

Tree Removal Notices

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January 2017

UBC's arborists have identified a Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock and a Red Alder, located at the end of Wesbrook Mall at Marine Dr, which have died from drought. Arborists have recommended that they be removed for safety reasons.

The trees will be removed on Friday, January 27, and will not be replaced as they are in a naturally forested area which will allow the growth of young trees nearby.



February 2017

UBC arborists have identified a Western Hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla), which is dying. The tree is located in a forested area between Westbrook Mall and Osoyoos Crescent near Point Grey Apartments. The tree is dying from root rot. Arborists are recommending the tree be removed for safety reasons.

The tree is scheduled for removal the week of February 19, 2017. The smaller branches from this tree will be chipped and used as mulch and the main trunk will remain in the forest.



February 2017

UBC arborists have identified two Atlas cedar (Cedrus atlantica) and two vine maple (Acer circinatum) trees beside the old Aquatic Centre near University Boulevard which must be removed to prepare the site for construction of the new McInnes Field. Newly planted trees will be part of the landscape in the surrounding area.

The trees are scheduled for removal starting Monday, February 20, 2017.



March 2017

A number of trees will be removed from a site at Thunderbird Boulevard and West Mall as part of the Totem Park Residence Infill Project. This lot is currently occupied by a stand of 67 Red Alder trees, which were temporarily planted for a research project that is now complete. The trees have also reached an age where they lack structural integrity and are in poor condition.

The Totem Park Residence Infill Project consists of new residence buildings that will create 350 beds for first and second year students. The tennis courts located south of the existing Totem residences were removed to create the space needed for these new buildings. The lot on West Mall, across from your neighbourhood, has been selected for two replacement tennis courts, one basketball court and a mini soccer field.

The Alder trees will be removed starting on Friday, March 10, 2017, so that the site can be prepared for the new recreation spaces.



March 2017

UBC arborists have identified a total of four trees including Black Pine (Pirus Nigra) and Western Catalpa (Catalpa Speciosa) which must be removed from the west side of the old Student Union Building. The trees must be removed in order to complete the installation of a new water main upgrade, electrical sub-station, and gas meter for the building.

The trees will be chipped and used as compost on campus, and are scheduled for removal starting Monday, March 13, 2017.



April 2017

The UBC arborist has identified a total of three trees (one Ponderosa Pine (Pinus Ponderosa) and two Portuguese Laurels (Prunus Lusitcanica)) that must be removed from the east side of the new Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre site. As part of the Library Gardens redesign process, the UBC Arborist determined the trees pose a hazard, are in poor condition and would pose a hazard to the public.

The trees will be chipped and used as compost on the site, and are scheduled for removal starting Monday, April 10, 2017.



April 28, 2017

UBC arborists have identified an American Ash tree (Sorbus Americana) which has been removed from the North side of the Undergrad Life Sciences Teaching Labs (ULTL). It was discovered during an excavation nearby that the soil under the roots was much looser than expected and starting to collapse. As a result of the soil conditions, the tree became unstable and created a safety hazard, necessitating its removal for safety reasons.

The tree will be chipped and used as compost on campus, and was scheduled for removal on Friday, April 28, 2017.



May 9, 2017

UBC arborists have identified a second American Ash tree (Sorbus Americana) which must be removed from the North side of the Undergrad Life Sciences Teaching Labs (ULTL). It was discovered during an excavation nearby that the soil under the roots was much looser than expected and starting to collapse.

As a result of the soil conditions, the tree became unstable and created a safety hazard, necessitating its removal for safety reasons. The tree will be chipped and used as compost on campus, and is scheduled for removal starting Wednesday, May 10, 2017.



July 31, 2017

The UBC arborist has identified a total of eight trees (five Native Bitter Cherries (Prunus emarginata), two Douglas Firs (Pseudotsuga menziesil), and one Japanese Red Pine (Pinus densiflora) that must be removed from an undeveloped area on the east side of Osoyoos Crescent.

