




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 6, 2023
SUBJECT:	Development Related Public Tree Removals - 1190 Main St West (ES23017) (Ward 1)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 1
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Graham Director, Environmental Services Public Works Department
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This Communication Update is being provided to Council in advance of construction related to development at 1190 Main Street West.

Public tree removals are permitted after review and assessment by the City of Hamilton Forestry staff in accordance with the Public Tree Protection By-law No. 15-125 and the conditions of the Public Tree Preservation and Sustainability Policy.

1190 Main Street West has proposed development through Site Plan Application DA-20-074 - McMaster Undergraduate Student Residence which the Ontario Land Tribunal conditionally approved on August 26, 2022.

Forestry staff have reviewed the proposed development in relation to all existing public trees. Due to the impacts of this development, the removal of 19 public trees is required, and a Public Tree Permit has been approved.

The public trees to be removed are located:

- 8 along Main Street West
- 1 along Dalewood Avenue
- 7 along Traymore Avenue
- 3 along Forsyth Avenue North

Removals have been approved based on the impacts that will result from development impacts such as the urbanization of the streetscape along Traymore Avenue, and the widening of paved surfaces. Additionally, the construction of the Light Rail Transit (LRT)

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will result in the removal of many of the trees along Main Street West. The City's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Office is working with Metrolinx on the streetscape design for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor.

In accordance with the Public Tree Protection By-law No. 15-125 and the conditions of the Public Tree Preservation and Sustainability Policy, the developer is required to compensate the Forestry Section in the amount of \$79,283.15 for the loss of public tree canopy and tree permit fees.

The replanting strategy has not been approved by Forestry staff; however, the proposed plan includes a significant number of replacement trees compared to the number of trees slated for removal. The location of the site is adjacent to the proposed Light Rail Transit (LRT), therefore further design consideration is required. Additionally, staff will ensure the replanting plan maximizes the available plantable space while ensuring species selection and location are appropriate and contribute to the biodiversity, and urban tree canopy of the City of Hamilton. The final landscape plan will be addressed as a condition of site plan approval.

For further information please contact Robyn Pollard, Manager of Forestry and Horticulture by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3919, or by email at Robyn.Pollard@hamilton.ca

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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