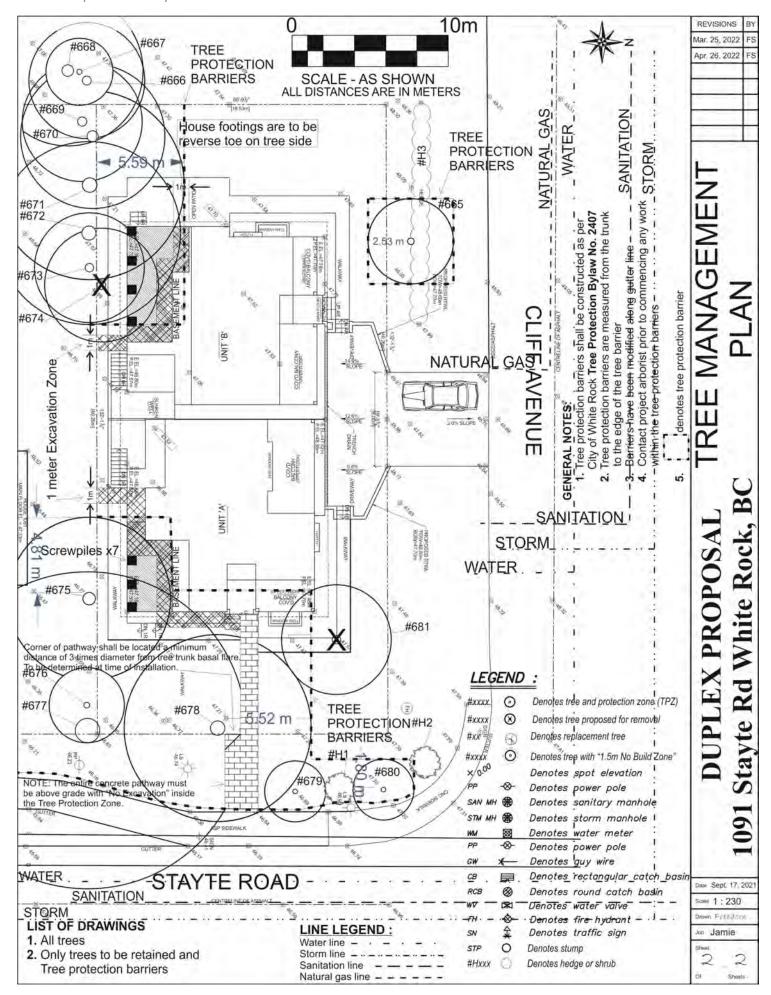


Photo 18
Boulevard trees #679 , #680 and hedge #H1.
All on city property.



Photo 19
Hedge #2 on city property. Volunteer trees have started growing in the hedge.





ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

- Information contained in this report covers only those items that were examined and reflects conditions of those items at the time of assessment. The assessment is limited to visual examination of accessible items without dissection, excavation, climbing or coring.
- Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible, however, Freedom Tree Care Ltd can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information.
- Any legal description provided to the consultant is assumed to be correct. Any titles and ownerships
 to any property are assumed to be good and marketable. No responsibility is assumed for matters
 legal in character. Freedom Tree Care Ltd shall not be required to give testimony or to attend court
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- There is no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the tree or other plant or property in question may not arise in the future.

I certify that this report has been prepared in accordance with accepted Arboricultural standards from the information made available to me at the time, and that the facts and opinions expressed within it are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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