

# Gordon Street (Lowes Road to Edinburgh Road), Guelph Schedule 'B' Class Environmental Assessment 

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### 1.0 Introduction

Natural Resource Solutions Inc. (NRSI) was retained by IBI Group, on behalf of the City of Guelph, to complete a Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan (TIPP). This TIPP is to accompany an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) informing the Schedule "B" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to Gordon Street in the City of Guelph. The EA study area comprises Gordon Street between Lowes Road in the south and Edinburgh Road in the north.

The TIPP was conducted in accordance with the City of Guelph By-law (2010)-19058 (City of Guelph 2010). This by-law states that if an owner wishes to destroy or injure a regulated tree, and if none of the exemptions set out in this by-law are applicable, then the owner shall submit the information required in Part 5 of the by-law, including a Landscaping, Replanting and Replacement Plan. Within the By-law, a regulated tree is defined as:
> "a specimen of any species of deciduous or coniferous growing woody perennial plant, supported by a single root system, which has reached, or could have reached a height at least 4.5 m from the ground at physiological maturity, is located on a lot that is greater than 0.2 hectares ( 0.5 acres) in size and has a [Diameter at Breast Height] (DBH) of at least 10cm".

According to the By-law, the destruction or injury of a regulated tree is exempt from the requirement for a permit if the regulated tree is:
"A tree on lands used for Institution, golf course, commercial or industrial purposes, provided that a Tree Management Plan has been submitted to, and approved, by an Inspector, subject to such as the Inspector may have considered necessary" [Part 4, section (k)]."

The City of Guelph's Official Plan (City of Guelph 2018) also requires that a Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan be required for the replacement of all healthy indigenous trees measuring over 10 cm DBH.

Section 6.2.5 Tree Inventory and Tree Preservation Plan within the Official Plan notes:

1. "Tree Inventory and Tree Preservation Plans shall as a minimum include:
i) A Tree Inventory measuring all trees over 10 cm [DBH], including the size, species composition and health, and indigenous shrubs in accordance with the City's tree inventory guidelines,
ii) A Tree Preservation Plan identifying healthy indigenous and non-invasive trees to be protected, including those that may be transplanted (e.g. small specimens),
iii) The protective measures required for tree protection during construction, and
iv) Measures for avoiding disturbance to any breeding birds during construction"

The tree inventory data and mapping has been compared to the layout of the preliminary road design as provided by IBI Group. Map 1 shows the tree inventory data overlaying the proposed right-of-way (ROW) improvements. This plan shows the proposed ROW layout, including design components such as grassed boulevards and multi-use trails, and existing inventoried trees. The existing overall health and/or potential for structural failure was compared to the layout to determine which existing trees would be impacted by the proposed undertaking. Avoidance, mitigation, and protection measures for trees were examined to determine which trees would be impacted and which could be retained. In the case of trees requiring removal, compensation for removal is discussed.

This report summarizes the following:

- findings of the tree inventory,
- assessment of overall health and potential for structural failure of inventoried trees, and
- tree retention analysis based on the proposed preliminary design, and recommended tree protection, mitigation and compensation measures.


### 2.0 Tree Inventory and Methodology

A comprehensive inventory of trees $\geq 10 \mathrm{~cm}$ in DBH with the potential to be impacted by the planned undertaking was completed by NRSI Certified Arborists on July 3, July 11 and August 12, 2019. The location of trees inventoried was surveyed using an SXBlue II GNSS GPS unit by the Certified Arborist and are shown on Map 1. A complete list of the trees that were assessed and their overall health and potential for structural failure is included in Appendix I.

The following information was recorded for each tree:

- Numeric identifier
- species,
- DBH,
- crown radius (metres),
- general health (excellent, good, fair, poor, very poor, dead),
- potential for structural failure (improbable, possible, probable, imminent),
- tree location (on-site/off-site) and,
- general comments (i.e. disease, aesthetic quality, development constraints, sensitivity to development, wildlife habitat).

The overall health and potential for structural failure of each tree was assessed based on the criteria outlined in Appendix II. In carrying out these assessments, NRSI has exercised a reasonable standard of care, skill and diligence as would be customarily provided in carrying out these assessments. The assessments have been made using accepted arboricultural techniques. These include a visual examination of each tree for structural defects, scars, external indications of decay such as fungal fruiting bodies, evidence of insect attack, the condition of any visible root structures, the degree and direction of lean (if any), the general condition of the tree(s) and the surrounding site, and the current or planned proximity of property and people. None of the trees examined on the property were dissected, cored, probed, or climbed and detailed root crown examinations involving excavation were not undertaken. The conditions for this assessment, including restrictions, professional responsibility, and third-party liability can be found in Appendix III.

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### 3.0 Summary of Tree Inventory Findings

In total, 157 trees were inventoried, comprising 26 species. Of the trees inventoried and assessed, 63 are native species and 96 are non-native. A complete list of trees inventoried is provided in Appendix I and tree locations within the subject property are shown on Map 1.

Table 3 provides a list of tree species inventoried within the study area, whether they are native or non-native and their overall health.

