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# 1.0 Introduction

The objective of this report is to ensure the proposed development is in compliance with the development permit application rules for tree inventories at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Trees over 15cm in diameter at breast height were assessed, including: species, diameter at breast height (dbh) measured to the nearest 1 cm at 1.4 m above natural grade (tree's base), estimated height and general health and defects. Critical root zones were calculated for each of the trees with the potential for development impacts. Tree hazards were assessed according to International Society of Arboriculture and WCB standards. Suitability for tree retention was evaluated based on the health of the trees and their location in relation to the proposed building envelopes and infrastructure. This report outlines the existing condition of the trees on and adjacent to the property, summarizes the proposed tree removals and retention trees as well as suggested guidelines for protecting the remaining trees during the construction process.

# 1.1 Limits of Assignment

- Our investigation is based solely on our visual inspection of the trees on our last site visit
  for the inventory. Our inspection was conducted from ground level. We did not conduct
  soil tests or below root examination to assess the condition of the root system of the
  trees.
- This report does not provide any estimates to implement the proposed recommendations provided in this report.
- This report is valid for six months from the date of submission. Additional site visits and report revisions are required after this point to ensure accuracy of the report for the City's development permit application process.
- Tree Risk Assessments were completed following ISA Standards to the accepted industry standard of care. However, trees that do not have signs of visible weakness can fail under abnormal weather conditions and wind events.
- See additional limitations at the end of this report.

## 1.2 Purpose and Use of Report

 Provide documentation pertaining to on and off site trees to supplement the proposed development permit application.

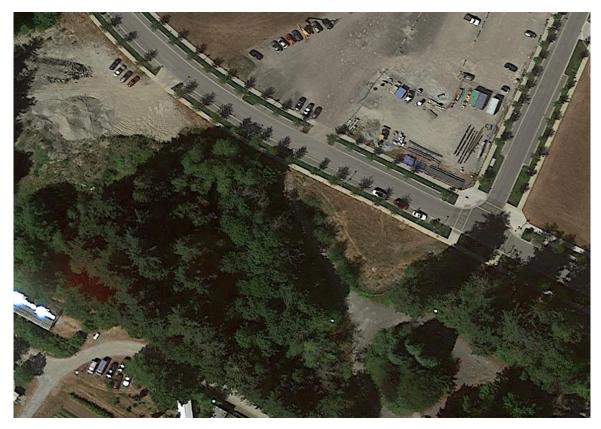


Figure 1. Aerial image showing the approximate location of the subject site – Lot 11 UBC South Campus on Ross Road (Photo from Google Earth).

# 2.0 Observations

## 2.1 Site Overview

The subject site consists of a well forested site of mature Douglas-fir and Western redcedar trees with an understory of Bigleaf maple, Red alder and scattered Western hemlock and Cherry trees. The area is predominantly flat.

In the context of the proposed development there is opportunity for tree retention at the east end of the site due to the location of a previous eagles nest in one of the trees. There is a proposed underground parkade that will occupy the majority of the remainder of the site boundary. Tree attributes, critical root zones and recommendations for the trees are listed below in **Table 2**.

## 2.2 Tree Inventory

The following is an inventory of assessed trees, each of which is identified on the accompanying map. There are numerous trees that were not identified on the tree survey but were gathered in the tree assessment. Due to the lack of time available to gather this information for a

submission, only the general attributes of these trees were collected (diameter and species). These tree have been highlighted on the accompanying map with a label showing their species followed by their diameter (eg. Alder 350 would be a red alder tree with a 350mm diameter at breast height).

Tree species, characteristics, comments, recommendations and required root protection zones have been provided in **Error! Reference source not found.** for most of the trees that are located on the survey. Their locations are illustrated on the accompanying map.

