

File No.: 04-1000-20-2025-671

October 22, 2025

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 September 22, 2025 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

**Assessment records, including all photographs, for a tree on South Creek Trail near Beaver Lake that was removed in Stanley Park following the August 15, 2025 rainstorm. Date range: August 1, 2025 to August 25, 2025.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed (blacked out) under s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download this section 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 Part 5 of the Act, 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 (2025-671); 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,

Kevin Tuerlings, FOI Case Manager, for

*[Signed by Kevin Tuerlings]*

**Cobi Falconer, MAS, MLIS, CIPP/C**  
**Director, Access to Information & Privacy**

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. You may also contact 3-1-1 (604-873-7000) if you require accommodation or do not have access to email.

Encl. (Response Package)

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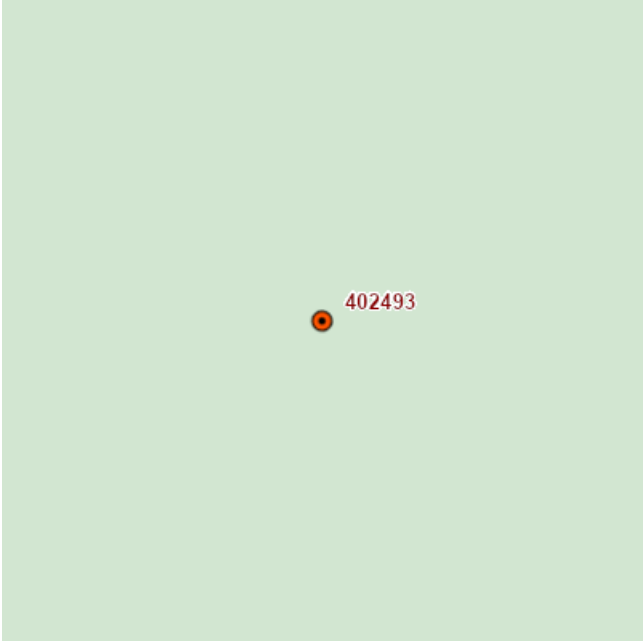
# Service Request Details

**Request ID** 402493  
**Neighbourhood** 24 - STANLEY PARK  
**Address** 2000 W GEORGIA ST  
**Submitted On** 2025/08/15  
**Request Type** Inspect  
**Contact Name** Adelle Chabot  
**Phone Number** S.15(1)(l)  
**Email** adelle.chabot@vancouver.ca

**Requestor Address**

**Requestor Comments**

(File attached in EMPro) 50 foot tall dead Douglas fir beside trail just dropped all its bark and looks like it has advanced decay in the heart wood. What3words =nozzles.panthers.testster. It is on S Creek trail just up from Beaver lake trail.



## Assignment Details

Assignment ID 245980

Status Completed

Work notes

Work Group Arb II

Status date 2025/08/18

Work type Inspection

Public work notes Work pending

Work reason Service request






Assigned to JOSHUA CATES

Priority Medium

Due Date 2025/09/05

### Dispatcher notes

Caller name: Adelle Chabot, Phone: s.15(1)(l) Email: adelle.chabot@vancouver.ca, Comments: (File attached in EMPro) 50 foot tall dead Douglas fir beside trail just dropped all its bark and looks like it has advanced decay in the heart wood. What3words =nozzles.panthers.testers. It is on S Creek trail just up from Beaver lake trail.

 Assignment  Tree  Planting site  Service request  Nearby tree  Nearby planting site



### Related Assets

Asset Id	Status	Address	Common Name	Height (m)	Diameter (cm)	Asset Class	Condition	Notes	Location Notes
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### Related Service Requests

SR ID	Address	Type	Received on	Caller	Phone	Email	Notes
402493	2000 W GEORGIA ST	Inspection	2025/08/15	Adelle Chabot	s.15(1)(l)	adelle.chabot@vancouver.ca	(File attached in EMPro) 50 foot tall dead Douglas fir beside trail just dropped all its bark and looks like it has advanced decay in the heart wood. What3words =nozzles.panthers.testers. It is on S Creek trail just up from Beaver lake trail.

