

## Removal of Six Memorial Avenue Elms

The City recently completed the detailed inspection of the trees on Memorial Avenue recommended by the arboriculture assessment from last summer. In November 2020, we provided information to the public advising further arboriculture inspections of the trees would be undertaken to determine the health of specific trees requiring assessment and advise the public of any necessary actions. At that time, two hazardous trees were removed.

The required aerial inspections and greater in-depth internal inspections revealed there are six more trees which must be removed from Memorial Avenue. As well, the City commissioned further pruning as best plant healthcare practices by removing deadwood, pruning for structural integrity and for form and character. These practices will help mitigate future potential issues within the canopies of the remaining trees. During the dry summer months, the City will continue with supplemental irrigation as well as a fertilizing and mycorrhizae program.

Removal of the six hazardous trees is scheduled for the week of April 12 with work expected to take two weeks. During this time, there will be limited parking on Memorial Avenue and a partial road and sidewalk closure may be necessary to ensure the safety of the public. Detours will be provided.

The removal of six trees and ongoing treatment of the remaining trees is related to the current condition of the trees and not because of future work planned for Memorial Avenue. The City will replace the trees as soon as it is suitable to do so. Should there be wood that is salvageable from the trees, we hope to coordinate with the McMillan Arts Centre to repurpose for art projects by their artists.

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