City of Port Moody

Tree Bylaw Review **Phase 2 Survey Summary**



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Scope of the engagement

The City of Port Moody is reviewing its Tree Protection Bylaw, which was adopted in 1999 and last updated in 2015. Responding to Port Moody's strong environmental stewardship values and the climate emergency, the City is reviewing its bylaw to ensure it is aligned with best management practices and community values. The review of Port Moody's Tree Protection Bylaw is intended to respond to current community priorities and values and best practices. This report provides results from the Tree Protection Bylaw review phase 2 survey.

Engagement

Community engagement on Port Moody's Tree Protection Bylaw review will take place over three phases. In the summer of 2022, the first phase occurred as part of engagement on the Urban Forest Management Strategy, where Port Moody community members were asked about their vision for the urban forest, including their satisfaction with and preferences for regulating trees on private property. Results from this engagement are summarized in the Urban Forest Management Strategy's Engagement Summary.

In the spring/summer of 2023, the City launched the second phase of engagement with a second survey that focused on learning more about community preferences for regulating trees on private property. The survey was available from May to June 2023.

Finally, phase 3 of engagement will include stakeholder workshops, a community event, and a survey to gather input on the proposed updates to Port Moody's Tree Protection Bylaw.

Who we heard from

On Engage Port Moody, 85 engaged participants contributed to the survey, 187 informed participants visited multiple project pages or contributed to a tool and 488 aware visitors viewed the project page. This section presents more information about the engagement participants.

Survey respondent demographics

34% of respondents to the Phase 2 survey completed the Phase 1 Trees in Port Moody survey, while 28% were unsure about their previous involvement. 63% of Phase 2 survey respondents heard about the survey via email followed by 13% who found the survey on the City of Port Moody website (Figure 1). Note that respondents were able to select more than one answer.

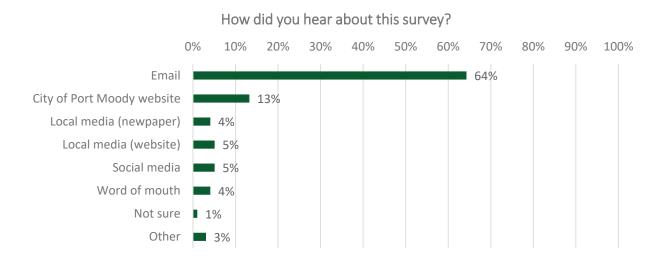


Figure 1 – How survey respondents heard about the survey (98 selections)

Of the 85 survey respondents:

- > 96% reside in Port Moody
- ➤ 11% own or operate a business in Port Moody
- Most respondents live in the Heritage Mountain/Heritage Woods/Twin Creeks, College Park/Glenayre/Harbour Heights/Seaview, Inlet Centre and Moody Centre neighborhoods (Figure 2)

Port Moody neighbourhood of residence

> 30% of respondents are 60-69 years old (Figure 3)

O% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Heritage Mountain / Heritage Woods / Twin Creeks College Park / Glenayre / Harbour Heights / Seaview Inlet Centre Moody Centre April Road / Pleasantside Mountain Meadows / Noons Creek Coronation Park loco 3% Heritage Woods 1%

Figure 2 – Respondent neighbourhood of residence (79 responses).

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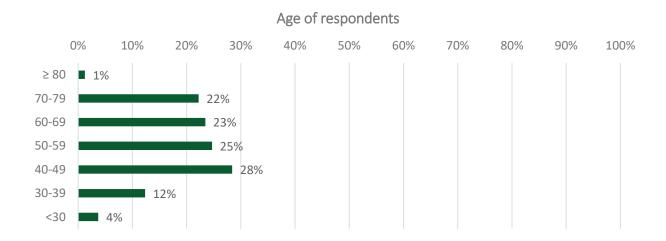


Figure 3 - Age of survey respondents (81 responses).

Survey results

The survey focused on five key topics:

- 1. Current Tree Protection Bylaw
- 2. What should be regulated
- 3. How trees should be regulated
- 4. How the bylaw should be implemented
- 5. Demographic information

Detailed survey results are included in Appendix A.

Current Tree Protection Bylaw

Survey respondents were asked how familiar they were with the City of Port Moody's current Tree Protection Bylaw. 61% of respondents were somewhat familiar, 13% were very familiar and 26% were not familiar (Figure 4). 38% of those who are familiar with the Bylaw learned about it via the City of Port Moody website or by reading the Bylaw online (Figure 5).

These findings can be compared to responses from the Tree Protection Bylaw section of a Phase 1 engagement survey for

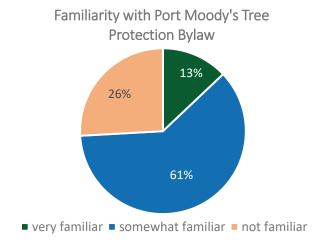


Figure 4 - Respondent familiarity with the City of Port Moody's current Tree Protection Bylaw (85 responses)

section of a Phase 1 engagement survey for Port Moody's Urban Forest Management Strategy

(UFMS). In the Phase 1 UFMS survey, 42% of respondents were somewhat familiar with the Tree Protection Bylaw, 10% were very familiar, and 45% were unfamiliar. Additionally, the most common ways that respondents had learned about the Tree Protection Bylaw were similar to the Tree Bylaw Survey, as online, communication with their Strata, and personal experience were the most common methods.

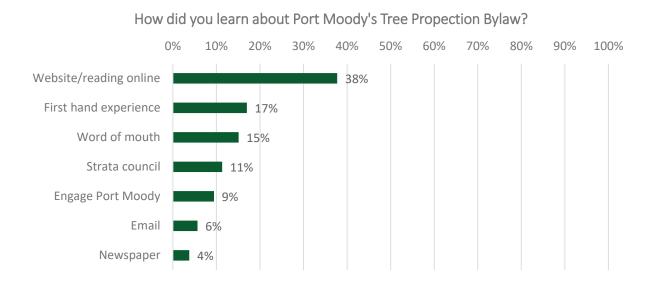


Figure 5 – How respondents learned about Port Moody's Tree Protection Bylaw (53 responses).