Table 1. Summary of Inventoried Trees

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | Dead | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Native Species |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black Walnut | Juglans nigra |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis |  |  | 13 | 1 |  |  | 14 |
| Eastern White Pine | Pinus strobus |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 3 |
| Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii |  | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 |  | 14 |
| Manitoba Maple | Acer negundo |  |  | 3 |  |  |  | 3 |
| Silver Maple | Acer saccharinum |  |  | 3 |  |  |  | 3 |
| Speckled Alder | Alnus incana |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum |  | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |  | 7 |
| Trembling Aspen | Populus tremuloides |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |
| White Ash | Fraxinus americana |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 4 |
| White Elm | Ulmus americana |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| White Spruce | Picea glauca |  | 1 | 7 | 1 |  |  | 9 |
| Total |  |  | 12 | 40 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 63 |
| Non-Native Species |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amur Maple | Acer ginnala |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | 1 |  | 4 | 1 |  |  | 6 |
| Burning Bush | Euonymus alatus |  |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 4 |
| Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' |  | 1 | 5 |  |  |  | 6 |
| Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | 2 | 3 | 10 |  | 1 |  | 16 |
| Crack Willow | Salix fragilis |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| European Ash | Fraxinus excelsior |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 |
| Flowering Crab Apple | Malus baccata |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Japanese Silk Lilac | Syringa reticulata |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Norway Maple | Acer platanoides |  | 10 | 18 | 1 |  |  | 29 |
| Norway Spruce | Picea abies |  | 2 | 14 | 1 |  | 1 | 18 |
| River Birch | Betula nigra |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Small Leaf Linden | Tilia cordata |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Thornless Honey Locust | Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis |  | 2 | 2 |  |  |  | 4 |
| Total |  | 3 | 21 | 59 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 94 |
| Overall Total |  | 3 | 33 | 99 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 157 |

Table 4 provides a summary of the overall health of trees inventoried within the subject property, along with their potential for structural failure. A majority of the trees inventoried are in fair health with an improbable potential for structural failure.

Table 2. Overall Health of Trees Inventoried

| Potential for <br> Structural Failure <br> Rating | Overall Condition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | Dead | Total |
| Improbable | 3 | 33 | 94 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 141 |
| Possible |  |  | 5 | 4 |  |  | 9 |
| Probable |  |  |  | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Imminent |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Total | 3 | 33 | 99 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 157 |

### 4.0 Tree Removal and Retention Analysis

Tree removal and retention was based on two considerations:

1) Trees identified as having a probable or imminent potential for structural failure or poor or very poor health, or identified as dead: The removal of these trees may be recommended for safety, especially if they are located within striking distance of a component of the road infrastructure, or existing off-site pathways, roads or buildings.
2) Trees that require removal based on the limits of proposed road construction: The location of the trees was compared to the location of the components of the preliminary design plan, as shown on Map 1.

Tree retention, particularly for those on private property, should be reassessed at the Detailed Design stage through minor revisions to the construction limits around tree root zones. Of the 157 trees inventoried, 32 are anticipated to be removed. This includes 5 trees that have been identified as having a probable potential for structural failure, and an additional 9 are exempt from compensation due to their poor condition. The remaining trees require removal based on the extent of required road construction. This includes trees situated along the construction limit or in close proximity that may incur root damage as a result of construction. Most of these trees are in fair health with an improbable potential for structural failure, and range in size from 10 cm DBH to 73.8 cm DBH.

Removal of boundary and off-site (private) trees will require the permission of all owners involved. If the main stem of any tree is located on multiple properties, all owners of those properties must be consulted before any tree removal occurs.

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### 5.0 Tree Compensation Plan

Section 5 (h) in the City's tree by-law (2010)-19058 states that "where three or more trees are proposed for Destruction or Injuring, and where the Inspector so requires, a Landscaping, Replanting and Replacement Plan" is required. Overall compensation for tree loss is a requirement of the City's by-law which notes that "each tree Destroyed or Injured be replaced with one or more replacements trees to be planted and maintained to the satisfaction of the Inspector in accordance with the Landscaping, Replanting and Replacement Plans approved by the Inspector" [Section 7 (b)].

According to City of Guelph Tree By-law Number (2010)-19058, trees exempt from compensation must have the following site-specific criteria:
"A tree having no living tissue, having 70\% or more of its crown dead, or being infected by a lethal pathogen, fungus or insect (including the Emerald Ash Borer or the Asian Long-horned Beetle), and where required, a certificate issued by an Arborist, confirming this justification for Destruction or Injuring, has been submitted to an Inspector" [Part 4, section (a)],
"A tree which is Hazardous, and where required, a certificate issued by an Arborist, confirming this justification for Destruction or Injuring, has been submitted to an Inspector" [Part 4, section (b)]
"A specimen of Rhamnus cathartica (Common Buckthorn), Rhamnus frangula (Glossy Buckthorn), Alnus glutinosa (Black Alder), Elaeagnus umbellata (Autumn Olive), or Morus alba (White Mulberry)" [Part 4, section (g)],
"A fruit tree that is capable of producing fruit for human consumption" [Part 4, section (h)].

A total of 5 trees require removal based on their structural integrity, and a further 9 trees are exempt due to their assessed health. Table 3 provides a summary of the trees inventoried throughout and adjacent to the ROW, and a total number proposed for removal, broken down by private, ROW, and boundary areas. At the Detailed Design stage, a compensation plan will be required, outlining the specific method, or combination of methods, being used to achieve the required compensation. A summary of compensation options is provided in Table 3. The identified compensation ratios are based on NRSI's knowledge of standard compensation practices and requirements implemented in the City of Guelph. It is also understood that use of shrubs as compensation plantings is typically only considered after a 1:1 tree replacement ratio

[^2]has been achieved. A complete list of inventoried trees, including a determination of whether trees require compensation, is provided in Appendix I.