Date Reported	SR Number	Date Inspected	Location General Area in the Park	Location What 3 Words	Species	CMT (Yes/No)	DBH	Height	Defects	Target	Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact	Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequence	Overall Risk Rating	Recommended Treatment	Date of Treatment	Treatment Priority	Notes
8/15/2025	Via Park Operations	8/17/2025	South Creek Trail	hooks,improve,contact	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	N	186 cm	27	Dead standing tree — most of the bark has recently sloughed off, with several large pieces remaining in the upper canopy that pose a risk to the people using the trail. The stem shows significant rot throughout. Bark is continue to fall on the trail when winds gust.	People on the South Creek Trail	Probable	High	Likely	Severe	High	Removal	8/22/2025	1	During the rain event on August 15th, roughly 50 feet of bark was lost from the tree

Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

**From:** [Caines, Andrew](#)  
**To:** [Peter, Scott](#); [Fernandes, Tina](#); [McLeod, Joe](#); [Gandha, Amit](#); [Bradford, Kurt](#)  
**Subject:** South Creek Trail Closure – Hazard Tree Removal  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 1:32:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_2930.jpg](#)  
[IMG\\_2932.jpg](#)  
[IMG\\_2931.jpg](#)  
[tree location.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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Hi All,

During Friday's heavy rain, a large dead fir tree on South Creek Trail shed its bark, exposing a significantly decayed stem. For safety, the trail has been closed, and the tree is scheduled for removal tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Andrew Caines (He/Him) | Superintendent Urban Forestry  
BSc., ISA Certified Arborist, TRAQ  
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**From:** [Fernandes, Tina](#)  
**To:** [Caines, Andrew](#); [Peter, Scott](#); [McLeod, Joe](#); [Gandha, Amit](#); [Bradford, Kurt](#)  
**Subject:** RE: South Creek Trail Closure – Hazard Tree Removal  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 1:58:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Andrew

No questions from me, just a reminder of tracking removals.

Thanks

**Tina Fernandes** (*she/her*)

Project Manager II | Urban Forestry

Tel: 604.844-1718

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**From:** Caines, Andrew <Andrew.Caines@vancouver.ca>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 1:32 PM

**To:** Peter, Scott <Scott.Peter@vancouver.ca>; Fernandes, Tina <Tina.Fernandes@vancouver.ca>; McLeod, Joe <Joe.McLeod@vancouver.ca>; Gandha, Amit <Amit.Gandha@vancouver.ca>; Bradford, Kurt <Kurt.Bradford@vancouver.ca>

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**From:** [Fernandes, Tina](#)  
**To:** ["Andy Ferguson"; Ozols-Mongeau, Ben](#)  
**Cc:** [McDonald, Dana](#); [Marisa Bischoff](#)  
**Subject:** RE: South Creek Trail closure  
**Date:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:36:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

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Hi Andy

Thanks for reaching out. After checking in with our superintendent a large fir needed to be removed by our crews. It is down but the log is still blocking the trail. It is scheduled to be removed tomorrow so the plan would be to have the trail reopened before the weekend.

Thanks so much.

**Tina Fernandes** (*she/her*)

Project Manager II | Urban Forestry

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**From:** Andy Ferguson <stewardship@stanleyparkeecology.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:55 PM  
**To:** Fernandes, Tina <Tina.Fernandes@vancouver.ca>; Ozols-Mongeau, Ben <Ben.Ozols-Mongeau@vancouver.ca>  
**Cc:** McDonald, Dana <Dana.McDonald@vancouver.ca>; Marisa Bischoff <conservation@stanleyparkeecology.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: South Creek Trail closure

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Hi Tina and Ben,

I wanted to check if either of you knew about the closure on South Creek trail (specifically the section that connects to the south side of Beaver Lake). I assumed it's closed due to the number of dead trees in the area. If it is under your purview, would you happen to have a timeline on how long it will be closed for? We have a lot of programs that use that trail, so it would be helpful to know so we can plan accordingly.