Based on their understanding of tree protection regulations in Port Moody, 22% of survey respondents think trees are adequately protected, 29% think that tree protection is insufficient, and 19% think that trees are overly protected and tree protections are too restrictive (Figure 6). A smaller proportion of respondents (15%), believe that tree removal should not be regulated on private property. This distribution can be compared to responses in the Phase 1 UFMS survey, where 18% selected adequate, 29% insufficient, 14% too restrictive, and 28% were unsure.

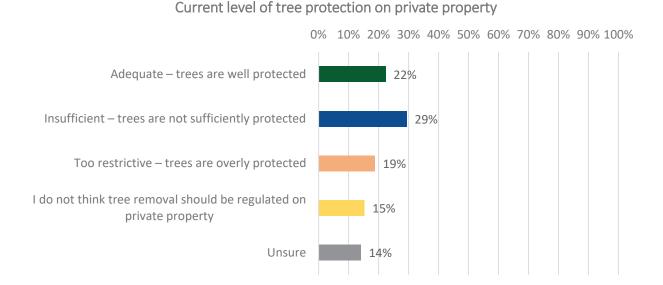


Figure 6 – Respondent description of the level of tree protection on private property under the existing Port Moody Tree Protection Bylaw (85 responses).

What should be regulated

Tree bylaws can regulate private trees based on their size, special significance, location, or context such as a property undergoing development. More respondents think that large trees should be regulated (39%) than medium (33%) or small trees (12%; Figure 7).

O% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Small trees (e.g. diameter less than 10 centimetres) Medium trees (e.g. diameter greater than or equal to 10 centimetres) Large mature trees (e.g. diameter greater than 50 centimetres) Not sure

The smallest diameter size for trees that should be regulated

Figure 7 - The smallest diameter size for trees that should be regulated on private property (85 responses).

In some cities, certain types of trees of high significance are given greater protection than others. When asked what kinds of trees might warrant greater levels of protection, 33% of survey respondents selected very large mature trees with diameters from 60cm to 80cm, 32% chose native species of importance, and 30% chose trees in a heritage registry (Figure 8). Other responses suggested setting protections based on sizes of individual tree species, trees that provide resources or habitat for wildlife, and mature trees threatened by development.

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Very large mature trees (e.g., 60 – 80 cm diameter) Native species of importance to the ecosystems and wildlife Trees individually nominated to a heritage registry Not sure Other 4%

Kinds of trees that warrant greater levels of protection

Figure 8 – Kinds of trees that should have a greater level of protection. Respondents were able to make multiple selections (193 selections).

One of the factors that can influence the protections applied to a tree is the type of property it is on. Survey respondents' most chosen property type regarding which trees should be regulated are commercial or industrial properties (23%; Figure 9). Private properties subject to approval of a development application (22%) and multi-family properties such as apartments, townhouses, or condos (20%) were the following most selected property types. Other responses for types of properties that should be regulated included public property only, and on a case-by-case basis.

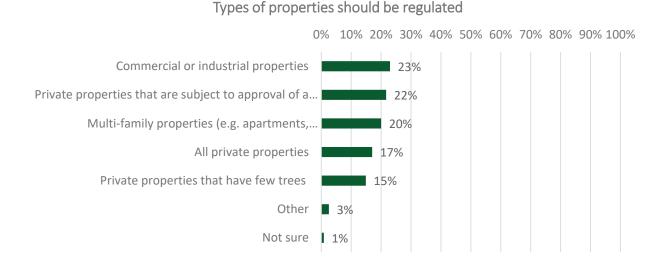


Figure 9 - Types of properties should be regulated under the Tree Protection Bylaw. Respondents were able to make multiple selections (235 selections).

How trees should be regulated

Tree bylaws generally regulate trees to achieve either retention of existing trees, replacement when they are removed, or a mix of retention and replacement.

More respondents (47%) think that the tree bylaw should include a combination of both replacement and retention. 26% of respondents think that the tree bylaw should prioritize always allowing the removal of trees but require the planting of replacement trees (Figure 10). In contrast, 20% think that the bylaw should require tree retention and only allow tree removals when strictly necessary, like when there are hazardous trees.

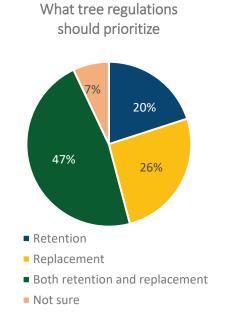


Figure 10 - Regulations that the Tree Protection Bylaw should prioritize with respect to all protected trees (85 responses).

In the context of trees with higher significance, for example mature, heritage, native species, a greater proportion of survey respondents (42%) think that retention should be prioritized compared to for all trees (20%).

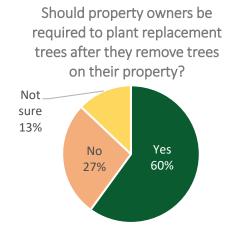


Figure 11 - Level of support for required replacement trees on private property (85 responses).

When asked if individual property owners should be required to plant replacement trees after they remove trees on their property, 60% of respondents said yes (Figure 11). 27% of respondents think that property owners should not be required to plant replacement trees on their property and 13% of respondents are not sure. In situations when a property does not have space to plant replacement tree(s), 88% of respondents think that the property owner should be exempted from planting replacement tree(s) and pay a fee for the tree(s) to be planted elsewhere in Port Moody. In these situations, 10% of respondents think that no fee placement should be required.

How the bylaw should be implemented

The survey asked respondents about their preferences for how to fund the bylaw's implementation costs. 41% of respondents believe a combination of permit fees and general taxation revenues should be utilized to fund costs incurred by bylaw activities, while 40% think that the City's costs should be funded through permit fees, and 14% prefer the use of general taxation revenues (Figure 12).

