

File No.: 04-1000-20-2023-753

January 15, 2024

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of December 4, 2023 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

**Records related to cutting down or harming the Sid Tan Memorial Ginkgo Tree, or any Ginkgo tree fitting the description, at or around the corner of East 5th Avenue and Guelph Street. Date range: August 1, 2023 to December 3, 2023.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.22(1) and s.22(3)(d) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00).

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2023-753); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

*[Signed by Cobi Falconer]*

**Cobi Falconer, MAS, MLIS, CIPP/C**  
**Director, Access to Information & Privacy**  
[cobi.falconer@vancouver.ca](mailto:cobi.falconer@vancouver.ca)  
453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

Encl. (Response package)

:pm

**VANTREE**  
**Service Request Details**  
**Request ID: 249498**

**Address:** 440 E 5TH AV

**Neighbourhood:** 6

**Request**

**E-mail:** s.22(1)

**Name:** s.22(1)

**Address:** ,,,

**Phone:** s.22(1)

**Comments:** There s.22(1) s.22(1) and when s.22(1) s.22(1) The tree is in front of 440 E. 5th Ave, at the corner of E. 5th Ave at Guelph St. s.22(1) has just trimmed it recently as the marks on the branches are still new.

**Date Received:** 08/28/2023

**Received By:** DI

**Request Type:** VANDALISM

**Work Required:** ROUTINE

**Inspection**

**Comments:** Ginkgo tree in blvd garden is not a UF tree. Resident has done the same thing in the past with other trees s.22(1)

**Date:** 08/29/2023

**Inspected By:** DD

**Notification:** 08/29/2023  
NO CONTACT

**Inventory Information with Last Work History**

Common Name	NB	Cell	DBH	Next Maint.	Cond	Wire	Serial
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	1	13.0	SYS LARGE	8		133541
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	2	13.5	SYS LARGE	8		133540
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	3	13.5	SYS LARGE	8		133539
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	4	12.0	SYS LARGE	8		133503
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	5	12.0	SYS LARGE	8		133504
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	6	10.0	SYS SMALL	8		261552
GINKGO OR MAIDENHAIR TREE Tree Comment: Ginkgo tree planted by resident (CoV Green Streets program) as per DD 2023-08-29 Maint. Comment:	6	7	3.0	SYS SMALL	9		257859
KATSURA TREE Tree Comment: Maint. Comment:	6	7	3.0	SYS SMALL	9		264148
On the: 400 Block of E 5TH AV		Side: EVEN					
AMERICAN ELM Tree Comment: MONITOR: for leggy branch crown DY Oct18/17 Cracking of stems apparent 01/02/19 TH. Watch for further issues and as Maint. Comment: R-Unstable, tree is badly balanced and corrective measures will not be health for tree. Removal - TH. Hydro, ANRP require	6	12	38.5	REMOVAL	4	CE	3788
On the: 2100 Block of GUELPH ST		Side: EVEN					

**VANTREE**  
**Service Request Details**  
**Request ID: 254607**

**Address:** 440 E 5TH AV

**Neighbourhood:** 6

**Request**

**E-mail:** s.22(1)

**Name:** s.22(1)

**Address:** ...

**Phone:** s.22(1)

**Comments:** <File attached in EM Pro> Please save this special culturally significant tree from being removed or chopped down as it was planted in honour of a special long-time community activist and filmmaker, Sid Chow Tan. It is not affecting sightlines. If it must be removed, please do not kill it but transplant it to another site where it may thrive.

**Date Received:** 11/27/2023

**Received By:** DI

**Request Type:** REMOVAL

**Work Required:** ROUTINE

**Inspection**

**Comments:** Ginkgo tree is in cell 7. It has been badly pruned and is in a COF Green Street Programme street garden that has been sponsored.