The UBC Arborist determined the trees are dead and pose a hazard and would pose a hazard to the public. The wood from the trees will be chipped and used in the garden beds at Acadia, while larger parts of the Douglas Fir will be milled for furniture. A replacement tree for the Japanese Red Pine should be installed this autumn. The trees are scheduled for removal the week of July 31, 2017.



(From left: Native Bitter Cherry, Douglas Fir, and Japanese Red Pine)

August 4, 2017

The UBC arborist has identified a total of four trees including two Tatarian Maples (Acer Tatarium), one Plum tree (Prunus Sp.), and one Holly tree (Ilex Aquifolium) that must be removed from the Library Gardens site.

The wood from the trees will be chipped and used as mulch on the site. Replacement trees including Grand Firs, Vine Maples, Douglas Maples and Black Hawthorns should be installed this autumn. The trees are scheduled for removal starting on August 4, 2017.



August 30, 2017

A number of young trees are being removed from the border of this former BC Research Site in order to connect Binning Road to Wesbrook Mall. Trees include 18 Red Alder, 6 Paper Birch, 3 Bigleaf Maple, 4 Western Red Cedar & 1 Douglas Fir. Three Norway Maple will be relocated to a new roadway. This new road will ensure that vehicle traffic is kept at the perimeter of the new subdivision, and allow for a new park to be built in its centre.

Construction on the new park will begin in Spring / Fall 2018, with replacement deciduous and evergreen trees planted at that time. The new park will be 10,500 m2 with a large lawn, children's play area, gathering spaces, water features and green pathways. The trees are scheduled for removal starting on August 30, 2017.



September 23, 2017

UBC arborists have identified two American Ash trees (Fraxinus americana) which must be removed from the north side of the Undergrad Life Sciences Teaching Labs (ULTL). During the sesimic upgrade of the North Wing of the building it was necessary to redesign and reroute the underground services. Given the proximity of the trees to the edge of the building, rerouting of the underground services compromised the stability of the trees and they are being removed for the safety of the campus community. The trees will be chipped and used as compost on campus. The trees are scheduled for removal starting Saturday, September 23, 2017.



October 18, 2017

In order to prepare for construction of a new residential development in the Wesbrook Place Neighbourhood, The Residences at Nobel Park (site pictured below), 165 trees must be removed in accordance with the 2005 Wesbrook Place Neighbourhood Plan.

A total of 165 trees will be removed including Big Leaf Maple (acer Macrophullum), Douglas Fir (Psudotsuga menziesii), Sitka Spruce (Picea Sitchersis), Western Hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla), and Western Red Cedar (Thuja plicata). The trees range in condition from poor to normal.



Tree protection fences will be in place while removals are occurring to protect trees adjacent to the property. A 30 meter tree buffer between this site and the UBC Farm will be maintained.

UBC has a replacement policy for tree removals, and will determine the quantities and locations of replacement trees as the development of Wesbrook Place Neighbourhood continues.

October 21, 2017

The UBC Campus arborist has identified one Western Hemlock tree (Tsuga heterophylia) which must be removed from the entrance to the Museum of Anthropology parking lot at the corner of Marine Drive and West Mall. The Campus arborist determined that following two summers of drought the tree is dead and poses a hazard to the public. The tree will be chipped and used for mulch in campus gardens. The tree is scheduled for removal starting Saturday, October 21, 2017.



November 6, 2017

Starting on Monday, November 6, 2017, landscapers will selectively remove 60 Western Red Cedar trees (Thuja plicata), within the dense hedges that separate the residential lots at Hampton Place from Wesbrook Mall and 16th Avenue. In addition, one Douglas Fir tree (Pseudotsuga menziesii) will also be removed as it poses a safety hazard.



The trees are being removed in order to thin the hedge and protect the health of the remaining trees within it. This selective removal will provide the 500 remaining trees with space to thrive. This intervention has become necessary because the trees were originally planted too close together 25 years ago. Over the years, a number of the Cedar trees became overcrowded and a recent inventory by a certified arborist determined some trees were dying and required removal.

Once the trees are removed from the hedge there will be space for the remaining ones to grow in a healthy and sustainable way for the enjoyment of the neighbourhood.