Table 3. Summary of Trees to be Removed and Recommended Compensation Plan

| Trees Inventoried | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Off-Site Trees (privately owned) | 83 |
| On-Site Trees (ROW) | 22 |
| Boundary Trees (owned by 2 or more parties) | 52 |
| Total number of trees inventoried | 157 |
| Tree Compensation Break Down | 32 |
| Total Trees to be Removed | 5 |
| Trees to be removed due to their structural condition (exempt from compensation) | 9 |
| Other trees to be removed that are exempt from compensation (poor condition) | 8 |
| Fair-good quality ROW trees to be removed due to development | 1 |
| Fair-good quality private trees to be removed | 9 |
| Fair-good quality boundary trees to be removed | 54 trees |
| $3: 1$ Compensation trees | OR |
| OR | 90 shrubs |
| $5: 1$ compensation shrubs) | OR |
| OR | $\$ 9,000$ |
| $\$ 500$ per tree |  |

### 6.0 Tree Protection Measures and Recommended Mitigation

### 6.1 Prior to Construction

A combined sediment and erosion control fence (i.e. silt fence) and tree protection fence (TPF) is recommended where trees are situated adjacent to the limit of disturbance (Map 1). This TPF is to take the form of 1200 mm high heavy-duty paige-wire fencing, as per City of Guelph design standards (also outlined on Map 1).

The TPF will be installed and maintained by the Developer. Prior to any construction activities (rough grading, vegetation and tree removal), the TPF will be installed at the limit of construction. Prior to works commencing on-site, fence installation and location is to be inspected by a Certified Arborist and/or the on-site Environmental Inspector. Signage indicating the purpose of protection fencing will be attached to the paige-wire fencing every 100-150m. Proposed fencing locations are shown on Map 1.

The TIPP is to be reviewed and approved by the City of Guelph. Upon approval of this Plan, and prior to any on-site works, a qualified environmental consultant is to submit written verification to the City that all of the recommended tree protection measures have been installed in accordance with the TIPP.

### 6.2 During Construction

Temporary TPF is to be maintained by the City during the entire construction period to ensure that off-site trees being retained and their root systems are protected. Damage to any trees to be protected should be reported to the Certified Arborist and the City.

### 6.3 Post-Construction

It is recommended that the temporary TPF be removed upon completion of all construction activities and adjacent areas are stabilized with a vegetative cover (i.e. sod) to the satisfaction of the Environmental Inspector or qualified biologist. ROW planting details will be outlined in a Landscape Plan to be prepared during the Detailed Design stage. Watering and pruning of newly planted trees will be carried out by the owner/contractor as required during the warranty period (approximately 2 years).

### 6.4 Mitigation

Any minimal damage (i.e. damage to limbs or roots) to trees to be retained during the construction stage must be pruned using proper arboricultural techniques. Should any of the
trees intended to be retained be seriously damaged or die as a result of construction activities, the owner will remove and replace the tree at their own expense at a $3: 1$ ratio. Any damage to a tree that has not been approved through the acceptance of this report must be reported to the City of Guelph. Replacement species are to be reviewed by a Certified Ontario Landscape Architect (OLA) or Certified Arborist.

It is recommended that the following criteria be followed during the development of the ROW planting plan:

- The plan should be developed by, or reviewed and approved by a Certified Arborist;
- The plan should include hardy, native tree species where feasible that are known to thrive in more urban conditions (i.e. compacted soil, drought, high salt tolerance),
- Include a diversity of trees from several genera to increase disease and pest tolerance and discourage monocultures (no more than 30\% from a single genus, $10 \%$ from a single species),
- Include a watering and monitoring plan for 2 years following planting,
- Trees should be replaced if they are documented to have died within the 2-year monitoring plan,
- Trees should be provided with appropriate soil types and soil volumes,
- Spacing of plant material should account for the ultimate size and form of the selected species and also the purpose of the planting, whether it be for screening, shade, naturalizing, rehabilitation, etc.,
- In order to maximize the visibility of deer, it is recommended that street tree plantings be widely spaced within the general locations of the Deer Crossings and Ecological Linkage, and that they not possess a dense or shrubby growth form, such as Cedar (Thuja spp.) or Spruce (Picea spp.), that could conceal or obscure motorist views of roadside deer,
- Planted vegetation should also not be a species that is attractive to deer, such as Oaks (Quercus spp.), Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos), or Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis), and
- Instead plant species that do not attract deer, such as Sycamore (Platanus occidentalis) and Tulip Tree (Liriodendron tulipifera).