**Date:** 11/28/2023

**Inspected By:** DD

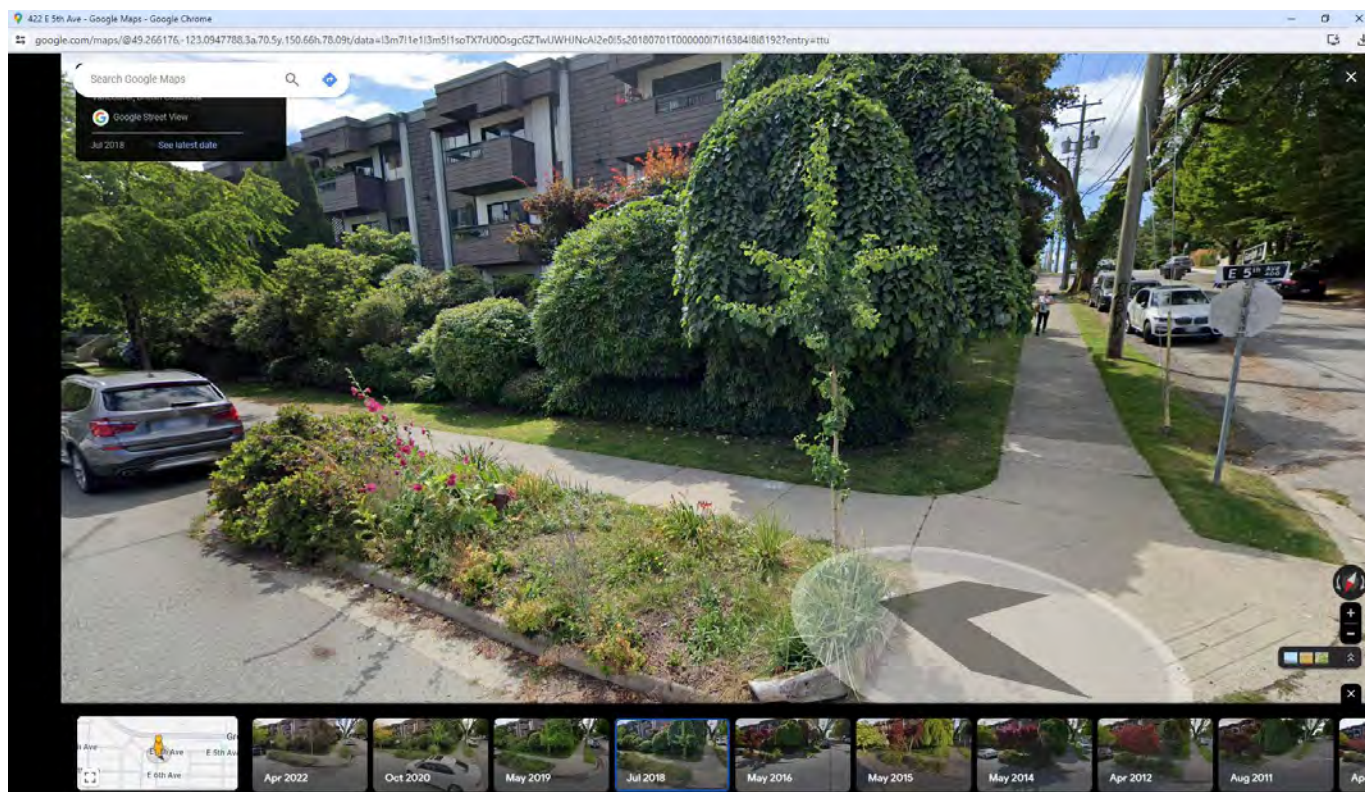
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<b>Tree Comment:</b>							
<b>Maint. Comment:</b>							
KATSURA TREE	6	3	13.5	SYS LARGE	8		133539
<b>Tree Comment:</b>							
<b>Maint. Comment:</b>							
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<b>On the:</b> 2100 <b>Block of</b> GUELPH ST				<b>Side:</b> EVEN			



This tree was planted by a resident prior to the passing of Sid Chow Tan as seen in the 2018 Google Street View. Screen Capture from Google Street View at 440 East 5th Av.



From: s.22(1)  
To: [GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>](mailto:GreenStreets@vancouver.ca)  
CC: s.22(1)  
s.22(1)  
Date: 11/27/2023 4:59:56 PM  
Subject: Re email 22nov2023

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Hello,

Ginkgo & Sumac and pine will be removed. The oak shrubs will be trimmed to 2ft height limit per guidelines, just above the Sala.

