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I wish to appear at the following Council meeting: December 10, 2015

I represent: IslandTransformation.Org

Topic: Ivy Place Right-of-way Enhancement Project -- Request for Modification to
Budget

Action you wish Council to take:

Attached please find two documents which we respectfully request be considered at this week's Council meeting, relating to the the Ivy Place project. The first is a request for your approval to modify the project budget in light of changed circumstances. It also provides pictures showing the work already done by the neighbourhood work parties in restoring the native species and nature walk. The second is an extract from the project's EcoSystem Plan which provides relevant background detail in support of the request.. If you have questions prior to the meeting, of course, please do not hesitate to contact either me or Ludo Bertsch. Thank you for considering our request, Irwin Henderson President Island Transformations.org

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3. Collaborated with the Good Neighbours project of the Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT), who assisted with community education and awareness, plus liaison with City staff, as well as provided insurance coverage for the work-party volunteers and supplied extra plants.

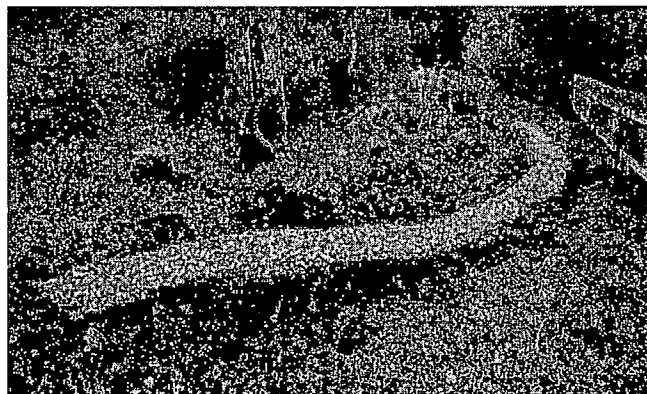
Neighbours working with neighbours in enthusiastic working parties



Team tackling the invasive plants, clearing space for the native understory to thrive and support the large Garry Oaks



Making a well-drained and usable trail for wet winter conditions



4. We have developed a sign design, discussed potential locations, and received a quote from a local supplier that fits our budget. We are ready to complete our discussions with City staff and to erect the signs.



12"

Proposed Project Sign Design



Proposed Location of Signs; East and West Entrances

5. Benefits of Additional planting this year:

An additional \$550 in the budget would enable planting of native plants including Red Flowering Currant and Mock Orange this year in an area now dominated by a large non-native Viburnum bush and invasive Bamboo. These invasive plants cast dense shade suppressing the next generation of Garry Oaks, which is key to its sustainability as a Garry Oak ecosystem.



Full details of the upgrades, including the full list of intended plants are described in a separate document.

Request:

To accomplish this suggested project modification, we request two items:

1. That in Section 6 of our application, Milestone #5 be changed by adding a clarification note saying that signage will be installed at a later date by the City, using the Oaklands uniform design.
2. That in the project budget, the third line of \$550 be changed from "Directional Signs" to read "Native Plants, plant material".

Should this request not be approved, we would be happy to carry on with the original plan of installing the two signs unique to the project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Irwin Henderson,
President
IslandTransformations.Org (ITO)

n. Expansion with Enhanced Budget

Discussion: As part of the Long Term Improvement Plan within this Ecosystem Plan, we had identified a number of improvements within the Side Path, or nearby, including removal of Bamboo (S-11) Viburnum (S-8) and English Ivy (G-15) (see item 1.b.i.), Cherry-Laurels (S-14 and S-17) (see item 1.b.ii), invasive shrubs (S-12, G-14, S-10, and S-21) (see item 1.b.iii) and English Ivy (G-11) (see item 1.b.iv). It was noted that if these were removed, considerations should be made for planting native shrub understory in its place.

With the 2015 budget already allocated, it was not possible to make significant progress on these improvements and therefore was targeted for future years. However, if the 2015 budget for Signs could be re-allocated to the City or next year, then the enhanced budget for 2015 could allow for significant progress to meeting the Long Term plans by replacing these invasive and exotic plants with native plants. This would be a very important ecological improvement in this area by ensuring a healthy native understory to support the large Garry Oaks and enabling the next generation of Garry Oaks to grow, which is key to the sustainability of the Garry Oak ecosystem.

The East and West Entrances require more significant barriers than originally considered to prevent pedestrians from using secondary paths, which can be provided through the enhanced budget.

We found a few areas that could use a few more perennials and bulbs.

Proposed Actions: Should the budget for the signs be re-allocated to the City or next year, the following action plan is proposed.

The following plants should be removed from the Side Path area:

- Viburnum (S-8)
- St John's Wort (S-10)
- Bamboo (S-11)
- Golden Chain tree (S-19)
- English Ivy (G-14 and G-15)