## **Overall Health and Structure Rating**

- **Excellent** = Tree of possible specimen quality, unique species or size with no discernible defects, or heritage tree.
- **Normal** = Tree is in good condition with no significant structural weaknesses or health concerns, considering its growing environment and species.
- Moderate = Tree has noted health and/or minor structural weaknesses, however, treatments may be recommended to improve the health or structural condition of the tree
- Poor = Tree is in serious decline from its typical growth habits and has multiple very
  definable health and/or structural weaknesses. These trees may have difficulty adapting
  to land use changes.
- **Dead/Dying** = Tree was found to be dead, and/or has severe defects and is in severe decline.

# **Tree Risk Assessment**

The risk assessment has been completed following the methods in the Tree Risk Assessment Manual, published in 2013 by the International Society of Arboriculture. This is the current industry standard for assessing tree risk. This method assigns risk based on the likelihood of failure, the likelihood of impact and the severity of consequence if a failure occurs. The risk rating matrix used to calculate risk is found in Appendix A. The tree risk assessment findings summarized in Table 2. The possible targets that the trees could strike if all or parts of the trees failed include: the adjacent homes/buildings, Ross Road, and the trail system.

# 2.3 Photographs

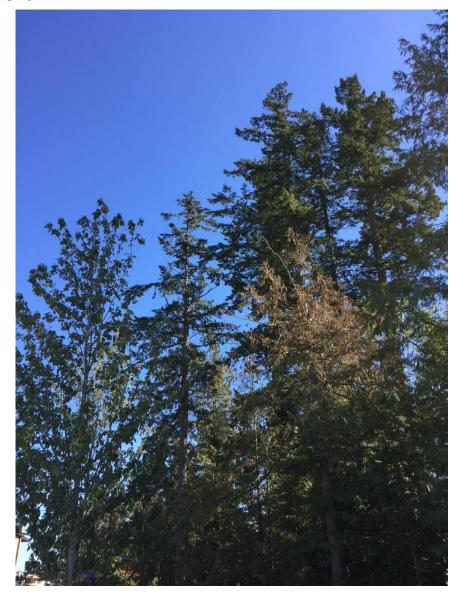


Photo 1. View of the east edge of Lot 11 and just east of it. The large firs are to be retained.



Photo 2 and 3. Note that many of the trees along the northern edge of the area to be retained have been impacted by grade changes and the new sidewalk construction. Some of these trees are to be removed while others could be enhanced by providing a good organic mulch layer over their root zones. Many of the trees could be lift pruned. The large fir tree in the right photo is tree 2599.



Photo 3. Looking at the island of cypress trees in the area of trees to be retained at the east end of the site.

# 2.4 Tree Inventory Table

Table 1. Tree Inventory (in the area where trees are possible to be retained).

Tag#	Common Name	Botanical Name	DBH (cm)	Ht (m)	Overall Condition	Comments	Retain/ Remove	Tree Retention Comments	Root Protection Zone (m)**	Drip Line Radius (m)
1	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	110	31	Normal	Large dominant tree on edge	Remove	Within the proposed development footprint.	6.6	
1191	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	68	14	Poor	Broken top at 14m in decline. tagged as 2931	Remove		4.1	5
2936	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	56	15	Poor	Thinning due to root encroachment. Dead top. Layered tree with 2949 and 2940-remove all three	Remove		3.4	5
1109 7		Pseudotsuga menziesii	137	38	Normal	Crown starts at 17m. Minor deadwood in upper canopy. Cone crop present. Lack of water for this summer?; Significant tree due to size and previous eagles nest. Crook in stem where nest sat. About 8m of growth above	Retain	Offsite Tree. Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	8.2	7
1109 8	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	76	35	Normal	Crown starts at 17m. Minor deadwood in upper canopy. Cone crop present. Lack of water for this summer?	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	4.6	7
1109 9	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	86	35	Normal	Crown starts at 17m. Minor deadwood in upper canopy. Cone crop present. Lack of water for this summer?; Some dead branching may be due to proximity of road and curb work. Enhancements to root zone with mulching recommended	Retain	Offsite tree. Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	5.2	7
2599	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	86	35	Normal	Crown starts at 16m. Minor deadwood in upper canopy. Many branch stubs from7-17m will look better with pruning. Can use lift truck.; Some dead branching may be due to proximity of road and curb work. Enhancements to root zone with mulching recommended	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	5.2	7