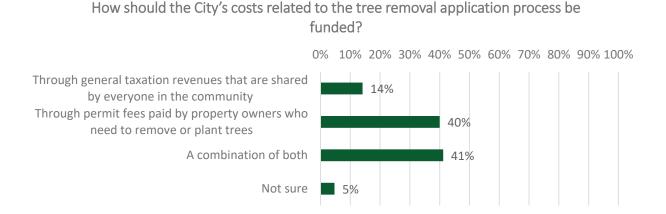


Figure 12 – Funding for City costs related to the tree removal application process (85 responses).

To encourage compliance, an equal amount of survey respondents (31%) think that the City should impose fines for bylaw infractions and encourage retention with incentives like the reduction of replacement tree requirements or permit fees (Figure 13). 28% of respondents think that the City should collect deposits that are refunded once the permit holder has complied with the permit. Other suggestions made by respondents included creating education materials to encourage awareness of, and compliance with, bylaw regulations.

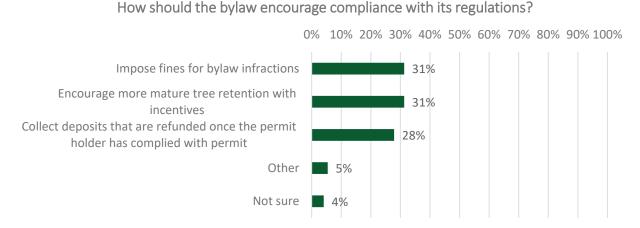


Figure 13 - How the City should encourage compliance of the Tree Protection Bylaw with its regulations. Respondents were able to make multiple selections (147 selections).

Respondents were asked about any additional education or awareness approaches that they think should be considered to improve awareness and understanding of the Tree Protection Bylaw. Themes from their responses include:

- Leveraging online newsletters, the City's website, and social media platforms to engage the community with tree protection information (14 mentions)
- Promoting awareness of how trees and the urban forest contribute to livability, including climate change resilience (6 mentions)
- Creating in-person educational materials such walking tours and community presentations (5 mentions)
- Promoting awareness of indigenous species and their ecological importance (4 mentions)
- Civic marketing such as at bus stops, civic buildings, or in garbage collection calendars (4 mentions)
- Collaborating with schools, strata councils, and community groups for education and planting initiatives (2 mentions)
- Providing education packages to tree removal applicants (2 mentions)

 Distributing free tree seedlings and incentivizing tree planting through city promotions (1 mention)

About your property

Survey respondents were asked about trees on their property of residence. 49% of respondents live in single-family homes, 33% live in duplexes or townhomes, and 16% live in apartments or condo buildings (Figure 14). Among all respondents, 94% own the property where they live.

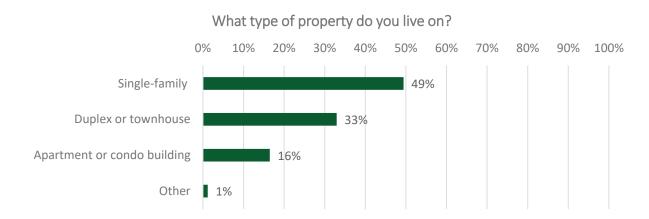


Figure 14 – Type of property that respondents live on, inclusive of those who rent and those who own (85 responses).

Respondents have a wide range in the number of trees on their property of residence: 42% of respondents have between 1 and 9 trees, 18% have no trees, and 14% have more than 100 trees (Figure 15).

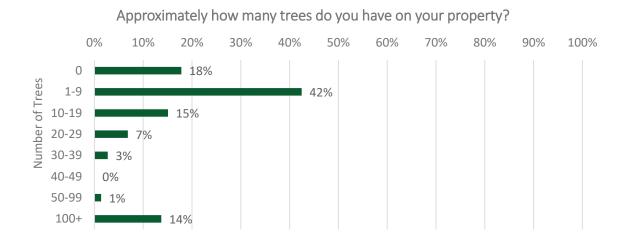


Figure 15 – Number of trees on the property that respondents live on (73 responses).

Of 84 respondents, 52% have removed at least one tree on their property. Among those who have removed a tree or trees, 50% did so due to safety concerns (Figure 16). Other reasons that respondents removed trees include:

- > Tree was diseased or died (7 responses)
- > Tree roots were disturbing structures (3 responses)
- To improve access to sunlight (2 responses)

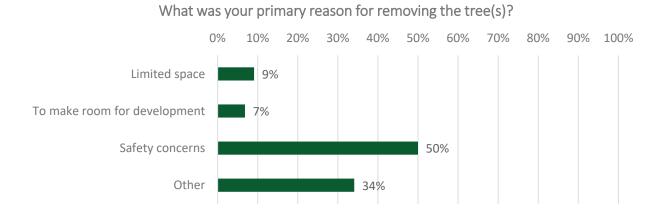


Figure 16 – Primary reason for removing a tree or trees (44 responses).

Among those who replaced the tree that they removed (38 respondents), 47% replaced the tree in a different location, 21% replaced it in the same location, and 32% were not sure whether it had been replaced.

54% of all survey respondents do not have space on their property to plant additional trees (Figure 17). Limited space (31%) is the most common barrier that prevents respondents from planting and maintaining a tree on their property (Figure 18). Other barriers to tree planting are that it is too costly (11%), a lack of knowledge about trees (10%), and safety concerns (10%).

Do you have any available space where you could plant additional trees on your property?

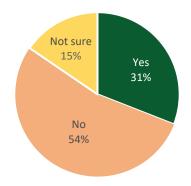


Figure 17 – Is there available space for new trees on your property? (84 responses).