Truly thank you.

s.22(1)

**From:** s.22(1)  
**To:** [GreenStreets](#)  
**Subject:** Gingko Tree at East 5th and Guelph Street, Vancouver  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:47:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [image0.jpeg](#)  
[image0.jpeg](#)  
[image4.jpeg](#)  
[image3.jpeg](#)

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Dear Green Streets staff,

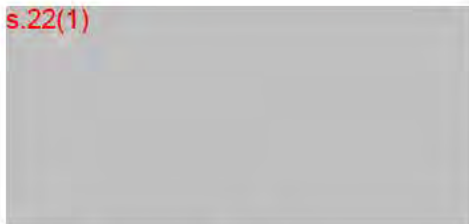
I'm writing in support of Mount Pleasant resident s.22(1)'s call for the protection of the gingko tree currently located at East 5th and Guelph Street in Vancouver, that was planted in memory of Sid Tan, a significant community organizer who recently passed away. He was a filmmaker and an advocate for the poor and downtrodden of the Downtown Eastside and for the seniors in the Chinese Community in Chinatown, as well as descendants of Head Tax payers under past discriminatory immigration legislation.

Yours truly,

s.22(1)



s.22(1)



Sent from my phone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [van311-no-reply@vancouver.ca](mailto:van311-no-reply@vancouver.ca)  
**Date:** November 28, 2023 at 12:30:44 AM PST  
**To:** s.22(1)  
**Subject:** City and Park Trees Maintenance Case Created - #201000996966

**Your "City and Park Trees Maintenance Case" has been created.**  
Your case reference number is [201000996966 \[van311.ca\]](#)

Urban Forestry will review and prioritize the request details within 15 business days. Because of the work that may be required, we cannot estimate a completion date. Tree inspections may be impacted by weather or other priorities.

You will only be contacted if more information is required to perform the work.

You may follow up on the status of your request anytime using the case number above at <https://van311.ca/my-requests> [\[van311.ca\]](#)

To protect your privacy, visible case details will be limited unless you are logged in to an account associated with the same provided email.

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To opt out of all emails, sign up or [log in to Van311.ca \[van311.ca\]](#) to manage your notification preferences.

s.22(1)

















From: [GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>](mailto:GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>)

To: [GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>](mailto:GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>)

s.22(1)

Date: 11/27/2023 4:05:00 PM

Subject: RE: Green Streets Garden at Guelph St and E 5th Ave - Height Restrictions and Trees

Hi s.22(1)

We noticed during a recent site visit on Nov.22 that the trees are still in the Green Streets garden along with some memorial pieces on display in the gingko tree.

These trees are all too tall and/or planted too close to the intersection corner, consequently blocking sightlines.

Please respectfully relocate the memorial pieces before removing the trees.

If you are not able to remove the trees, we will send a crew to in to do the work.

Just as reminder, the trees in question include the:

- Gingko tree
- Two (2) oak trees
- One (1) pine tree
- Plus the sumac seedling by the gingko (recently noticed on the last site visit)

Please also remove any other tree seedlings missing from this list.

Let me know if you'd like some pots to transplant any of the tree seedlings.

All the best,

**Marie Pudlas** | (She, Her)

Green Streets Coordinator | Street Activities

Engineering Services | City of Vancouver

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From: GreenStreets

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 4:35 PM

To: GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>; s.22(1)

Subject: RE: Green Streets Garden at Guelph St and E 5th Ave - Height Restrictions and Trees

Hi s.22(1)

I have explained the situation with Transportation Safety and unfortunately the ginkgo tree was determined to be a safety risk.

It is with great sadness that I ask you to finish removing the tree from the Green Streets garden.

Please also either remove the other self-seeded trees, or ensure none of them get to be taller than 60cm.

I can arrange for them to be donated to the city nursery if you'd like to pot them up.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any other questions, and thank you for all the hard work you do s.22(1).

**Marie Pudlas** | (She, Her)

Green Streets Coordinator | Street Activities

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**From:** GreenStreets <[Green.Streets@vancouver.ca](mailto:Green.Streets@vancouver.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 10:40 AM

**To:** GreenStreets <[Green.Streets@vancouver.ca](mailto:Green.Streets@vancouver.ca)>; s.22(1)

**Subject:** RE: Green Streets Garden at Guelph St and E 5th Ave - Height Restrictions and Trees

Hi s.22(1)

I'm following up about the removal of excess trees and concerns about the height of vegetation in the Green Streets garden at Guelph St and E 5th Ave.

