



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA  
TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Village Hall  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**



Committee Members

Begg, Mary, Vice Chair  
Bramley, Les  
Chapman, Sandra, Chair  
Greig, Vicky  
Struk, Deborah  
Council Representative, Carolina Clark

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair will call the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**2.1 Agenda for November 20, 2019**

**Recommendation:**

That the Agenda for November 20, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 Minutes of October 16, 2019**

**Recommendation:**

That the Minutes from the Tree Committee meeting held October 16, 2019 be adopted.

**4. Unfinished Business**

**5. New Business**

**5.1 Frequently Asked Questions Flyer**

“Frequently Asked Questions” Flyer be amended to incorporate the following:

- a. What to do about Dangerous Trees on Crown Land: Resident may contact the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resources Chilliwack Office – Phone: 604-702-5700, email: [forests.chilliwackDistrictOffice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:forests.chilliwackDistrictOffice@gov.bc.ca)  
Note to be included: The District Office is typically very responsive and will schedule removal of dangerous trees within a timely manner if the resident pays for the removal.
- b. Why is bamboo not a good option as a shrub: It is an aggressive invasive species which will spread through concrete. Many Home Insurers will not provide coverage to homes with Bamboo planted close to the house.

## 5.2 Fire Separation Buffer Discussion

Discussion with regard to recommendations to be considered in the Tree Committee report to Council with regard to the creation of a “Fire Separation Buffer” Bylaw in the Village.

## 5.3 New Tree Bylaw – Exemptions

### Recommendation:

That the new Tree Bylaw incorporate a section which captures Bylaw Exemptions such as:

- a. Application of Bylaw to hedges: all provisions of this Bylaw apply to individual trees in a hedge, except only to the extent that any such provision specifically excepts, excludes, or exempts a hedge.
- b. Exemption for public utility: this Bylaw does not apply to the removal, relocation, or replacement of a tree in connection with the construction or maintenance of a public utility in a public utility easement or statutory right of way.
- c. Exemption for Park Board: this Bylaw does not apply to the removal, relocation, or replacement of a tree in connection with any site or development under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

## 5.4 New Tree Bylaw – Schedule of Replacement Trees

### Recommendation:

That the new Tree Bylaw capture a schedule which identifies preferred replacement trees which grow under 10.7m (35ft). Examples of trees to be included within a schedule are:

Cherry, Crape Myrtle, Dogwood, Franklin tree, Chinese Fringe Tree, Green Hawthorn, Hornbeam, Panicle Hydrangea, Juniper, Japanese Snowball, Laburnum, Lilac, Lemon tree, Mountain Stewartia, Magnolia, Japanese Red Maple, Japanese Black Pine, Cherry Plum, Eastern Redbud, Quince, June Berry, Conica Spruce, Japanese Stewartia, Cornus Florida (flowering dogwood), Cornelia Cherry Dogwood

## 5.5 Tree Cutting Permit / Penalties & Enforcement

Discussion with regard to Tree Cutting Permit / Penalties & Enforcement

### Recommendation:

That the Tree Committee make recommendations to Council regarding an amendment to the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 520, 2018 to include penalties for contravention of the new Tree Bylaw.

## 5.6 Committee members to present the following introductory paragraphs for the following sections of the Tree Committee report for discussion & editing purposes:

- a) Tree Cutting Bylaw 110, 1987
- b) Invasive Species
- c) Tree Trimming Permit
- d) Riparian Zones
- e) Resident Information
- f) Dangerous trees

**6. Next Steps**

Committee to edit and assemble report to Council.

**7. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Date:** To be determined