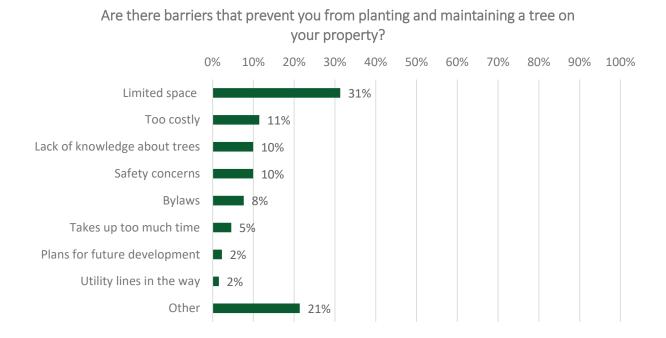


Figure 18 – Barriers that prevent respondents from planting and maintaining trees on their property (131 selections).

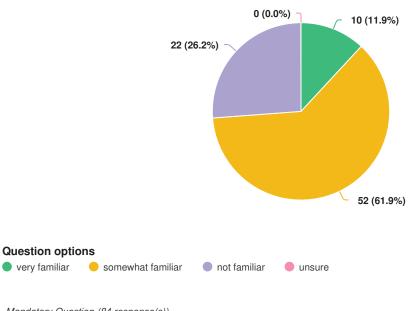
Next Steps

Input from the public and stakeholders, along with results from our best practices and bylaw comparison analysis, will inform recommendations for bylaw updates that will be presented to Council. Community engagement on the proposed bylaw update will take place during the third and final phase of engagement.

Appendix A – Survey results



Q1 How familiar are you with the City of Port Moody's existing Tree Protection Bylaw? Select one answer.



2 How did you learn about Port Moody's Tree Protection Bylaw?

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I feel that PMs Tree Protection Bylaw is too excessive. While I agree that looking after trees is a very important part of stewarding the land of an area, I feel there are a variety of ways this can be done, differently to the way Port Moody is doing this. e.g. require two for one planting in areas nearby or donating trees to an annual plan for replanting within pubic areas of Port Moody. The current plan is very often punitive to home owners who have trees on their property. It also does not recognize overall the topography of the land that is covered by Port Moody.

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I looked into it.

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I have a couple trees I'm fairly certain I'll want to remove at some

point, so investigated.

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from port moody web site

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Through removal of dead and sick trees on our property.

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read it

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5/31/2023 09:53 AM

I live in a strata and it is awful to try to anything with our trees

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Through participation in the Environmental Stewardship Group and

Environmental Protection Committee

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Maintenance of the trees within a strata.

Optional question (9 response(s), 75 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q3 How did you learn about Port Moody's Tree Protection Bylaw?

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I needed to remove a tree and went through the process.

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I reviewed the document online.

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Everyone loves a tree until it blocks the view. Neighbour battle I

witnessed.

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Paying attention

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my house is in an evironmentally sensitive area

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Don't remember, just residents talking about it I think.

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My strata council

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direct enquiry, website

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Tri-city news weekly newspaper references over time.

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I learned about the bylaw through my experience as a president of \boldsymbol{a}

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Past research

strata council.

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removal and replacement of trees on my property

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Word of mouth over the years

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Through a city councillor

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Reading up on it.

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from the notice to participate in this survey

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Always knew the City had this Bylaw from my knowledge as a environmental professional. And..having had to deal with the City regarding tree cutting permits and replacements, fees and releases as a past Strata Council member in a larger townhouse complex in Port Moody.

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By engage Port Moody

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Speaking with a neighbour and city counciler

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On line.

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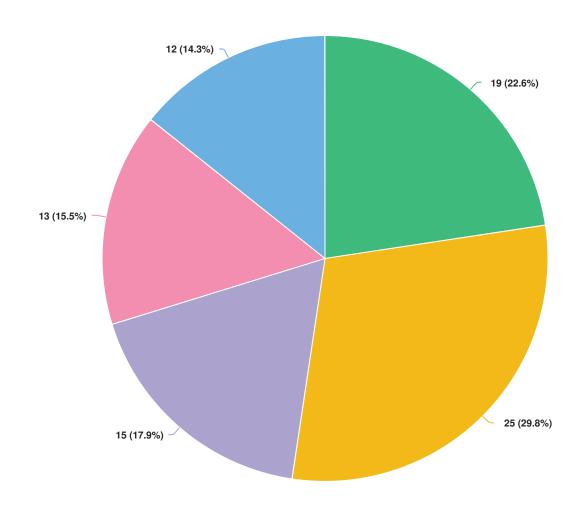
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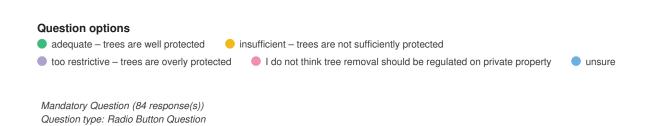
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Screen Name Redacted 6/21/2023 01:09 PM	engage Port Moody
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2023 12:22 AM	my strata had to prune / remove some old trees and tree pruning company pointed us to the by-laws.
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2023 10:10 AM	I learned about the tree protection bylaw when 56 mature trees 80' ft height were felled/clear cut for a newly zoned multifamily development in Seaview, and what a community can do or not do to protect the urban forest in private property.
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2023 10:17 AM	live in a strata that has protected trees that are very old and putting our residences at risk
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2023 10:30 AM	I reside in Treetops and so know that changes to trees required an arborist opinion. Fees are required and monies are held until trees are replaced and trees are replaced with 2 new trees

Optional question (47 response(s), 37 skipped)