Tag#	Common Name	Botanical Name	DBH (cm)	Ht (m)	Overall Condition	Comments	Retain/ Remove	Tree Retention Comments	Root Protection Zone (m)**	Drip Line Radius (m)
2930	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	16	7	Normal	Sweep at base. Could use root zone enhancements		Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
2932	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	15	7	Normal	Could use root zone enhancements	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
2933	Cherry sp.	Prunus sp.	26	19	Moderate	Previous broken top at 6m. Good new top, safe to retain with group	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	5
2934	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	72	25	Moderate	Thinning crown with some dead upper branches; Requires root zone enhancements to retain; Small codom on north side at 2m	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	4.3	6
2935	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	43, 38	15	Moderate	Thinning due to root encroachment - enhance with mulch	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	6.0	4
2939	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	16	8	Moderate	Requires root zone enhancements- mulching. Has a thinning crown	Retain Entire area could use root zone Retain enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning		2	3
2943	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	70	32	Normal	Crown starts at 15m	Retain	Entire area could use root zone		7
2944	Cherry sp.	Prunus sp.	38	18	Moderate	3'stems at 1m. Acute union of middle stem with inclusion.; Future hazard	Remove	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2.3	4
2945	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	20	8	Normal	Sweep at base. Could use root zone enhancements	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
2946	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	48	16	Normal	Crown is to ground. Has healthy foliage. Sweep at base as is growing right beside fir	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2.9	5

Tag #	Common Name	Botanical Name	DBH (cm)	Ht (m)	Overall Condition	Comments	Retain/ Remove	Tree Retention Comments	Root Protection Zone (m)**	Drip Line Radius (m)
2947	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	19	7	Normal	Sweep at base. Could use root zone enhancements	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
2948	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	17	11	Normal	Sweep at base. Could use root zone enhancements	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
2950	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	15	8	Moderate	Requires root zone enhancements- mulching. Has a thinning crown	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
2952	Cherry sp.	Prunus sp.	16	15	Normal		Remove		2	3
6613	Cherry sp.	Prunus sp.	17	17	Normal	Height to diameter ratio is high	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
6617	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	15	7	Normal	In group of cedars and fir	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
6734	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	15	9	Normal	In group of cedars and fir	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
6758	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	18	17	Normal	In group of cedars and fir	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
6773	Bigleaf Maple	Acer macrophyllu m	21	8	Moderate	Broken top. Lean out to west. Same tree as 6733. Two stems to east have inclusion at base and dead branching - third stem at east is dead.	Remove		2	5
6782	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	15	5	Normal	In group of cedars and fir	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
6789	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	38	16	Excellent	4 layered stems here; Dead top on main stem- likely due to too much light	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2.3	4

Tag #	Common Name	Botanical Name	DBH (cm)	Ht (m)	Overall Condition	Comments	Retain/ Remove	Tree Retention Comments	Root Protection Zone (m)**	Drip Line Radius (m)
6792	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	15	8	Normal	Keep 6859 too- 12 cm cedar; Will need to expose these trees in winter as they won't be able to handle the summer sun with shade needles	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
6817	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	15	7	Normal	In group of cedars and fir	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
6835	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	40	6	Normal	4 stems. Largest 18cm. Healthy young tree	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2.4	3
6836	Cherry sp.	Prunus sp.	17	10	Normal	Retain with group	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
6839	Cherry sp.	Prunus sp.	19	9	Normal	Single healthy stem	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	4
6840	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	25	10	Normal	Healthy young tree	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2	3
6842	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	18	6	Normal	Healthy young tree under maple	Retain	Entire area could use root zone		3
6867	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	28	15	Dead/Dying	Almost dead	Remove		2	4
7285	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	85	36	Normal	Crown starts at 18m deadwood branch stubs on sw side.; Dominant tree	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	5.1	7
7309	Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	48	20	Normal	Very heavy cone crop; Small codom at 3m could be lift pruned on west side to 5m	Retain	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2.9	7
7322	Western Redcedar	Thuja plicata	46	19	Normal	U dear canopy of large fir	Remove	Entire area could use root zone enhancements of applying organic mulch. Lift pruning	2.8	3