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Appendix I
Tree Inventory Data

## Gordon Street EA Tree Protection Plan

| Tree Number | Common Name | Scientific Name | Native/ Nonnative | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stem } \\ & \text { Count } \end{aligned}$ | DBH (cm) | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Crown Radius } \\ (\mathrm{m}) \end{array}$ | Potential for Structural Failure Rating | Overall Condition | Location | Proposed Action | Com |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Burning Bush | Euonymus alatus | Non-Native | 4 | 13+11+10 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Dieback; exit holes; codominant leaders. |
| 2 | Burning Bush | Euonymus alatus | Non-Native | 2 | 10.1 | 1.0 | Improbable | Poor | Boundary | Remove | Canker; epicormic growth; dead branches; insect exit holes. |
| 3 | Burning Bush | Euonymus alatus | Non-Native | 1 | 12.4 | 2.0 | Improbable | Poor | Boundary | Remove | Major dieback; exit holes; codominant leaders. |
| 4 | Burning Bush | Euonymus alatus | Non-Native | 2 | $12.9+12$ | 1.0 | Improbable | Poor | Boundary | Remove | Canker; epicormic growth; dead branches. |
| 5 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 55.9 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Prune | Dieback; lower dead branches. |
| 6 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 31.8 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Tall crown; dieback; dead branches. |
| 7 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 25.5 | 1.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; lower branches pruned; crown dieback. |
| 8 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 73.5 | 5.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Remove | Codominant leaders; included bark; branch rub. |
| 9 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 62.2 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Crown pruned away from ROW; small retaining with utilities above sidewalk; healthy. |
| 10 | Black Walnut | Juglans nigra | Native | 2 | $30+30$ | 5.0 | Possible | Poor | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; open cankers; included bark; dieback. |
| 11 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 56 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Codominant leaders; included bark; dead branches; history of pruning. |
| 12 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 51.5 | 6.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor dieback. |
| 13 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 41.7 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; sign taped to stem. |
| 14 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 32.6 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor dieback. |
| 15 | Trembling Aspen | Populus tremuloides | Native | 1 | 27.7 | 3.5 | Possible | Fair | Private | Retain | 30\% dieback; dead branches. |
| 16 | Trembling Aspen | Populus tremuloides | Native | 1 | 24.7 | 6.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Asymmetrical crown to west; dead branches. |
| 17 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 52.2 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Tall crown; minor dieback. |
| 20 | Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' | Non-Native | 1 | 11 | 0.5 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Remove | Water sprouts; deer guard girdling stem. |
| 21 | Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' | Non-Native | 1 | 10.8 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Dieback; water sprouts. |
| 22 | Freeman's Maple | Acer $X$ freemanii | Native | 1 | 10 | 2.5 | Improbable | Poor | Boundary | Remove | Major dieback; epicormic growth. |
| 23 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 12.7 | 1.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; compartmentalized wound on lower stem, some rot. |
| 24 | Freeman's Maple | Acer $X$ freemanii | Native | 1 | 12.5 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Minor dieback; water sprouts. |
| 25 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 10.5 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Open canker; dieback; small dead branches. |
| 26 | White Ash | Fraxinus americana | Native | 1 | 11.1 | 0.5 | Improbable | Dead | Boundary | Remove | Suckering at base. |
| 27 | Silver Maple | Acer saccharinum | Native | 1 | 12.8 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Minor dieback. |
| 28 | European Ash | Fraxinus excelsior | Non-Native | 1 | 13.5 | 3.0 | Probable | Very Poor | Boundary | Remove | Only water srouts remain alive. |
| 29 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 15.6 | 1.0 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Remove | Epicormic growth; branch rub. |
| 30 | European Ash | Fraxinus excelsior | Non-Native | 1 | 12.7 | 2.0 | Probable | Very Poor | Boundary | Remove | Only water srouts remain alive. |
| 31 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 16.4 | 1.0 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Remove | Compartmentalized wound on lower stem; included bark. |
| 32 | European Ash | Fraxinus excelsior | Non-Native | 1 | 12.5 | 2.0 | Probable | Very Poor | Boundary | Remove | Only water sprouts remain alive. |
| 33 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 12.2 | 2.0 | Probable | Very Poor | Boundary | Remove | 95\% dieback. |
| 34 | White Ash | Fraxinus americana | Native | 1 | 10.5 | 1.0 | Improbable | Dead | Boundary | Remove | EAB. |
| 35 | Silver Maple | Acer saccharinum | Native | 1 | 14.3 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Dieback; water sprouts. |
| 36 | White Ash | Fraxinus americana | Native | 1 | 10.8 | 1.0 | Improbable | Dead | Private | Remove | EAB. |
| 37 | Silver Maple | Acer saccharinum | Native | 1 | 11.4 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Dieback; water sprouts. |
| 38 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 18.5 | 1.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Included bark; branch rub; epicormic growth; reaction wood; compartmentalized wound with rot. |
| 39 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 27.7 | 2.0 | Possible | Poor | Boundary | Prune | Leaning south; 50\% dieback. |
| 40 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 25.7 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; branch rub. |
| 41 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 13.4 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Minor dieback; dense hedgerow. |
| 42 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 26.9 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; branch rub. |
| 43 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 15.5 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Minor dieback; dense hedgerow. |
| 44 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 14.2 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Minor dieback; dense hedgerow. |
| 45 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | $20.2+20$ | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Crown dieback; lower branches pruned. |
| 46 | Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' | Non-Native | 1 | 10.4 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Water sprouts; dieback. |
| 47 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 22.5 | 4.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Slightly unbalanced; minor dieback; minor lean southwest. |
| 48 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 33 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Compartmentalized wound on lower stem; debris around base. |
| 49 | Thornless Honey Locust | Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis | Non-Native | 1 | 14.5 | 1.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Epicormic growth; asymmetrical crown to west. |
| 50 | Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana <br> 'Chanticleer' 'Chanticleer' | Non-Native | 1 | 10 | 2.0 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Retain | Minor dieback. |