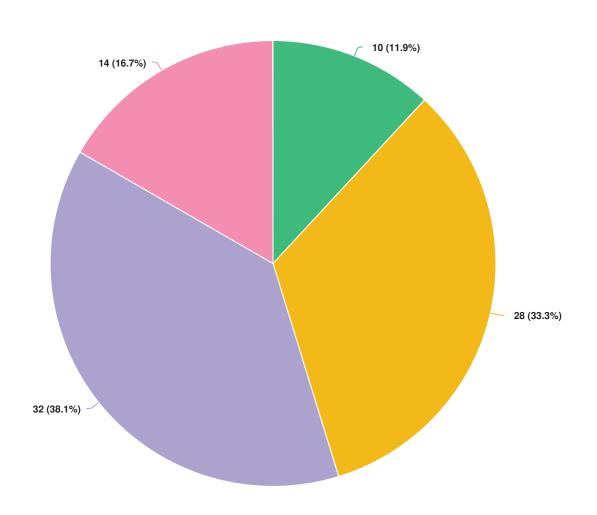
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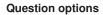
Q4 How would you describe the level of tree protection on private property under the City of Port Moody's existing Tree Protection Bylaw? Select one answer





Q5 What is the smallest diameter size for trees that should be regulated on private property? Select one answer

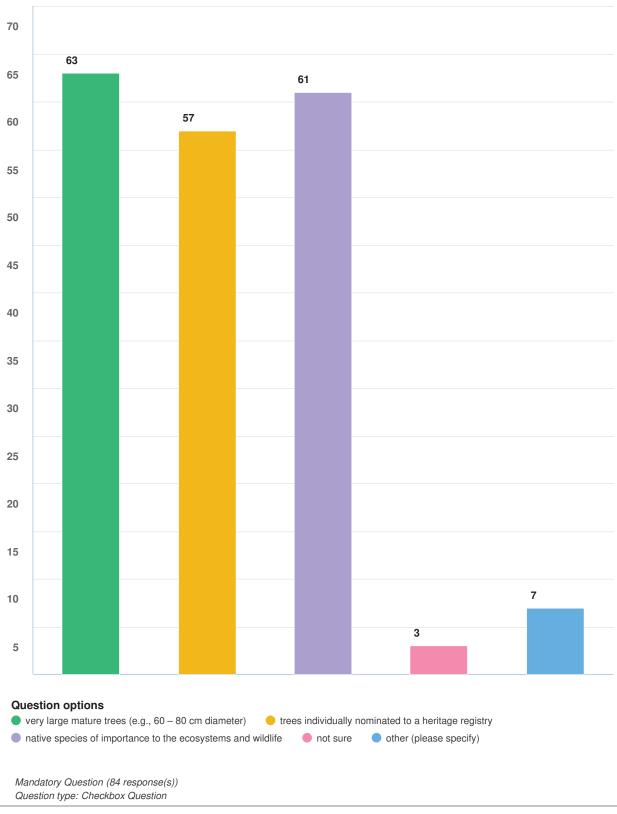




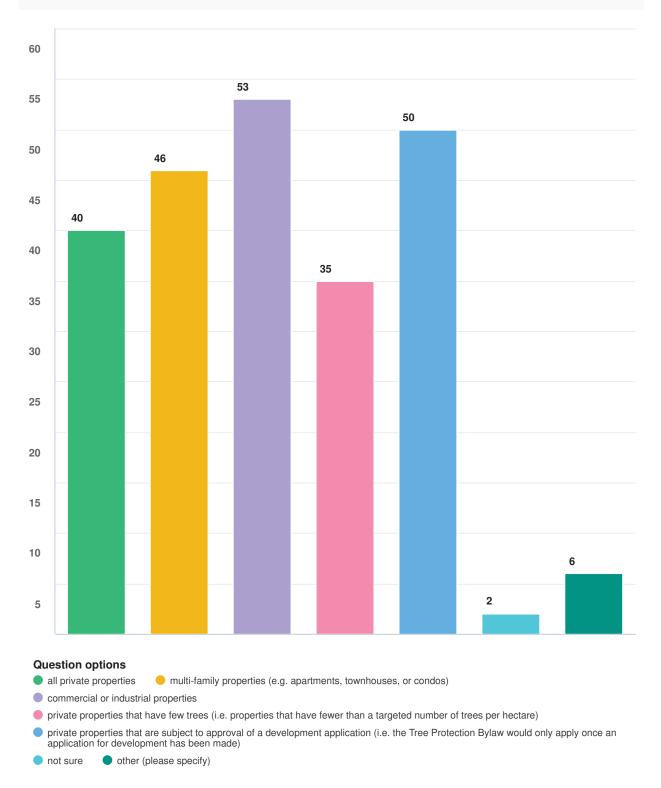
small trees (e.g. diameter less than 10 centimetres)
 medium trees (e.g. diameter greater than or equal to 10 centimetres)

large mature trees (e.g. diameter greater than 50 centimetres)not sure

Q6 In some cities, certain types of trees of high significance are given greater protection than others. Which of these examples do you feel should have a greater level of protection? Select all the that apply

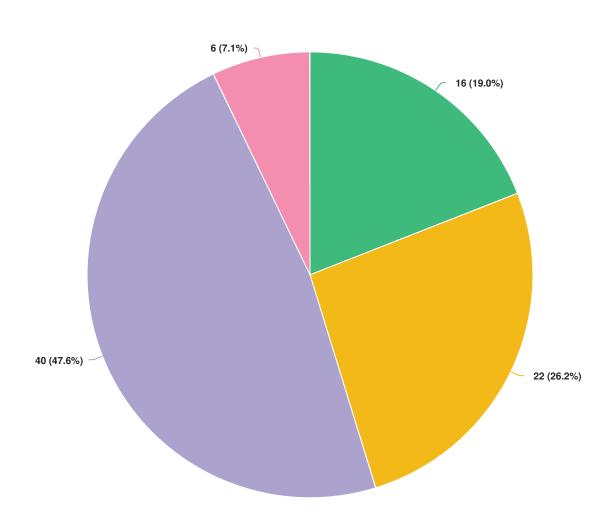


Q7 What types of properties should be regulated under the Tree Protection Bylaw? Select all the types of properties to which you think the bylaw should apply



Mandatory Question (84 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 What should the Tree Protection Bylaw prioritize with respect to all protected trees? Select one answer