\*\* - Root protection zone is measured from the outer edge of the stem of the tree. If using these measurements for planning/mapping purposes this needs to be taken into account: and ½ the trees diameter added to the distance to accommodate the survey point being in the center of the tree.

#### **Tree Risk Assessment Table**

Only trees that had an overall risk rating of High or above are included in the following table. The remainder of the trees on the subject site are a moderate risk rating or lower and are suitable for retention in **their current land use and condition**. With the proposed development there may different scenarios in which each tree could strike a target and this will need to be assessed once the development concept has been determined and work is to begin. At that time a project arborist will need to be engaged to ensure there is a safe worksite.

There are no trees that were inventoried on the subject site that have a high-risk rating.

# 3.0 Summary

The site inventory identified 147 on-site trees, 2 off-site trees and 15 City street trees that were to be identified in the arborist report. UBC requires that replacement trees be planted for trees that are removed. UBC will decide the quantities of required replacement trees. 165 trees are proposed for removal in this development application.

Site Tree Inventory			
	Sum of Existing	Sum of Retain	Sum of Remove
Deciduous			
Bigleaf maple	40	2	38
Cherry	6	6	0
Red alder	37	0	37
Paper birch	6	1	5
Coniferous			
Douglas-fir	7	7	0
Western Hemlock	4	0	4
Western Redcedar	42	27	15

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Off Site	Tree
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**Grand Total** 

	Sum of Existing		Sum of Retain	Sum of Remove
Deciduous				
<b>UBC</b> Stret trees		15	12	3
Bigleaf Maple		1	0	1
Coniferous				
Western Redcedar		1	0	1
Grand Total		17	12	5

<sup>\*</sup> Note there are many trees to be retained offsite and their root protection zones will need to be accommodated with the project design. Their condition and attributes have been generally assessed and will be assessed in more detail once a greenway plan concept is further discussed.

The location of protected trees, their Tree Protection Zones (TPZ) as well as those trees to be removed have been illustrated on the accompanying Tree Retention Plan.

#### 3.1 Tree Retention Discussion

The opportunity for retention viability is very limited on this site due to the proposed development footprint or site occupancy. Trees that were found unsuitable were not considered for retention, and trees that were found to have moderate or suitable retention viability have been retained if possible and were project design conflicts could be reasonably resolved, this only occurs offsite. For tree retention offsite the following are recommendations for proper protection during construction:

- Off-site UBC trees along Ross Road: 3 trees are proposed for removal and 12 are to be retained. Tree protection barriers are recommended at a 2.5m distance from the tree except where hardscapes do no permit.
- Off-site trees to the south of the project boundary: Arborist supervision of the
  proposed excavation along the southern boundary will be necessary to determine the
  extent of root damage to trees to be retained. Minor adjustments may be required
  during excavation to accommodate trees including watering, leaving roots hanging or in
  place.
- b) The proposed path connections must be constructed using low impact methods above the existing grade. The design and construction methods of the path must be approved by the project arborist prior to construction. On-site arborist supervision will be required during the construction of the path. Materials like gravel, or porous concrete, a resin based gravel or other alternatives should be explored.

# 4.0 Trees on Adjacent Properties

Once the scope of work is delineated there will likely be trees on the subject property that are outside the proposed development. These trees will have to be protected where they are adjacent to the development or have the potential to be impacted by construction activities, vehicle parking or the storage of materials. Root protection zones for the trees have provided within Table 1. Tree Inventory.