## Gordon Street EA Tree Protection Plan

| Tree Number | Common Name | Scientific Name | Native/ Nonnative | Stem <br> Count | DBH (cm) | Crown Radius <br> (m) | Potential for Structural Failure Rating | Overall Condition | Location | Proposed Action | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 | Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' | Non-Native | 1 | 12 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Dieback. |
| 52 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 11 | 1.5 | Improbable | Excellent | Private | Retain | No visible defects. |
| 53 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 47.2 | 6.5 | Possible | Poor | Private | Prune | Broken dead main stem; galleries; cavities; epicormic growth. |
| 54 | Black Walnut | Juglans nigra | Native | 1 | 40.3 | 6.5 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Asymmetrical crown to west; canker; dead branches. |
| 55 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 12 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Infill at base; healthy crown. |
| 56 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 23.8 | 2.5 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Mower damage on lower stem. |
| 57 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 76 | 6.0 | Possible | Fair | Public | Prune | Asymmetrical crown to east; cavities; rot; branch rub; dead branches; failed to compartmentalize where codominant leader rotted away. |
| 58 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 30 | 4.0 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Retain | Water sprouts; rocks piled at base; codominant leaders; branch rub. |
| 59 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 19.2 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Lean toward road; minor dieback. |
| 60 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 34.7 | 5.0 | Possible | Fair | Private | Retain | Major dieback; dead branches. |
| 61 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 35 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Dieback. |
| 62 | Manitoba Maple | Acer negundo | Native | 1 | 14 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Slightly suppressed; lean south. |
| 63 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 50.4 | 5.0 | Possible | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Bark crack with exit holes; dieback. |
| 64 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 3 | 10.1+12.2 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; lower branches pruned. |
| 65 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 3 | 11.8+11.9+13 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; lower branches pruned. |
| 66 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 3 | 20+22+24 | 3.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Included bark; exposed root crown. |
| 67 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 28.5 | 6.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Large sewer opening 2.5 m from base; slightly exposed roots; healthy low crown. |
| 68 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 98.6 | 6.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; branch failure on west; minor dieback; crown to road edge. |
| 69 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 13.5 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Remove | Dead lower branches. |
| 70 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 14 | 2.0 | Improbable | Excellent | Public | Remove | No visible defects. |
| 71 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 33.2 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Minor dieback; utilities 3.5m from base. |
| 72 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 12.4 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Remove | Light pruning; slightly suppressed. |
| 73 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 16.9 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Slightly suppressed; dense hedgerow. |
| 74 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 18 | 1.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Codominant leaders; slightly suppressed. |
| 75 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 14 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Dense hedgerow. |
| 76 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 17 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Dense hedgerow. |
| 77 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 3 | 17+15+12 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Dense hedgerow. |
| 78 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 22 | 1.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; slightly suppressed. |
| 79 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 1 | 17 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Dense hedgerow. |
| 80 | White Ash | Fraxinus americana | Native | 1 | 25 | 3.5 | Probable | Dead | Public | Remove | Small branches remain. |
| 81 | Freeman's Maple | Acer $X$ freemanii | Native | 1 | 18.6 | 2.5 | Improbable | Good | Public | Remove | Codominant leaders, wide union; phototrophic growth. |
| 82 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 16.3 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Remove | Dead branches; water sprouts. |
| 83 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 66.4 | 5.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; included bark; branch rub. |
| 84 | Speckled Alder | Alnus incana | Native | 2 | 17+15 | 3.5 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; asymmetrical crown south. |
| 85 | Crack Willow | Salix fragilis | Non-Native | 1 | 17.8 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Lower side of guard rail; dead branches; epicormic growth. |
| 86 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 56.7 | 6.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Lower branches pruned; frost crack. |
| 87 | Japanese Silk Lilac | Syringa reticulata | Non-Native | 1 | 14.6 | 2.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Mulch infill; between homes. |
| 88 | Japanese Silk Lilac | Syringa reticulata | Non-Native | 1 | 10.9 | 2.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Damage at base. |
| 89 | Manitoba Maple | Acer negundo | Native | 2 | 49.9+22 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Remove | Codominant leaders; included bark; epicormic growth; branch rub; hangers; compartmentalized wounds. |
| 90 | Manitoba Maple | Acer negundo | Native | 2 | 17+16.4 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Asymmetrical crown to north; epicormic growth. |
| 91 | Thornless Honey Locust | Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis | Non-Native | 1 | 23.4 | 4.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor epicormic growth; healthy crown. |
| 92 | Thornless Honey Locust | Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis | Non-Native | 1 | 21.5 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor epicormic growth; healthy crown. |
| 93 | Thornless Honey Locust | Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis | Non-Native | 1 | 27.2 | 3.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Epicormic growth. |
| 94 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 14 | 3.0 | Possible | Fair | Boundary | Remove | Leaning south; vines. |
| 95 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 36 | 1.5 | Improbable | Dead | Private | Remove | Topped. |
| 96 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 20 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Dieback; light pruning. |

