
Subject: FW: Special Planning Committee Nov. 17/21 INCREASE OF MAXIMUM FINES FOR TREE PROTECTION BYLAW 8057 (File Ref. No. 12-83)

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Mayor & Council, cityclerk@richmond.ca <cityclerk@richmond.ca>;

The maximum fine for tree protection being set at \$50,000 for homeowners is excessive. The current \$10,000 limit is sufficient for homeowners. If you wish to set \$50,000 limit for developers, keep in mind it will be added into the cost of the house when sold. Would it not be more productive to plant trees along Railway Trail and in Dover Crossing Park on the East Side?

There should be an exemption for

1. all fruit trees (apple, pear, cherry, plum, fig, etc.) and grape vines.
2. All diseased fruit trees or branches should be able to be removed by owner.
3. All trees causing moss to grow on house roofs should be able to be removed by owner.
4. All tree root systems that are damaging the house foundations, walkways or driveways should be able to be removed by owner.

Usually the homeowners look after their trees appropriately, the City should look after its own better. For instance the removal of Oak Trees on city property at No. 3 Rd and Lansdown and at the south end of the No. 2 Rd. bridge to accommodate future construction.

The City should removed dangerous or diseased trees immediately. I am still waiting for them to deal with their birch tree on the boulevard.

EXAMPLES

1. Case # 210716-000009 – Confirmation July 16, 2021 – STILL WAITING!

The birch tree has the bark beetles issue. The city took off some branches about 2 years ago and some more should be removed.

My neighbour's truck, in photo, is at risk as branches are coming off. Could you please checkout the tree and prune the dead limbs?



2. Recently, I reported a downed branch in Lynas Lane park that the City should have looked after. **Lynas Lane Park is just north of Archibald Blair Elementary School.**



Regards,
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