Note: the developer or subject site owner must verify that all off-site trees within or that could be affected by the scope of construction are identified and surveyed for location whether they are identified by DHC or not. Any off site trees that are recommended for removal will require the adjacent property owner's permission and may require additional permits.

# 5.0 Construction Guidelines

The following are recommendations for risk mitigation and proper tree protection during the construction phase of the project.

#### **Tree Retention Zones**

Six to eight times the diameter was used in consideration to determine the optimal root protection zone (RPZ) and Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) setbacks, and adjusted to suit the specific needs of the tree and site conditions. **The optimal root protection zone is to be measured in the field from the outer edge of the stem of the tree.** The RPZ is the area around the tree in which no grading or construction activity may occur without project arborist approval and is required for the tree to retain good health and vigor.

The following are tree preservation guidelines and standards for the RPZs:

- No soil disturbance or stripping;
- The natural grade shall be maintained within the protection zone;
- No storage, dumping of materials, parking, underground utilities or fires;
- Any plan affecting trees should be reviewed by a consultant including demolition, erosion control, improvement, utility, drainage, grading, landscape, and irrigation;
- Special foundations, footings and paving designs are required if within the tree protection zone;
- Utilities should be routed around the RPZ;
- Excavation within the tree protection zone should be supervised by a consulting arborist;
- Surface drainage should not be altered so as to direct water into or out of the RPZ; and
- Site drainage improvements should be designed to maintain the natural water table levels within the RPZ.

Respecting these guidelines will prevent changes to the soil and rooting conditions, wounding of the trees and contamination due to spills and waste. Any plans for work or activities within the RPZ that are contrary to these guidelines should be discussed with the project arborist so that mitigation measures can be implemented.

#### **Tree Protection Fences**

Prior to any construction activity on site, tree protection fences must be constructed at the specified distance from the tree trunks. The protection barrier or temporary fencing must be at least 1.2 m in height and constructed of 2 by 4 lumber with orange plastic mesh screening. This must be constructed prior to tree removal, excavation or construction and remain intact throughout the entire period of construction. Further standards for fencing construction can be found at:

# http://vancouver.ca/your-government/protection-of-trees-bylaw.aspx

# **Unsurveyed Trees**

Trees that are identified by DHC on the Tree Retention Plan, and within this report as unsurveyed trees have been hand plotted for approximate location only. Their location and ownership cannot be confirmed without being surveyed. The property owner or project developer must ensure that all relevant on and off site trees are surveyed by a legally registered surveyor, whether they are identified by DHC or not.

# Removal of logs from sites

Private timber marks are required for the transporting logs from private-owned land in the province of BC. It is the owner of the properties responsibility to apply for a timber mark prior to the removal of any merchantable timber from the site. Additional information can be found at:

# http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/private-timber-marks.htm

## **Regulation of Soil Moisture and Drainage**

The excavation and construction activities adjacent to the RPZs can influence the moisture availability to the subject trees. This is due to a reduction in the total rooting mass, changes in drainage conditions and changes in exposure including reflected heat from adjacent hard surfaces. To mitigate these concerns the following guidelines should be followed:

- Soil moisture conditions within the tree protection zones should be monitored during hot and dry weather. When soil moisture conditions are dry, supplemental irrigation should be provided. Irrigation should wet the soil to the depth of the root system (approximately 30 cm deep).
- Any planned changes to the surface grades within the RPZ, including the placement of mulch, should be designed so that the water will flow away from the tree trunks.
- Excavation adjacent to trees can alter the soils hydrological processes by draining the water faster than it had naturally. It is recommended that when excavating within 6 m of any tree, the site be irrigated more frequently to account for this.

## **Tree Pruning**

All heavy machinery (excavators, cranes, dump trucks, etc.) working within five meters of tree crowns should be made aware of their proximity to the tree. If there is to be a sustained period of machinery working within five meters of the tree crowns, a line with colored flags should be suspended at the height of the crowns along the length of the protected tree area. If there are concerns regarding the clearance required for machinery and workers within the tree protection zone, or just outside of it, the project arborist should be consulted so that a pruning prescription can be developed or a zone surrounding the crowns can be established. Any wounds incurred to the subject trees during construction should be reported to the project arborist immediately.