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| Tree Number | Common Name | Scientific Name | Native/ Nonnative | Stem Count | DBH (cm) | Crown Radius <br> (m) | Potential for Structural Failure Rating | Overall Condition | Location | Proposed Action | Com |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 97 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 35 | 4.0 | Improbable | Poor | Private | Prune | 50\% dieback; dead branches. |
| 98 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 27 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 99 | Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | Non-Native | 1 | 34 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 100 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 24 | 4.0 | Improbable | Poor | Private | Prune | 40\% dieback; dead branches. |
| 101 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 23 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; crown dieback. |
| 102 | Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | Non-Native | 1 | 32.4 | 3.5 | Probable | Poor | Private | Prune | 60\% dieback; curled foliage. |
| 103 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 25 | 2.0 | Improbable | Very Poor | Private | Remove | Major crown dieback. |
| 104 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 28 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; lower branches pruned. |
| 105 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 21.5 | 3.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Exposed roots; above armourstone wall. |
| 106 | Amur Maple | Acer ginnala | Non-Native | 5 | $10.5+11$ | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Canker; branch rub; suckering. |
| 107 | Amur Maple | Acer ginnala | Non-Native | 5 | 17.3+13.8+10.8 | 4.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; dieback; epicormic growth. |
| 108 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 29.8 | 4.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Epicormic growth; rocks around base. |
| 109 | Eastern White Pine | Pinus strobus | Native | 1 | 22.9 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; pruned lower branches. |
| 110 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 17.8 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; lower branches pruned. |
| 111 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 24.3 | 4.0 | Probable | Very Poor | Private | Retain | 70\% dieback; damage at base; epicormic growth. |
| 112 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 25 | 3.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Branch rub. |
| 113 | Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | Non-Native | 1 | 21 | 3.0 | Improbable | Excellent | Boundary | Retain | Healthy crown. |
| 114 | Eastern White Pine | Pinus strobus | Native | 1 | 16 | 1.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Included bark; codominant leaders. |
| 115 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 20 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Dead lower branches. |
| 116 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 40 | 3.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Dead lower branches; healthy dense upper crown. |
| 117 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 18 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; lower branches pruned. |
| 118 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 21 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; lower branches pruned. |
| 119 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 20 | 3.5 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Behind armourstone; healthy crown. |
| 120 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 16 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Prune | Light pruning; lower branches pruned; dead codominant leader. |
| 121 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 35 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor dieback; light pruning. |
| 122 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 18 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Lower branches pruned; light pruning. |
| 123 | Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | Non-Native | 1 | 30 | 4.5 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Exposed roots; minor light pruning. |
| 124 | Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | Non-Native | 1 | 25 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; dead branches; vines. |
| 125 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 12 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Small crown; slightly suppressed. |
| 126 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 12 | 3.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 127 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 35 | 4.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 128 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 15 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 129 | Austrian Pine | Pinus nigra | Non-Native | 1 | 25 | 4.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Dieback. |
| 130 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 19 | 4.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Light pruning; lower branches pruned. |
| 131 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 25 | 3.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Raised garden bed; very minor dieback. |
| 132 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 11 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Suppressed; minor dieback. |
| 133 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 15 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Lower branches pruned; light pruning. |
| 134 | Sugar Maple | Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum | Native | 1 | 11.6 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Frost/heat cracks; healthy crown. |
| 135 | Freeman's Maple | Acer X freemanii | Native | 1 | 13.1 | 2.5 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Infill at base; healthy crown. |
| 136 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 4 | $50+22+20+18$ | 6.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Included bark; history of pruning; dead branches. |
| 137 | Small Leaf Linden | Tilia cordata | Non-Native | 1 | 14.6 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Remove | Dieback; water sprouts.; small boulevard. |
| 138 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 68 | 4.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Prune | Included bark; branch rub; history of pruning; dead leader. |
| 139 | River Birch | Betula nigra | Non-Native | 4 | $15+14+12$ | 4.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Codominant leaders; exposed roots; healthy crown. |
| 140 | Eastern White Cedar | Thuja occidentalis | Native | 3 | 20+18+13 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Included bark; dense crown; start of hedge. |
| 141 | Eastern White Pine | Pinus strobus | Native | 1 | 40.5 | 4.0 | Improbable | Good | Public | Retain | Light pruning; dead branches; branch rub. |
| 142 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 13 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Other side of fence; minor epicormic growth. |
| 143 | White Elm | Ulmus americana | Native | 1 | 11.2 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Small crown; boulevard about 1 m wide; centered. |
| 144 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 16 | 2.0 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Improper prune cuts; dead branches. |
| 145 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 13 | 1.5 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Compartmentalized wounds. |
| 146 | Chanticleer Pear | Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' | Non-Native | 1 | 18.1 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Public | Retain | Minor epicormic growth; centered on 1 m wide boulevard. |
| 147 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 44 | 6.0 | Possible | Poor | Public | Retain | History of branch failure; rot; improper prune cuts; cavities; branch rub; wounds on lower stem failed to compartmentalize. |
| 148 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 10 | 2.0 | Improbable | Good | Public | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 149 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 14 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Minor light pruning; small hole at base in ground. |
| 150 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 13 | 2.5 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Retain | Slightly exposed roots. |
| 151 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 25 | 3.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor dieback. |
| 152 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 13 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Boundary | Retain | Light pruning. |