Attached is a street view screenshot of the garden with the trees in need of removing as well as the overly tall vegetation that should be trimmed or replaced to meet the height restrictions.

**Leave the tree circled in green as this is a street tree planted by the Parks Board.**

The photo is from a few years ago so we understand if the garden is different from what is shown. If there are additional trees than what I have circled or overly tall plants, please remove and/or trim them.

I've been informed that the ginkgo tree has been of concern since 2018 and you were asked to remove it. Trees over many valuable ecosystem services to the city and we try our best to maintain the health of our trees so long as they do not cause safety issues. Unfortunately, the ginkgo tree was planted too close to the intersection and while it is currently not causing sightline issues, it will in the future as the truck thickens with age. Its roots will also start uplifting the sidewalk resulting in tripping hazards. If the tree had been removed earlier perhaps could have been replanted elsewhere, but it is now thoroughly established and it is very unlikely to transplant successfully.



If you would like to donate any of the trees that can be successfully transplanted to the city, I can see about picking them up and transporting them to the city nursery for planting in more suitable areas. They will just need to be potted up for us to transport.

Please let us know once you have completed this or if you are unable to resolve this issue and require some assistance. Thank you so much for your cooperation, have a great day, and happy gardening as always!

**Marie Pudlas** | (She, Her)  
Green Streets Support Team | Street Activities  
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**From:** GreenStreets <[Green.Streets@vancouver.ca](mailto:Green.Streets@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:14 PM  
**To:** s.22(1)  
**Cc:** GreenStreets <[Green.Streets@vancouver.ca](mailto:Green.Streets@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Green Streets Garden at Guelph St and E 5th Ave - Height Restrictions and Trees

Hi s.22(1)

We have received a complaint from a citizen about the Green Streets garden at Guelph St and E 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. They are concerned by the number of trees in the garden and the obstruction of sight lines they present.

As part of the [Green Streets gardening care tips](#), we ask that you do not plant trees in the garden s.22(1) and to ensure the plants in the garden do not exceed 60cm (24 inches).

Please remove any trees you have planted or that have self seeded in the garden and trim any plants that are above this height restriction. There appears to be one street tree planted in the garden by the Parks Board that matches the rest of the trees on the street. Do not remove this tree.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or anticipate having issues completing these tasks.

Happy gardening!

**Marie Pudlas** | (She, Her)  
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From: ["Mulhall, Ben" <Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca)  
To: ["Orchard, Sara" <Sara.Orchard@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Sara.Orchard@vancouver.ca)  
["Clark, Joanna" <Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca)  
CC: ["Brown, Metha" <Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca)  
["Rios, Paty" <Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca)  
["Abebe, Sunny" <sunny.abebe@vancouver.ca>](mailto:sunny.abebe@vancouver.ca)  
["Pudlas, Marie" <Marie.Pudlas@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Marie.Pudlas@vancouver.ca)  
["Nowatschin, Liz" <Liz.Nowatschin@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Liz.Nowatschin@vancouver.ca)  
Date: 11/30/2023 10:03:35 AM  
Subject: RE: Sid Tan's Ginko Tree at 588 E 5TH AVE

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Hi all,

Unfortunately this tree was flagged as a sightline concern and must be removed for pedestrian safety. It is too large to transplant. It was not planted by Park Board or with prior review by City Staff, and appears to have been planted around 2012-2013. Our team has asked the [s.22\(1\)](#), and who we assume to have planted the tree, to remove it and others planted at the corner. The next step will be to request that Urban Forestry or a contractor remove it to address the safety concern as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have further questions.

Regards,

**Ben Mulhall**

Landscape Architect | Street Activities

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From: Orchard, Sara <Sara.Orchard@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:44 AM  
To: Clark, Joanna <Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca>; Mulhall, Ben <Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca>  
Cc: Brown, Metha <Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca>; Rios, Paty <Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca>; Abebe, Sunny <sunny.abebe@vancouver.ca>  
Subject: RE: Sid Tan's Ginko Tree at 588 E 5TH AVE

It depends if it's on City property or private. Looking at street view 2020 I can't see a ginko on City property but maybe it was planted after.