#### **Fertilization**

Fertilization or root zone enhancement treatments may be recommended by the project arborist during the construction phase.

# **Paving Within and Adjacent to Tree Protection Zones**

If the development plans propose the construction of paved areas and/or retaining walls close to the proposed tree protection zones measures should be taken to minimize impacts. Construction of these features would raise concerns regarding proper aeration, drainage, irrigation and opportunities for adequate root growth. The following design and construction guidelines are recommended be followed to minimize the long-term impacts to trees if any paving or retaining walls are necessary:

- Any excavation activities near the TPZ (tree protection zone) should be monitored by a
  Certified Arborist. Excavation should remove and disturb as little of the rooting zone as
  possible and all roots greater than 2 cm in diameter should be hand pruned.
- The natural grade of the rooting zone should be maintained. Any retaining walls should be designed at heights that will maintain the existing grade to within 20 cm of its current level. If the grade is altered, it should be raised not reduced in height.
- The long-term health of the tree is directly dependent on the volume of available, below ground growing space. If the RPZ must be compromised, the planned distance of structures from the trunks of the subject trees should not be closer than 50% of the RPZ on more than two sides of the tree.
- Compaction of sub grade materials can cause the trees to develop shallow rooting systems. This can contribute to long-term damage to pavement surfaces as the roots grow. Minimizing the compaction of sub grade materials using structural soils and increasing the strength of the pavement reduces the reliance on sub grade for strength.
- If it is not possible to minimize the compaction of sub grade materials, subsurface barriers should be considered to help direct roots downward into the soil and prevent them from growing directly under the paved surfaces.

# **Plantings within the TPZs**

If there are plans to landscape the ground within the TPZ, measures should be taken to minimize impacts. It is not recommended that the existing grass layer be stripped, as this will damage the surface roots. The grass layer should be covered with mulch at the start of the project, which will gradually kill the grass while moderating soil moisture and temperatures. Topsoil should be mixed with the mulch prior to planting of shrubs; however the depth of this new topsoil layer should not exceed 20 cm. Planting should take place within the newly placed topsoil mixture and should not disturb the original rooting zone of the trees. Two meters around the base of each tree should be left unplanted and covered in mulch.

# **Monitoring During Construction**

Ongoing monitoring should be provided for the duration of the project. Site visits should be more frequent during activities that are higher risk, including the first stages of construction when excavation occurs adjacent to the trees. Site visits will ensure contractors are respecting the recommended tree protection measures and will allow the arborist to identify any new concerns that may arise.

During each site visit the following measures will be assessed and reported on:

- The integrity of the Tree Protection Zone and fencing;
- Changes to TPZ limits including: overall maintenance, parking on roots, and storing or dumping of materials within TPZ. If failure to maintain and respect TPZ is observed, suggestions will be made to ensure tree protection measures are upheld;
- Review and confirmation of recommended tree maintenance including root pruning, irrigation, mulching and branch pruning;
- Health and condition of each tree;
- Damage to trees that may have resulted from construction activities will be noted, as will the health of branches, trunks and roots of protected trees. Recommendations for remediation will follow;
- Changes to soil moisture levels and drainage patterns; and
- Factors that may be detrimentally impact the trees.

All findings and recommendations will be documented in a summary report. All concerns will be highlighted along with recommended mitigation measures.