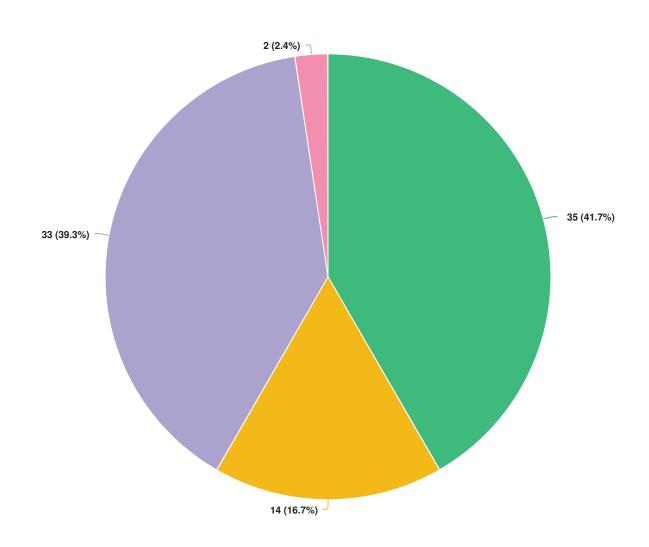


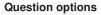
- retention (only allow tree removals when strictly necessary, for example hazardous trees)
- replacement (always allow the removal of trees but require the planting of replacement trees)

not sure

both retention and replacement

Q9 What should the Tree Protection Bylaw prioritize with respect to trees of higher significance (e.g. mature, heritage, native species)? Select one answer



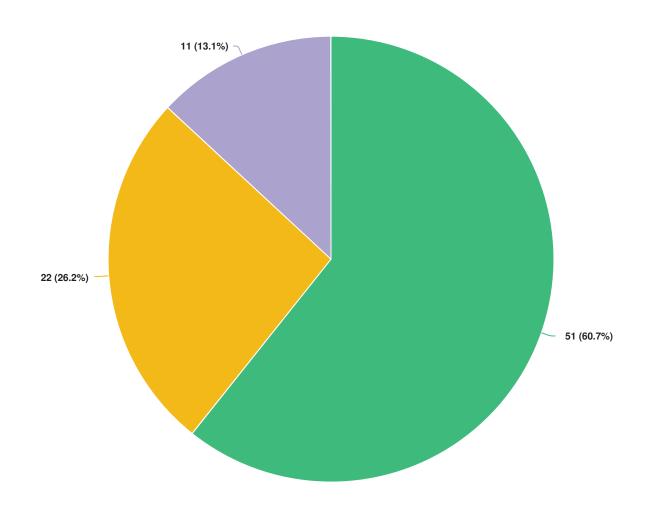


- retention (only allow tree removals when strictly necessary)
- ereplacement (always allow the removal of trees but require the planting of replacement trees)

both retention and replacement

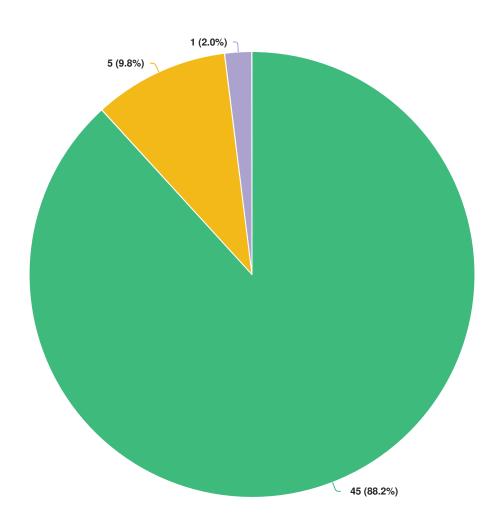
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Q10 Should property owners be required to plant replacement trees after they remove trees on their property? Select one answer





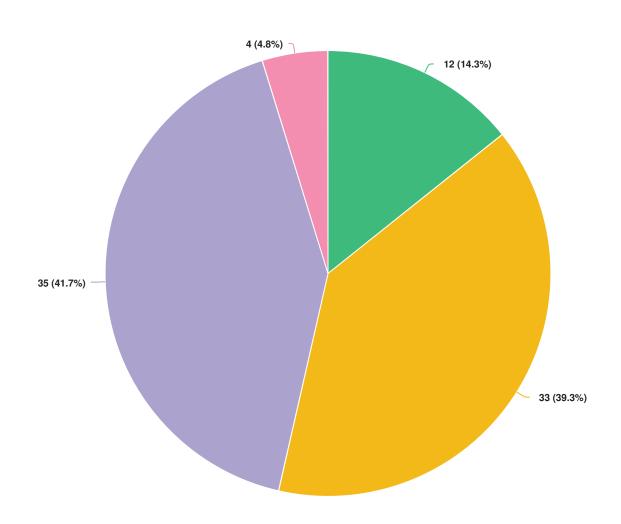
Q11 If a property does not have space to plant replacement tree(s), should the property owners: Select one answer

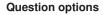


Question options

- be exempted from planting replacement tree(s) and pay a fee for the tree(s) to be planted elsewhere in Port Moody
- be exempted from planting replacement tree(s) with no fee payment required
 not sure

