

Removal of Sequoia Tree at Morison and Island Highway West

Earlier this month, we advised the public that the Giant Sequoia located at the corner of Morison Avenue and Island Highway West near the town clock would be removed; removal is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 29.

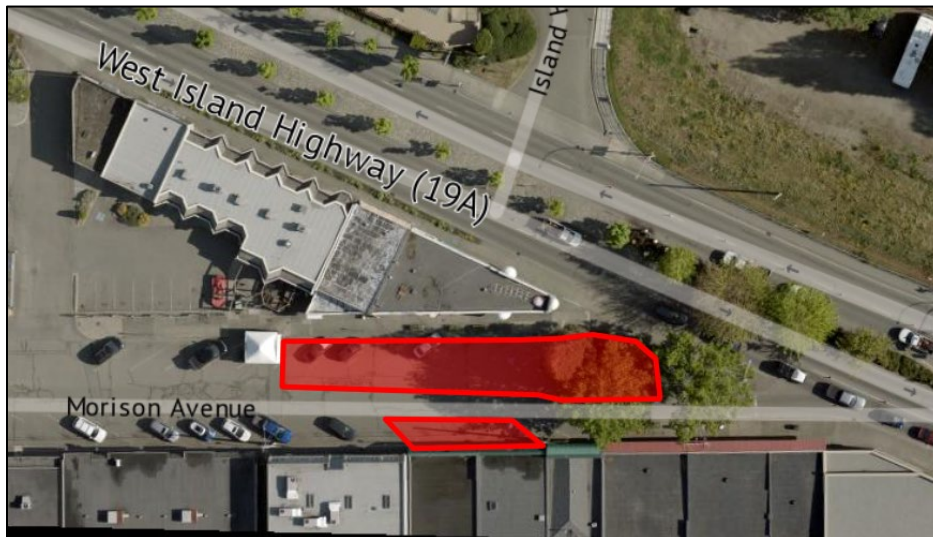
While the work is underway, six parking spaces on the north side of Morison Avenue and three on the south side will be closed from early morning until around 3 pm. The sidewalk and road access will remain open with the possibility of short closures.

This decision to remove the Sequoia follows a comprehensive multi-year assessment and a recent arborist report which confirmed the health of the tree has continued to decline. Planted around 1999, the tree over the past five years has 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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