

Removal of American Elm at Corner of McMillan and Hirst

PARKSVILLE, BC: Acting on a report by an independent International Society of Arboriculture arborist and staff recommendations, a memorial tree located at the corner of McMillan Street and Hirst Avenue was removed on January 8.

The 90 year old American Elm was found to be in an advanced stage of declining health with dead wood in the upper canopy and extensive decay in the upper branches, caused by the practice of tree topping, quite common 35 to 40 years ago. The tree represented a significant hazard and to ensure the safety of the public, it was removed.

This tree is one of the original memorial trees planted after the First World War along Memorial Avenue and McMillan Street. In its place, three new American Elm trees were planted, two on McMillan Street and one on Memorial Avenue.



Trees are rated using the TRACE (Tree Risk Assessment in Urban Areas and the Urban/Rural Interface) method which is designed and administered by the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and has been recognized by WorkSafeBC as the standard for assessing trees in urban areas and at the urban/rural interface. Residents may wish to refer to www.treesaregood.com, an educational website.

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