[PBdevelopment.trees@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBdevelopment.trees@vancouver.ca) will connect you with the arborists that help out with Street trees.

Cheers!

Sara

From: Clark, Joanna <[Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca](mailto:Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca)>  
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:29 AM  
To: Orchard, Sara <[Sara.Orchard@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sara.Orchard@vancouver.ca)>; Mulhall, Ben <[Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca](mailto:Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca)>  
Cc: Brown, Metha <[Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca](mailto:Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca)>; Rios, Paty <[Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca](mailto:Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: RE: Sid Tan's Ginko Tree at 588 E 5TH AVE

Hi Ben and Sara,

Would this be urban forestry? If so, do you have a contact we could send this to?

Thanks,

Joanna

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From: Brown, Metha <[Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca](mailto:Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca)>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:00 AM  
To: Rios, Paty <[Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca](mailto:Paty.Rios@vancouver.ca)>; Clark, Joanna <[Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca](mailto:Joanna.Clark@vancouver.ca)>  
Subject: FW: Sid Tan's Ginko Tree at 588 E 5TH AVE

Hi Paty and Joanna,

Our colleague Laiwan alerted us that ginkgo tree planted by community members to honour Sid Tan, an activist in Chinatown and DTES, 'is threatened with removal'.

Could you flag this for any of your colleagues?

With thanks, Metha

From: **s.22(1)**  
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 8:57 AM  
To: Jardine-Olade, Sheena <[Sheena.Jardine-Olade@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sheena.Jardine-Olade@vancouver.ca)>  
Cc: Hulbert, Julia <[Julia.Hulbert@vancouver.ca](mailto:Julia.Hulbert@vancouver.ca)>; Carson, Jessica <[Jessica.Carson@vancouver.ca](mailto:Jessica.Carson@vancouver.ca)>;  
Chen, Alan (PB) <[Alan.Chen@vancouver.ca](mailto:Alan.Chen@vancouver.ca)>; Brown, Metha <[Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca](mailto:Metha.Brown@vancouver.ca)>  
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Hoping you are all well.  
FYI - I received this email below, you may be interested.  
Thanks,

s.22(1)

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From: s.22(1)

Date: Fri, Nov 24, 2023 at 6:17\u8239 PM

Subject: Sid Tan's Ginko Tree at 588 E 5TH AVE

To:

Hi everyone,

My esteemed colleague, s.22(1), has informed me of this ginkgo tree planted in Chinatown and DTES activist Sid Tan's memory that is threatened with removal. Please consider joining me in asking that it remain intact or sharing this info with others who would also be concerned. See below for s.22(1)'s description of the details.

Best,

s.22(1)

s.22(1)

Sent from my phone



From: [GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>](mailto:GreenStreets@vancouver.ca)  
To: ["Quintero, Liliana" <Liliana.Quintero@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Liliana.Quintero@vancouver.ca)  
[GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>](mailto:GreenStreets@vancouver.ca)  
CC: ["Mulhall, Ben" <Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca)  
Date: 8/9/2023 9:20:00 AM  
Subject: RE: Sightline Safety Review - Trees at Guelph and E 5th Ave

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Hi Liliana,

Thank you for the clarification and diagram! The ginkgo tree is around 3m tall while the volunteer oak trees are between the 0.75m-1.3m range.  
We will have them removed.

All the best,

**Marie Pudlas** | (She, Her)  
Green Streets Coordinator | Street Activities  
Engineering Services | City of Vancouver  
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From: Quintero, Liliana <Liliana.Quintero@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 4:59 PM  
To: GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>  
Cc: Mulhall, Ben <Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca>  
Subject: RE: Sightline Safety Review - Trees at Guelph and E5th Ave