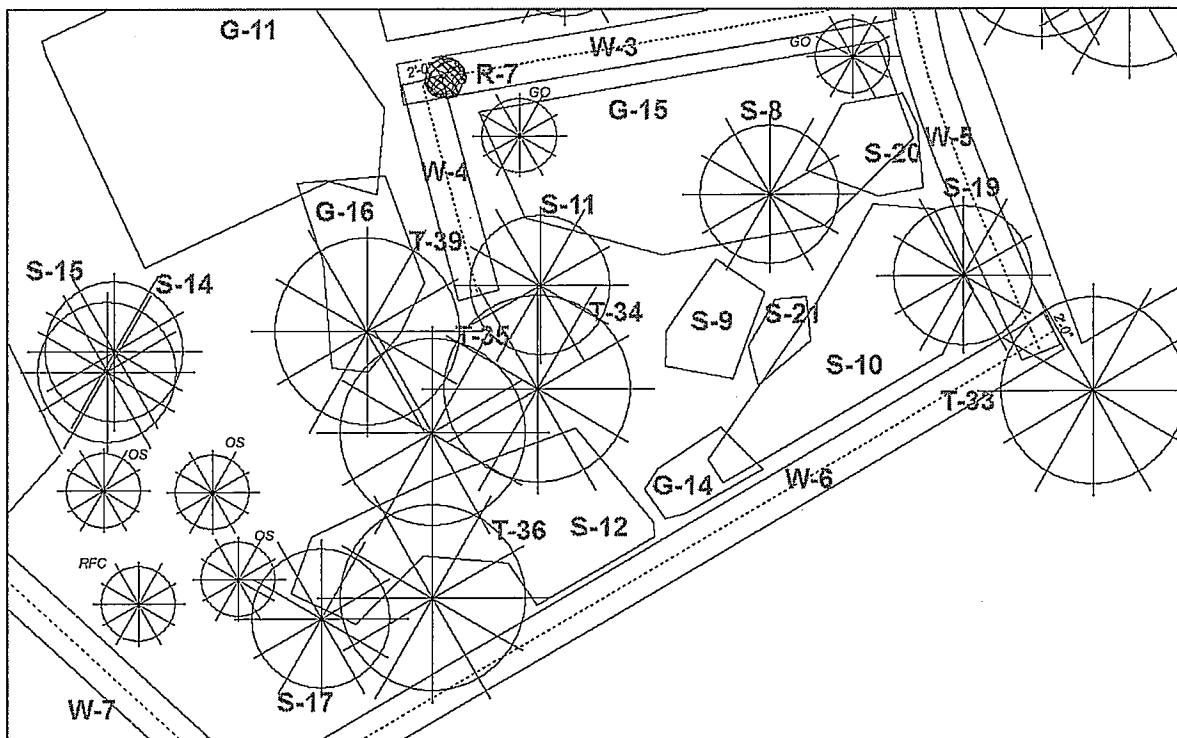
The most prominent tree in this section is the Viburnum which casts a dense shade preventing other native plants from growing and also creates many sucker roots.

Find below in *Picture 27* a photo of the Viburnum, which has been recently pruned.



Picture 27 - Viburnum

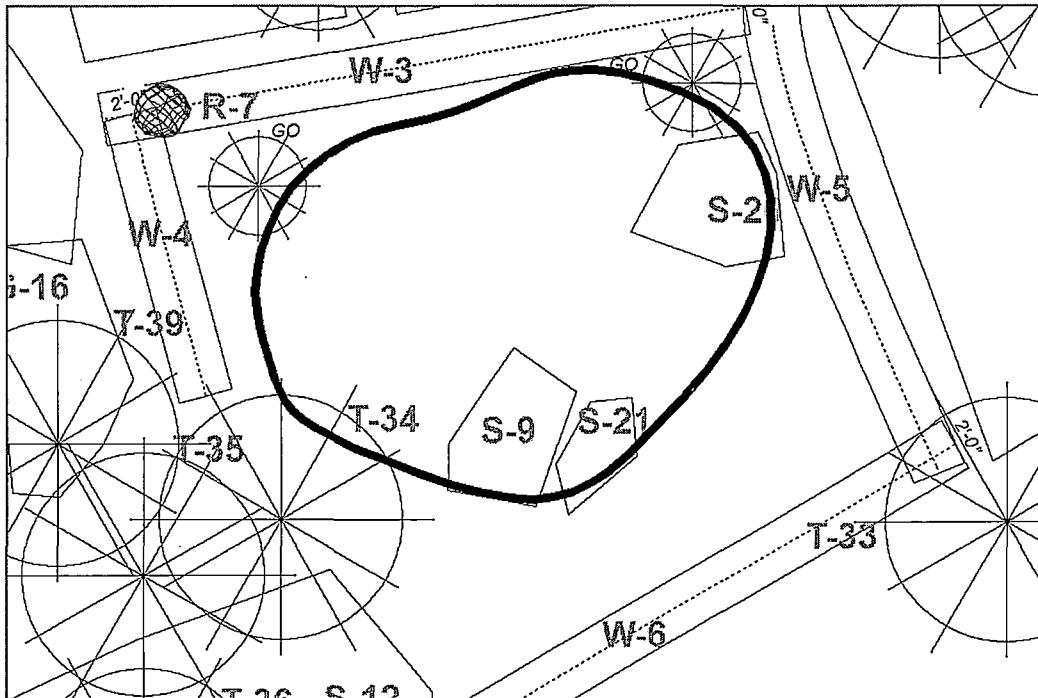
Find in *Drawing 16* below the present condition of the "Side Path" area.



Drawing 16 - Present Condition of Side Path

T-34 is a large Garry Oak, and we have recently planted two Garry Oak seedlings at the locations shown below in *Drawing 17*, marked "GO". The following native plants should be added into the area highlighted below:

- 2 X Red Flowering Current
- 2 X Mock Orange
- 2 X Nootka Rose
- 2 X Tall Oregon Grape



Drawing 17 - Side Path with plants removed and new section highlighted

In the East Entrance area, we would add the following plants to improve the pedestrian barriers:

- 2 large Snowberries
- 2 Thimbleberries

In the West Entrance area, we would add the following plants to enhance the area or improve pedestrian barriers:

- 2 Nootka Roses
- 2 Sword Ferns

Throughout the site, after viewing the results of the plantings above, we also plan to add the following:

- 10 assorted perennials/bulbs

We also plan to order some extra quantities of pathway materials (Cedar chips and fractured rock) to allow for better maintenance of the trail.