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Tree Inventory Data

| Tree Number | Common Name | Scientific Name | Native/ Non- native | Stem Count | DBH (cm) | Crown Radius <br> (m) | Potential for Structural Failure Rating | Overall Condition | Location | Proposed Action | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 153 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 22 | 3.5 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Included bark; branch rub. |
| 154 | Colorado Spruce | Picea pungens | Non-Native | 1 | 18 | 3.0 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Retain | Minor light pruning. |
| 155 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 13 | 2.5 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor dieback. |
| 156 | Norway Spruce | Picea abies | Non-Native | 1 | 14 | 1.0 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Retain | Light pruning. |
| 157 | White Spruce | Picea glauca | Native | 1 | 14 | 2.5 | Improbable | Good | Boundary | Retain | Minor light pruning. |
| 158 | Flowering Crab Apple | Malus baccata | Non-Native | 4 | 25+22+20 | 5.0 | Improbable | Fair | Private | Retain | Minor dieback; codominant leaders. |
| 159 | Norway Maple | Acer platanoides | Non-Native | 1 | 13.8 | 2.0 | Improbable | Good | Private | Retain | Slightly suppressed; included bark. |

## Tree Health Assessment Criteria

| Assessment Criteria* | Definition ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Excellent | Represents a tree in near perfect form, health, and vigor. This tree would exhibit no deadwood, no decline, and no visible defects. |
| Good | Represents a tree ranging from a generally healthy tree to a near perfect tree in terms of health, vigor and structure. This tree exhibits a complete, balanced crown structure with little to no deadwood and minimal defects as well as a properly formed root flare. |
| Fair | Represents a tree with minor health, balance or structural issues with minimal to moderate deadwood. Branching structure shows signs of included bark or minor rot within the branch connections or trunk wood. The root flare shows minimal signs of mechanical injury, decay, poor callusing, or girdling roots. Trees in the category require minor remedial actions to improve the vigor and structure of the tree. |
| Poor | Represents a tree that exhibits a poor vigor, reduced crown size ( $<30 \%$ of crown typical of species caused by overcrowding or decline), extreme crown unbalance, or extensive rot in the branching and trunk wood. Fungus could be seen from these rotting areas, suggesting further decay. These trees have extensive crown die back with a large amount of deadwood, and possibly dead sections. These weakened areas can lead to a potential failure of tree sections. Rooting zones show signs of extensive root decay or damage (fruiting bodies or mechanical damage) or girdling roots. Trees in this category require more extensive actions to prevent failure. A tree identified as poor would be a candidate for removal in the near future. |
| Very Poor | Represents a tree that exhibits major health and structural defects. Quite often the defects or diseases affecting this tree will be fatal. Large quantities of fungus, large dead sections with possible cavities and bark falling off all are signs that a tree is in a major state of decline and would be identified as very poor. These trees have a probable or imminent potential for structural failure. These trees should be identified for removal. |
| Dead | Represents a tree that exhibits no sign of new growth, including buds, foliage, or shoot growth. These trees have a probable or imminent potential for structural failure. These trees should be identified for removal. |

(Dunster 2009)

## Tree Risk Assessment Criteria

| Assessment <br> Criteria* | Definition ${ }^{1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Improbable | The tree or branch is not likely to fail during normal weather conditions and may <br> not fail in many severe weather conditions within the specified time frame. |
| Possible | Failure could occur, but it is unlikely during normal weather conditions within the <br> specified time frame. |
| Probable | Failure may be expected under normal weather conditions within the specified <br> time frame. |
| Imminent | Failure has started or is most likely to occur in the near future, even if there is no <br> significant wind or increased load. This is a rare occurrence for a risk assessor <br> to encounter, and it may require immediate action to protect people from harm. |
| *A specified time frame of 1 year will be used when assessing potential for structural failure. |  |

(Dunster et al. 2013)

Appendix III
Conditions of Assessment

## Conditions of Tree Assessment

## Limitations

This tree inventory and assessment is based on the circumstances and observations as they existed at the time of the site inspection of the ROW and adjacent lands, as described in this report, and the trees situated thereon by NRSI and upon information provided by the Client to NRSI. The opinions in this assessment are given based on observations made and using generally accepted professional judgment, however, because trees are living organisms and subject to change, damage and disease, the results, observations, recommendations, and analysis as set out in this assessment are valid only at the date any such observations and analysis took place. No guarantee, warranty, representation or opinion is offered or made by NRSI as to the length of the validity of the results, observations, recommendations and analysis contained within this assessment. As a result, the Client shall not rely upon this assessment, save and except for representing the circumstances and observations, analysis and recommendations that were made as at the date of such inspections. It is recommended that the trees discussed in this assessment should be re-assessed periodically, where required (i.e. within 1 year).

## Further Services

Neither NRSI, nor any assessor employed or retained by NRSI (the "Assessor") for the purpose of preparing or assisting in the preparation of this assessment shall be required to provide any further consultation or services to the Client, save and except as already carried out in the preparation of this assessment and including, without limitation, to act as an expert witness or witness in any court in any jurisdiction unless the Client has first made specific arrangements with respect to such further services, including, without limitation, providing the payment of the Assessor's regular hourly billing fees.

NRSI accepts no responsibility for the implementation of all or any part of the assessment, unless specifically requested to examine the implementation of such activities recommended herein. In the event that inspection or supervision of all or part of the implementation is requested, that request shall be in writing and the details agreed to in writing by both parties.