Thanks,  
Andy

**Andy Ferguson** (*he/they*)



Stewardship Coordinator

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**From:** Andy Ferguson <[stewardship@stanleyparkeecology.ca](mailto:stewardship@stanleyparkeecology.ca)>

**Sent:** August 19, 2025 5:09 PM

**To:** Bradford, Kurt <[kurt.bradford@vancouver.ca](mailto:kurt.bradford@vancouver.ca)>

**Cc:** McDonald, Dana <[dana.mcdonald@vancouver.ca](mailto:dana.mcdonald@vancouver.ca)>; Lulic, Dane <[dane.lulic@vancouver.ca](mailto:dane.lulic@vancouver.ca)>;

Marisa Bischoff <[conservation@stanleyparkeecology.ca](mailto:conservation@stanleyparkeecology.ca)>

**Subject:** South Creek Trail closure

Hi Kurt,

I wanted to check in about the trail closure on South Creek Trail, specifically the section that connects to the south side of Beaver Lake. I mostly want to know if there is a timeline for how long that section will be closed for. We have a lot of programs that take that route to get to Beaver Lake, so it would be helpful to know how long it will be closed for.

Thanks,

Andy



**Andy Ferguson (he/they)**

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## Assignment Details

**Assignment ID** 246290  
**Work Group** Above-Ground  
**Work type** Tree removal  
**Work reason** Dead  
**Assigned to** CHRIS ALMAS  
**Priority** Medium  
**Due Date**

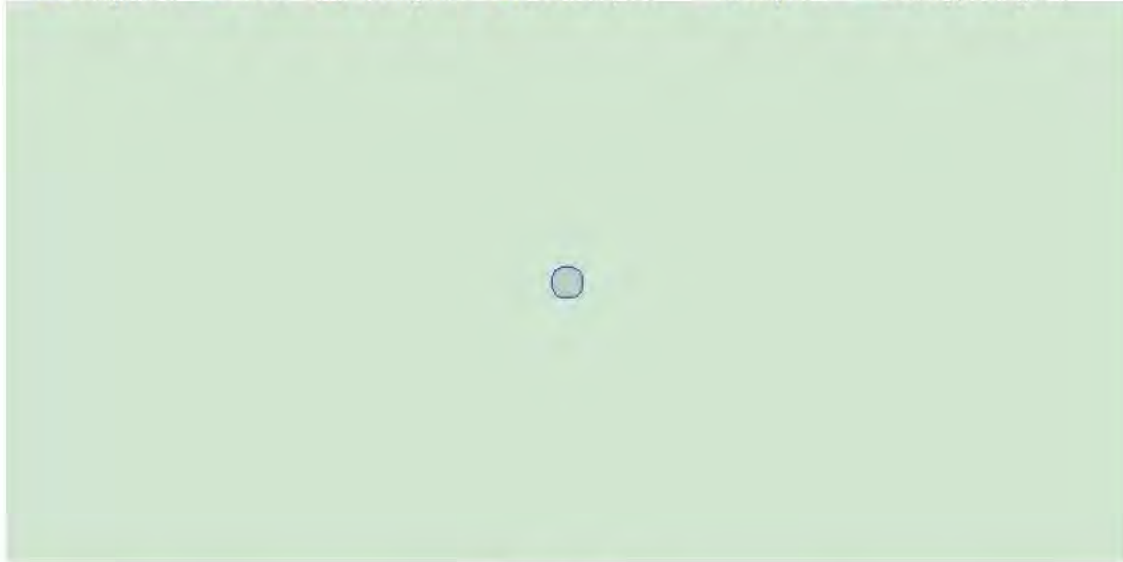
**Status** Completed  
**Status date** 2025/08/22  
**Public work notes**

**Work notes**

### Dispatcher notes

Follow-up assignment for assignment #245980. Follow-up Work notes: Reduce/ remove fir tree next to trail. On South Creek Trail

☐ Assignment ☐ Tree ☐ Planting site ☐ Service request ☐ Nearby tree ☐ Nearby planting site



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