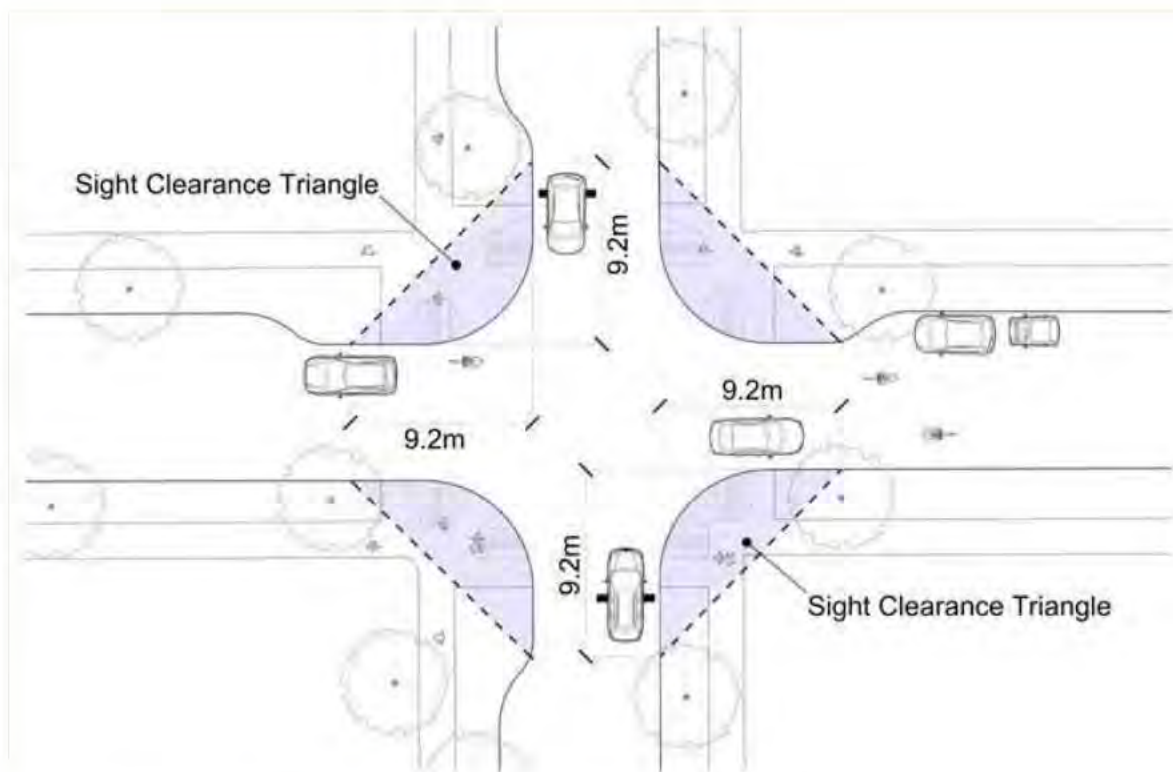
Hi Maria

Ideally all the trees at a height between 0.75m- 1.3m in the bulge should be removed. The idea of a bulge is to block cars from parking too close to the intersection so drivers can see pedestrians crossing. But by planting trees on the bulge, this traffic calming tool has become obsolete . So my recommendation is to remove the trees as per the diagram below (all purple areas in the bulge).

Thank you,

Liliana





From: GreenStreets <[Green.Streets@vancouver.ca](mailto:Green.Streets@vancouver.ca)>

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2023 2:25 PM

To: Quintero, Liliana <[Liliana.Quintero@vancouver.ca](mailto:Liliana.Quintero@vancouver.ca)>

Cc: Mulhall, Ben <[Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca](mailto:Ben.Mulhall@vancouver.ca)>; GreenStreets <[Green.Streets@vancouver.ca](mailto:Green.Streets@vancouver.ca)>

Subject: Sightline Safety Review - Trees at Guelph and E5th Ave

Hi Liliana,

Would you be able to assess whether the trees at the corner of Guelph and E5<sup>th</sup> (SE corner) are a safety hazard?

The trees are in a Green Streets garden.

The oaks and pine were volunteers while the ginkgo was planted by the member of the public roughly 10 years ago without our knowing. Once we were aware of them, we asked the sponsor gardener to remove the trees as is our policy of sightline concerns. The sponsor gardener pruned part of the ginkgo but was stopped by a member of the public who wanted to save the tree. The other trees have been left untouched for the most part but the gardener has been trying to keep them low the last few years.

We would like a definitive answer as to whether the trees are a safety concern, particularly the ginkgo tree as it grows.