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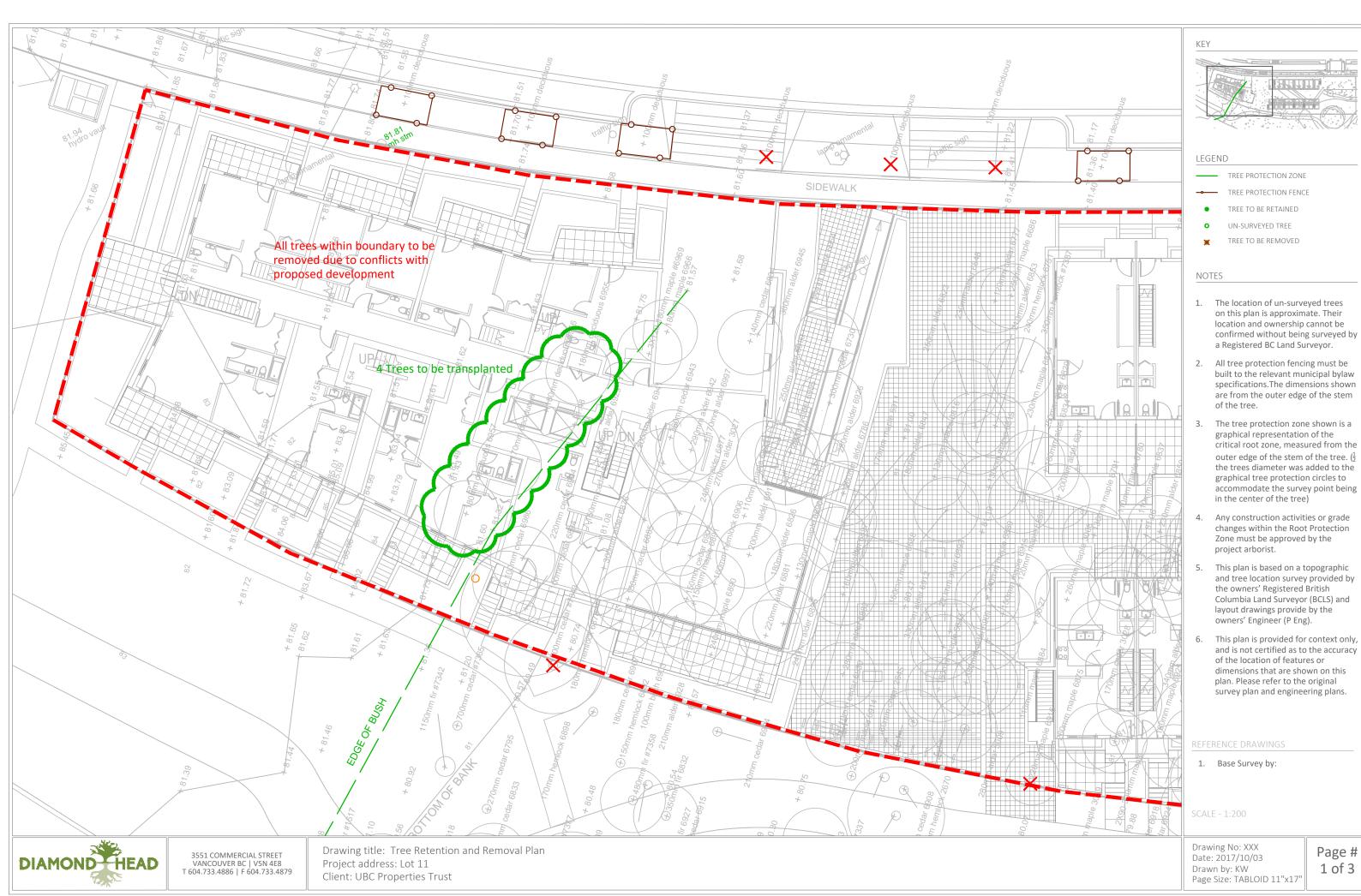
# 7.0 Appendix 1 – Overall risk rating and action thresholds using TRAQ

# Matrix I. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood	Likelihood of Impacting Target							
of Failure	Very low	Low	Medium	High				
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely				
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely				
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely				
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely				

# Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of	Consequences of Failure							
Failure & Impact	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe				
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme				
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High				
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate				
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low				



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