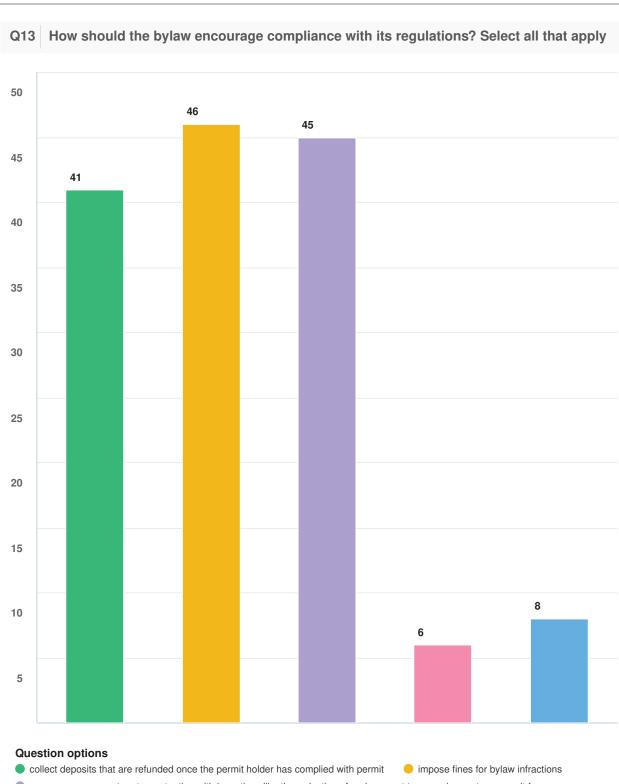
Q12 How should the City's costs related to the tree removal application process (i.e. application, permitting, and administration) be funded? Select one answer





• through general taxation revenues that are shared by everyone in the community

through permit fees paid by property owners who need to remove or plant trees
 a combination of both
 not sure



 encourage more mature tree retention with incentives like the reduction of replacement tree requirements or permit fees not sure other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (84 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 Are there any educational or awareness approaches you think should be considered to build understanding of the Tree Protection Bylaw and how it is applied? Please share your ideas with us.

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Yes Port Moody should have a collaborative with all schools within the City of Port Moody, and forge a relationship between the schools and a tree company, e.g. Specimen Trees in Pitt Meadows, a wholesale tree farm, which would allow schools to have a tree planting programme for students and teachers, whereby more trees could be planted in appropriate public properties throughout the City

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On occasion during the year, there should be free tree seedlings available for people to take home and plant on their properties. The city should incentivize planting of trees.

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City social media. Instagram

recreation centre

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fallen trees are super beneficial, so leaving them in place is important

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It sounds like something that would need to be administered thus adding more cost to tax payers.

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Would be interested in attending talks, displays, walks pertaining to types/locations of Port Moody trees.

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Awareness in schools, bus stops; community locations such as the

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Yes the City should have eduction sent home or emailed to residents educating people on way it's so important to have this bylaw and why it's so important for further generations!

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Occasional city newsletters with information published in graphic form with minimal wordiness. Message should be clear and easy. Offer

more routes to navigate the bylaw.

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Having a well articulated guide with easy to understand graphics that accompanies the bylaw. Make sure it's easy to understand for people who might not be native English speakers.

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I think that 10cm is still too small to be protected whereas there's certainly still room for starting protection below 50cm, which very few species achieve in reasonable time periods.

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It could be useful to relate it to improving resident and community wellbeing in event of both extreme heat and atmospheric rivers. The difference in temperature is quite significant if there is sufficient tree canopy. Trees also do a lot to stabilize soil and absorb run-off with significant precipitation. Maybe cost savings picture? Connect with schools and give away trees.

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5/18/2023 12:18 PM

Maybe brochures on the importance of trees for the oxygen they emit and the cleaning up os CO2 ? Not sure...

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5/19/2023 12:19 AM

Preserving of the trees and green spaces should be the top priority of the City. Publishing brochures and holding webinars for the citizens can give necessary information to the citizens about the importance of taking care of the trees.

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5/19/2023 08:24 AM

Yes -Creation of a pamphlet that explains the bylaw -Advertisements on billboards -Interactive map of trees of importance (wildlife trees, large trees, culturally important trees) on website, on at least public land, but ideally on both private and public property. Photos and a description could be included for each tree. This would make residents more aware of where important trees are without having to inquire to the city. Residents could also submit a tree which they believe is of significance and a staff member could then visit these trees and assess whether they should be included in the tree registry. The map could also make residents and land owners have more pride in Port Moody's urban ecology and have more desire to protect significant trees.

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I don't believe education or awareness approaches would make a great difference. People either value trees and understand their importance to the environment or they don't really think it is that

important.

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A notice each year to residents reminding them of their responsibilities

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5/22/2023 11:33 AM

Priority information given for any permit application. General public newsletter.

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5/23/2023 05:35 PM

Yes, there needs to be education about the value of trees and the numerous services they provide the entire community. Too many people are scared of trees and think they are messy and "in the way" of development. We are going to need to support nature to support humans to deal w climate challenges we face.

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Simple brochures dropped off at people's houses and given with city mailings. Require these brochures to be given to owners at sale of property.

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Regular articles about heritage and protected trees in the Tri-City News and public announcements. Visible plaques attached to designated Heritage or other Old Growth trees, raise awareness in public schools for children to alert parents about the importance of trees for the environment and to help in the movement to alleviate climate change.

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Yes, encourage planting of native plants AND understory. People's yards go brown and stressed in extreme summer weather. Look to the surrounding forests for inspiration.

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Make presentations to Strata Councils, neighbourhood associations, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and other clubs, including youth groups, Science classes at Secondary Schools.

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a tree will last longer (some species 100- 800 years) than the service life of a new build which Metro Vancouver has determined to be 40 years.

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send out a publication along with tax info

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Perhaps an educational package consisting of the importance of tree retention and benefits of trees on your property accompanies a permit request

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Educate the public on the benefits of trees in general and on peoples property when they request a removal

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Flyers, school presentations

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5/31/2023 09:53 AM

the way it is now it in unfair to mature stratas We have so many trees and there is no where to plant you two for one rule. Also if the tree is deamed a hazard it should not require a permit and it could fall before the city actually approves one.

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6/01/2023 05:23 PM

People are not good at understanding why these kinds of policies are needed. We have a beautiful city with lots of trees and it is one reason we live in Port Moody. Asking the public to participate is so important.