See the attached photos for reference. I've labeled the trees in the last photo.

Let me know if you need more information.

All the best,

**Marie Pudlas** | (She, Her)

Green Streets Coordinator | Street Activities

Engineering Services | City of Vancouver

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From: s.22(1)  
To: [GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>](mailto:GreenStreets@vancouver.ca)  
Date: 9/17/2023 8:42:21 AM  
Subject: Re: Too many trees in a small space

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Hi Green Streets,

Thanks for the reply back in July. Noticed a week or so back that all trees are still in place, none have been removed. You'll need to do tree removal without help from the assigned gardener, it appears.

Thank you for following up

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From: GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>  
Sent: July 20, 2023 3:18PM  
To: s.22(1) GreenStreets  
<Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>  
Subject: RE: Too many trees in a small space

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for reaching out about this garden.  
We have contacted the gardener for this garden and will be removing the unsanctioned trees.

All the best,

Green Streets Support Team | Street Activities  
Engineering Services | City of Vancouver  
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From: s.22(1)  
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 7:29 AM  
To: GreenStreets <Green.Streets@vancouver.ca>  
Subject: [EXT] Too many trees in a small space

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Hello,

s.22(1) which are well-kept. Over the past year one site in particular is rapidly becoming a tree farm. The plot at the corner of Guelph and 5th now contains 5 trees! One is a city tree or seems to be, as is identical species to other trees planted along that stretch of 5th. The city tree is the one doing the poorest, maybe by design of whomever is tending that plot? The trees are all jammed together and if left to mature will produce a huge wall of wood blocking out light and making the growth of more attractive plants difficult. All of these trees far exceed the 24" to 36" height restriction.

Suggestions:

- The city tree needs a water bag, the same as city trees planted along the opposite side of 5th.
- Removal of all the other illegally(?) planted trees to open up the space and make it more attractive. At present it is not very attractive. Perhaps the care of that plot needs to be transferred to a person who can vastly improve on what at times is a bit of an eyesore..

Basically 1 tree in this plot is plenty,, the others should be removed and planted elsewhere.

Thank you



# August 4, 2023

Friday

August 2023							September 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

FRIDAY		Daily Task List	
4		Arrange by: Due Date	
	<div><div></div> From Jul 24</div> <div>Ben - VAC - Mulhall, Ben</div>		
7 <sup>AM</sup>			
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12 <sup>PM</sup>	<div>Gingko tree meeting</div> <div>Guelph and E 5th Ave</div>		
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3	Appointment		
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## Pudlas, Marie

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**Subject:** Quick Street Hort check-in of higher priority items  
**Location:** Office or Teams meeting

**Start:** Tue 8/8/2023 11:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 8/8/2023 11:30 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Pudlas, Marie  
**Required Attendees:** Mulhall, Ben

Hansen:

**Marie to follow up with Vane** - 2183615 – Excessive noise at 4am when watering downtown planters

**Ben to follow up** - 2181651 & 2180097 - unplanted median filled with weeds causing sightline issues; not on city staff's list (200 block, SE Marine Dr)

E BLVD:

**Done** - PO # for Para Space laurel removal

**To Be workshopped later in fall** - Police Incident – general gardeners requests for adding more “no picking signs” and request from [s.22\(1\)](#) to restrict public access to garden spaces during certain times plus better public education on respect for community gardens

GS Garden:

**Passed onto TDM for safety review** - Gingko Tree (plus others) – Guelph and E 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

GS party

**Wait for Liz to be back with Visa card** - Payment for Mayers Packing (gift bags).

**Wait for Liz to be back with Visa card** credit card for A&B Party Time Rentals  
no 6ft tables – get a few more 4ft tables

**Sounds good** - changing from 6 shifts (noon-3:00pm) to 5 shifts (12:30-3:00)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Friday  
Aug. 9

To Do - check out dollar store → Mead ~~credit~~ (w)  
 - Meet with S.22(1) about Gilego  
 ✓ check out Ast st & W 13<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 " " Birch st & W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 - chart with Tom about ~~is~~  
 ✓ envelopes  
 - Bulb delivery

✓ email: E BLVD Garches about  
stage 2 water restrictions  
urgent Thursday

s.22(1)

