



Scotty Tree & Arborist Service Ltd.

Tree Assessment and Development Report

Prepared for 903 Sherk, Victoria BC
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To whom it may concern,

By request, Scotty Tree & Arborist Service Ltd has assessed the trees on the property of 903 Sherk St, Victoria BC for a home extension and deck replacement.

Executive Summary:

The proposal removes and partially replaces an existing deck to facilitate a home addition. No impacts to trees are expected, as such Victoria parks has requested a memo instead of a tree management plan. This simplified report will detail access points and anti-compaction (root armouring) measures if machinery access transits besides off site Elm trees.

Tree impact summary table

Tree status	Total	retained	removed	planted
On site bylaw protected	0	0	0	0
On site non-bylaw protected	2	2	0	0
Municipal trees	0	0	0	0
Neighboring bylaw protected	7	7	0	0
Neighboring non-bylaw protected	10	10	0	0
total	19	19	0	0

Introduction:

Scotty tree was contracted to assess the trees on this property to determine the impact of a deck replacement and home extension. The entire property was visually assessed, including neighboring trees. Ass this is a minor project that is not expected to impact trees this report is limited to anti compaction measures in the event site access for machinery impacts neighbouring trees.

Methodology:

Detailed analysis of the proposed development plan was used to inform analysis of the trees, particularly in terms of the underground service excavation locations. Scotty Tree used standard arboricultural observation and physical examinations to determine tree health and confirm rooting areas. Soil analysis was conducted by physical exploration. Consultation with the leading reference book (*Trees and Development*, Nelda Matheny and James R. Clark) was used to determine tree impacts for home extension and deck replacement on this property.

Observations and Discussion:

1. Access to site:

Given the limited scope of the project, material and worker access can be facilitated through the existing gate. This will avoid any root zones of the neighbouring elm trees.



2. Construction access to the east side of house:

Root armoring (2 X 19mm plywood or 20cm wood chips) will be required up to 5m from the eastern property line if construction access is required. *See attached basic site plan.*



3. Existing pavers and shrubbery to be kept in place to protect cedars:

The shrubbery, retaining walls and paving stones 3.5m from the 30cm cedar tree should be maintained to protect the roots of this tree. *See attached basic site plan.*



Conclusions:

The proposal is viable from a tree management perspective. Ideally, no construction access around the east side of the house would be utilized. Maintaining the in-place landscaping 3.5m from the cedar tree adjacent the house extension will be important to stop root damage.

Recommendations:

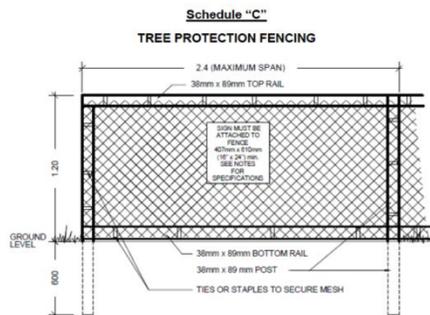
1. Arborist supervision for access to eastern portion of property or 3.5m from cedar tree:

If construction access is required in the identified areas (within 3.5m of the cedar tree, or 5m from eastern property line), arborist supervision and or direction is required.

2. Protective fencing:

Note: This is the Victoria protective fence document guide for installation and signage.

SCHEDULE "D" TREE PROTECTION BARRIER REQUIREMENTS



Tree Protection Fencing Specifications:

- The fence will be constructed using 38 x 89 mm (2" x 4") wood frame:
 - Top, Bottom and Posts.*
 - Use orange snow fencing mesh and secure to the wood frame with "zip" ties or galvanized staples.
- Attach a sign with minimum size of 407 mm x 610 mm (16" X 24") with the following wording:
 - DO NOT ENTER**- Tree Protection Zone (For retained trees) or;
 - DO NOT ENTER**- Future Tree Planting Zone (For tree planting sites)

This sign must be affixed on every fence face or at least every 10 linear metres.

*In rocky areas, metal posts (t-bar or rebar) drilled into rock will be accepted.

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a. Establish a protective fence for neighbouring elm trees:



Although this fence does not fully capture the root zones of the stand of trees, the protection buffer will stop material storage or unintentional vehicle and machinery impacts to the areas closest to these trees. Fence removal for construction access to this area will require arborist supervision or direction. *See attached basic site plan.*

For further clarifications feel free to text 250-220-9298.

Sincerely,

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