## Assumptions

The Client is hereby notified and does hereby acknowledge and agree that where any of the facts and information set out and referenced in this assessment are based on assumptions, facts or information provided to NRSI, the Client and/or third parties and unless otherwise set out within this assessment, NRSI will in no way be responsible for the veracity or accuracy of any such information and further, the Client acknowledges and agrees that NRSI has, for the purposes of preparing their assessment, assumed that the Property, which is the subject of this assessment is in full compliance with all applicable federal, provincial, municipal and local statutes, regulations, by-laws, guidelines and other related laws. NRSI explicitly denies any legal liability for any and all issues with respect to non-compliance with any of the above-referenced statutes, regulations, by-laws, guidelines and laws as it may pertain to or affect the Property to which this assessment applies.

## Restriction of Assessment

The assessment carried out was restricted to the Property as identified within this report, as well trees with the potential to be impacted by the development. No assessment of any other trees has been undertaken by NRSI. NRSI is not legally liable for any other trees on the Property except those expressly discussed herein. The conclusions of this assessment do not apply to any areas, trees, or any other property not covered or referenced in this assessment.

## Professional Responsibility

In carrying out this assessment, NRSI and any Assessor appointed for and on behalf of NRSI to perform and carry out the assessment has exercised a reasonable standard of care, skill and diligence as would be customarily and normally provided in carrying out this assessment. The assessment has been made using accepted arboricultural techniques. These include a visual examination of each tree for structural defects, scars, external indications of decay such as fungal fruiting bodies, evidence of insect attack, discolored foliage (during the leaf-on period), the condition of any visible root structures, the degree and direction of lean (if any), the general condition of the tree(s) and the surrounding site, and the current or planned proximity of property and people. Except where specifically noted in the assessment, none of the trees examined on the property were dissected, cored, probed, or climbed and detailed root crown examinations involving excavation were not undertaken.

While reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the trees recommended for retention are healthy, no guarantees are offered, or implied, that these trees, or all parts of them will remain standing. It is professionally impossible to predict with absolute certainty the behaviour of any single tree or group of trees, or all their component parts, in all given circumstances. Inevitably, a standing tree will always pose some risk. Most trees have the potential to fall, lean, or otherwise pose a danger to property and persons in the event of adverse weather conditions, and this risk can only be eliminated if the tree is removed.

Without limiting the foregoing, no liability is assumed by NRSI or its directors, officers, employers, contractors, agents or Assessors for:
a) any legal description provided with respect to the Property;
b) issues of title and or ownership respect to the Property;
c) the accuracy of the Property line locations or boundaries with respect to the Property; and
d) the accuracy of any other information provided to NRSI by the Client or third parties;
e) any consequential loss, injury or damages suffered by the Client or any third parties, including but not limited to replacement costs, loss of use, earnings and business interruption; and
f) the unauthorized distribution of the assessment.

## Third Party Liability

This assessment was prepared by NRSI exclusively for the Client. The contents reflect NRSI's best assessment of the trees situated on the Property in light of the information available to it at the time of preparation of this assessment. Any use which a third party makes of this assessment, or any reliance on or decisions made based upon this assessment, are made at the sole risk of any such third parties. NRSI accepts no responsibility for any damages or loss suffered by any third party or by the Client as a result of decisions made or actions based upon the use or reliance of this assessment by any such party.

## General

Any plans and/or illustrations in this assessment are included only to help the Client visualize the issues in this assessment and shall not be relied upon for any other purpose.

This report shall be considered as a whole, no sections are severable, and the assessment shall be considered incomplete if any pages are missing.

Summary of Inventoried Trees

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | Dead | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Native Species |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American Basswood | Tilia americana |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 5 |
| Balsam Poplar | Populus balsamifera |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Black Cherry | Prunus serotina |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Bur Oak | Quercus macrocarpa |  |  | 19 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Eastern Cottonwood | Populus deltoides |  | 11 | 17 |  |  |  | 28 |
| Green Ash | Fraxinus pennsy/vanica |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| Hawthorn species | Crataegus sp. |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Manitoba Maple | Acer negundo |  |  | 12 | 9 | 2 |  | 23 |
| Trembling Aspen | Populus tremuloides |  | 4 | 8 |  |  |  | 12 |
| White Elm | Ulmus americana |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| White Oak | Quercus alba |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Total |  | 0 | 17 | 66 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 101 |
| Non-Native Species |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crack Willow | Salix fragilis |  | 3 | 3 |  |  |  | 6 |
| Russian Olive | Elaeagnus angustifolia |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Scots Pine | Pinus sylvestris |  |  | 1 |  |  | 3 | 4 |
| Siberian Elm | Ulmus pumila |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |
| White Willow | Salix alba |  | 5 | 30 |  |  |  | 35 |
| Total |  | 0 | 8 | 37 |  |  | 3 | 48 |
| Overall Total |  | 0 | 25 | 103 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 149 |

Overall Condition and Potential for Structural Failure of Inventoried Trees

| Potential for <br> Structural Failure <br> Rating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | Dead |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improbable | 0 | 25 | 90 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 116 |
| Possible | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 25 |
| Probable | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| Imminent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 0 | 25 | 102 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 149 |

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