[REDACTED] common.t, had been  
[REDACTED]

→ Council & Est 5th Ave  
- measure tree location  
↳ 4m from corner -

→  $A_{SL}$  &  $\sim 13\pi A_{UL}$

~~für Bericht d. hr 10<sup>1</sup> Avo~~

→ looks okay, a few  $\hookrightarrow$  climate crises mitigation things are too tall;  $\hookrightarrow$  tree canopy coverage for very busy intersection; neighbourhood with low people drive quickly tree canopy

Thursday  
Aug. 8

Mayers Packaging will call ~~the~~ about gift  
bag delivery to their office  
↳ I will pick up from there  
↳ need credit card for payment  
↳ check out any display packing  
↳ bags are now available  
- call back about payment for bags  
↳ get Liz's Visa # and call Mandy

call IT for access to SAP for Budgeting  
↳ Mirror Amsterdam

~~crisis~~ free

TDM - safety reviews  
↳ learn manager of safety side  
↳ ask if bridge is safety issue

If not a safety concern  
↳ reach out to Parks Board to  
see if they want to adopt it  
↳ if they don't adopt, then it  
gets removed



# Thursday Street Heat Meeting

SH 832 Beatty street use planter selection

let ~~Parasitism~~ know  
 CG - checked arbutus growing  
 ↳ a couple of gardens but in one  
 ↳ ~~a few~~ other gardens but no garden  
 ↳ one garden has an unknown  
 garden → leave a note

Riverwood - no purple, early this year  
 ↳ would be great to have to support  
 the ~~it~~ in with

China creek

- working on getting quotes

- Private garden

LS - exposed post

↳ going through 311?

↳ electrical operations → make it online

Bila - need to pick up and relocate  
Plumbers ↳ reach out to Brian Gould

Arbutus blackberry - student  
 ↳ not our area heavily  
 ↳ not start right of way

Ginkgo tree not removed as at Sept 17

Meeting with s.22(1)

✓

s.22(3)(d)

✓ - checked on soil piles last week and sent results to  
↳

✓ - New garden at York and 2 people

- ~~NACTO~~ NACTO

✓ - No word back from "Adopt our Community"

✓ - Lingko tree - ALLS is working on financial policy

✓ - Adopt a city notes  
- benefits of helping people connect  
- will support

[ Think about work plan for 2024  
↳ base on the plan that Ben made ]

Ch ✓ - China Creek

- sent in draft paperwork - looks good  
- need help with map

✓

~~Riverwood~~ Riverwood

- need support, offered to help make maps but  
didn't hear back



Thurs Nov. 30

Date

### SH Meeting

- Produce Albert when reusing wood?
  - ↳ willow wattle?
  - ↳ other plants
  - ↳ group site visit
  - ↳ Next Fall plan for something
  - ↳ put out a call for ~~more~~ volunteers to arrange the installation
- ↳ check out papers of production for willow source
- E-mail AS Gardens
  - ↳ pointed email about trees
  - ↳ goal the of you - to look for tree seedlings
- Chicago tree
  - ↳ reach out to Urban Forestry to cut down tree if volunteers don't
- Soil relocation
  - ↳ parks board
  - York & Maple
  - Windsor & 29th Ave



## Marie's notebook transcription

**Aug.4<sup>th</sup>**

Meet with s.22(1) about Gingko

Guelph & East 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

- Measure tree location – 4m from corner
- See about 'grandfathering' in the tree
- Climate crises mitigation
- Tree canopy coverage for neighbourhood with lower tree canopy

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**

Gingko tree

TDM – safety reviewers

- Liliana manager of safety side
- Ask if Gingko is safety issue

If not a safety concern

- Reach out to Parks Board to see if they want to adopt it
- If they don't adopt, then it gets removed

**Oct.5<sup>th</sup>**

Gingko tree not removed as of Sept.17<sup>th</sup>

**Nov.28<sup>th</sup>**

Gingko tree – ACCS is working on Memorial policy

**Nov.30<sup>th</sup>**

Gingko tree

- Reachout to Urban Forestry to cut down tree if volunteer doesn't





s.22(1)











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The Sid Tan  
Memorial Tree  
in honour of our  
beloved paper son &  
community elder