

Tree Preservation Bylaw Update

Committee of the Whole

September 12, 2019



Purpose

Provide Council with an initial list of proposed amendments to the Tree Preservation Bylaw



Background

- 1999** Tree Preservation Bylaw was established
- 2005** Bylaw updated with new measures to prevent unnecessary harm or removal of trees
- 2013** Council approved the Urban Forest Master Plan
- 2019** Council adopted Strategic Plan action; “*undertake a comprehensive review and update the Tree Preservation Bylaw*”



Bylaw Update – Phased Approach

Phase One

Updates to certain definitions and requirements

Phase Two

Comprehensive review led by an external consultant, including public consultation and technical analysis



Analysis

Updated Definitions

- “Building Envelope” and “Building Envelope Line”
- “Tree”

Updated Tree Assessment Qualifications

- Align with industry standards for tree condition assessments

Updated Requirements

- Driveways, parking, utility connections and accessory buildings



Scenario

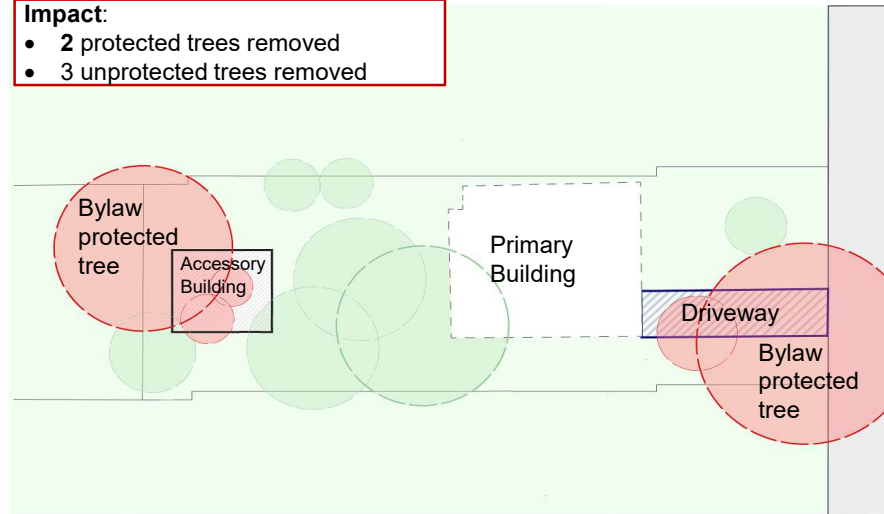
A tree removal permit application is submitted to the City to remove; i) protected trees within the building envelope of an accessory building, and ii) a tree in conflict with a new driveway.



Current State

Impact:

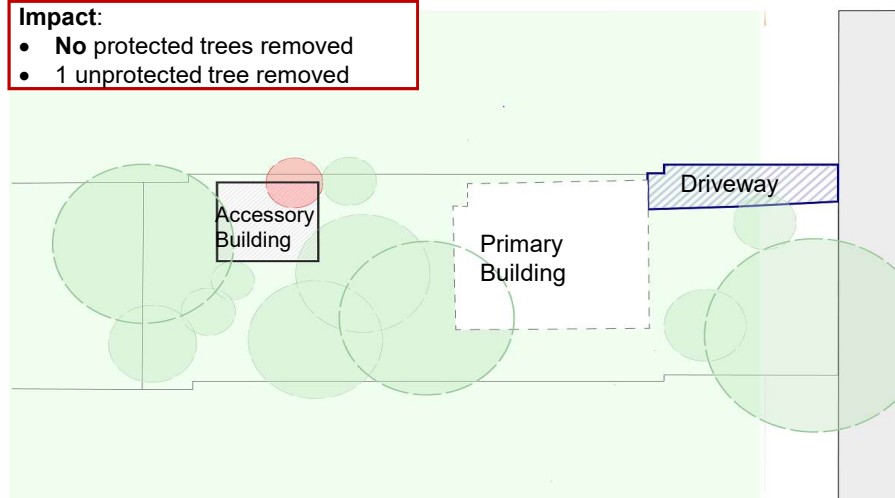
- 2 protected trees removed
- 3 unprotected trees removed



Proposed State

Impact:

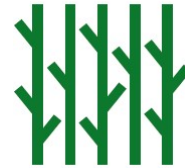
- No protected trees removed
- 1 unprotected tree removed



Next Steps

First, Second and Third readings brought forward at September 19th Council meeting.

Communication material outlining changes to the bylaw posted on the City's website and shared with stakeholders.



Recommendation

That staff bring forward for the attached Tree Preservation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No.1) No. 19-082 for first, second and third readings.

