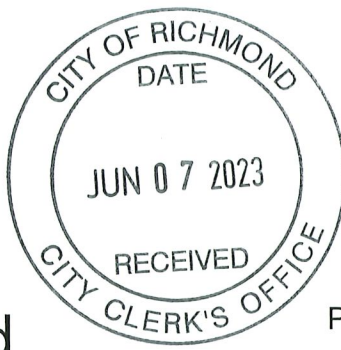




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Memorandum
Planning and Development Division
Development Applications

To: Mayor and Councillors
From: Wayne Craig
Director, Development

Date: June 7, 2023
File: RZ 20-919143

Re: Potential Additional Tree Retention – 7371 No. 4 Road (RZ 20-919143)

This memorandum provides information in response to direction by City Council at the meeting held on May 8, 2023, to examine the possibility of retaining some of the fruit/flowering trees as part of the proposed rezoning application at 7371 No. 4 Road, and to provide an update at the Public Hearing.

Following the direction by City Council, the applicant's arborist revisited the opportunities to retain some of the fruit/flowering trees on the subject property and it was determined that the original recommendations, as presented in the staff report, are validated for the following reasons:

- The majority of the fruit/flowering trees are in poor to extremely poor condition (Trees # 711, 713, 715, 717, 724, 725, 745-750).
- One Pink Flowering Dogwood tree (Tree # 736) is in good condition, however, it is in conflict with the proposed drive-aisle, which cannot be relocated due to traffic safety. The project arborist further assessed this tree and identified that the tree is not suitable for relocation due to its size and likelihood of success.

The arborist's recommendations are supported by the City's Tree Preservation Coordinator.

Staff note that there are risks and potential liability associated with compelling developers to retain trees that, in the opinion of the City's Tree Protection Bylaw Staff and an independent accredited arborist, are not suitable for retention.

On this basis, City staff recommends proceeding with the tree management strategy and terms as identified in the staff report to council from the Director, Development dated April 17, 2023, for the rezoning of 7371 No. 4 Road (RZ 20-919143).

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 604-247-4625.

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