

## **City to Remove Sequoia Tree at Morison and Island Highway West**

The City of Parksville will proceed with the removal of the Giant Sequoia located at the corner of Morison Avenue and Island Highway West, adjacent to the town clock. This decision follows a comprehensive multi-year assessment and a recent arborist report which confirmed the health of the tree has continued to decline. The recommendation from the arborist is removal of the tree for safety and the protection of surrounding infrastructure. We expect removal of the tree will occur within the next month.

The Sequoia, planted around 1999, has over the past five years exhibited visible decline, with 30 to 40% of its canopy affected by fungal blight. Despite antifungal treatments and fertilizer applications, the tree's health has continued to deteriorate. The tree is growing in a small garden bed shared with a large oak tree and its roots have caused significant bulging and upheaval of adjacent sidewalk panels, resulting in ongoing maintenance challenges.

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