

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to draw your attention to the trees that are proposed to be removed at 27 South Turner to accommodate a parking garage. I have circled in red three of the trees that are proposed to be removed for the parking garage as viewed from our back yard. The trees are right on the lot line. These trees took years to grow. The linden in particular is a beautiful tree and provides shade and habitat for birds and other wildlife. The trunk is literally right against the fence of our property and the neighbouring property at 31/33 South Turner.

Surely the tree preservation bylaw was intended to protect trees?

I hope that you accept the staff recommendation not to approve this project. If you decide to override staff, at least require that the trees be retained and that any parking on the site be at the front and/or where the existing driveway is located.

If you visit the site you will see that it is for sale. The developers bought the property in April 2021 for \$990,000. They have removed the house that was there. The land is currently assessed at \$1,177,000 and they currently have it listed for \$1,450,000 (<https://www.realtor.ca/real-estate/25434624/27-south-turner-st-victoria-james-bay>).

Sincerely,

Deb Hull