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6/02/2023 03:05 PM

Providing on line educational opportunities for private property owners that outlines steps for applications, permitting, exemptions, how to properly measure a tree diameter with diagrams. Surrey has a partnership called SNAP (Surrey Natural Areas Partnership) that promotes stewardship of Surrey's natural areas. SNAP employs over 10 post-secondary students doing habitat restorations and education. Coquitlam hosts an annual "Great Tree Hunt" to look for significant trees and a nomination process. Some cities provide outreach and hands-on projects during Arbor Week. Vancouver responds to requests from residents to inspect trees and discuss good options for them. Burnaby has a easily accessible and easy to understand on line table called the Tree By Law FAQ page. This answers most questions that a homeowner may have about the trees on their property.

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Making the public knowledgeable about trees and issues around trees and habitats is best for everyone. We can all benefit from becoming aware of what is best for our communities towards creating a greener footprint.

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I think people need to be educated on the benefits of trees and how

6/15/2023 09:53 AM

they make a community more livable.

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People are killed by tree falls every year in Canada. Educate the

public about the hazards.

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there are some "specimen" or heritage trees around Port Moody.

Make a map of them, promote them on the city webpage, make people aware of them to enhance positive image of trees for residents in port moody.

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Have seminars for kids and adults on what are bylaws are and how to

help plant more trees.

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Work w home owners to understand what livably means to them. It

may be different for individual property types.

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Make Port Moody residents more aware of the importance of the Urban Forests - especially with the climate crisis that will affect everyone - and the importance of the carbon capturing by trees and the relief of the urban canopy with the rising temperatures in the

summer.

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of course, the importance of trees to the environment and nature

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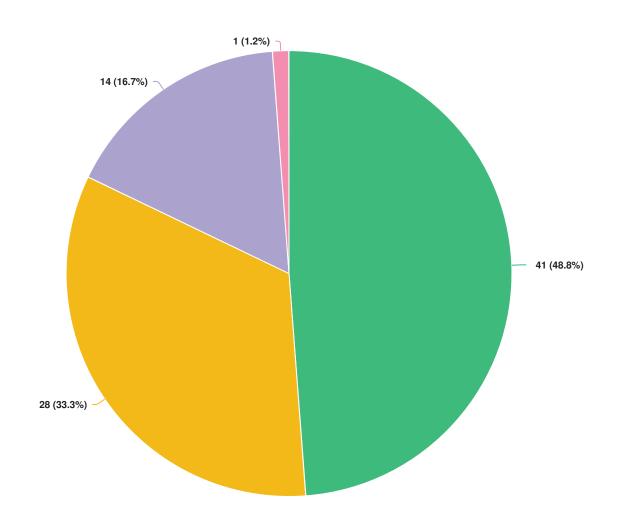
suggest bullets be provided in garbage/green waste/recyclables

calendar

Optional question (41 response(s), 43 skipped)

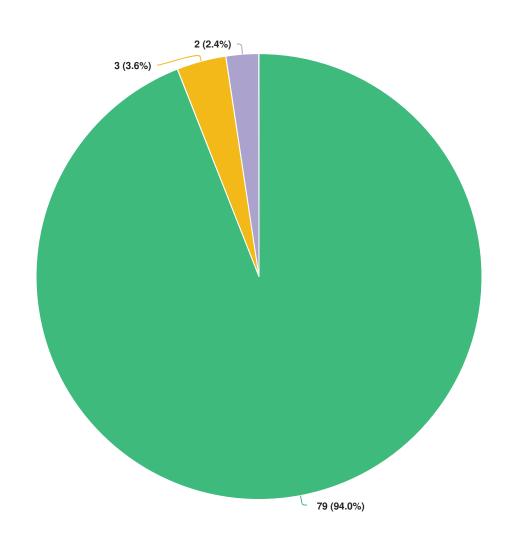
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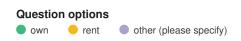
Q15 What type of property do you live on? Select one answer (optional)





Optional question (84 response(s), 0 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Do you own or rent the property where you live? Select one answer (optional)





Optional question (84 response(s), 0 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question 7

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Q17 Approximately how many trees do you have on your property? (optional)

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31 trees of vavrying sizes on a deck and many community trees
which are now causing a problem on a podium for the condo building.

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One very senior apple tree, hedges and landscape flowering shrubs

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Several

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none directly but lots on surrounding properties

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Numerous trees in courtyard and perimeter of property. Happy with the number of trees that have been planted on this property.

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Lots, we have a huge greenspace on our land

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Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2023 06:57 PM	4
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2023 07:04 PM	3
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2023 08:31 PM	Three large trees. We border Mossom Creek and lower Bert Flynn Park so there are numerous trees on the other side of our property
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2023 11:33 PM	10
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Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2023 08:27 AM	9
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2023 09:39 AM	About 7 large trees!
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2023 10:35 AM	My lot has 2. My strata has over 50
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2023 10:37 AM	Maybe 25 in the lot and a Greenbelt surrounding the whole property
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2023 12:47 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2023 04:57 PM	8 single trees and many bushes
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We have hundreds in the townhouse complex

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not sure...

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A lot

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20-30 in the entire complex (160+ units)

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There are approximately 20 trees in our property.

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Our strata has many mature trees throughout our complex. I have non specifically on my property.

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4 large trees

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There are too many to count as our property is partly forested.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2023 10:10 AM	100+
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2023 11:33 AM	8
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2023 10:34 AM	1
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2023 05:35 PM	21
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2023 01:51 PM	10
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2023 04:14 PM	1
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2023 01:20 PM	8
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2023 11:07 AM	Several hundred - 500-700+ on a 172 unit townhouse complex. Too many for maintaining a full inventory. Last site assessment completed in 2018.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2023 03:39 PM	6 - 3 i have planted, 3 I'm trying to protect from deliberate harm designed to kill them over time.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2023 09:13 PM	there are a number of shrubs that are all pruned, and it shouldn't matter to the city what I plan to do with them
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2023 10:27 AM	our complex is approximately 32 acres with thousands of trees some well over 100 feet

Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2023 06:59 PM	Lots
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2023 09:53 AM	500 plus
Screen Name Redacted 6/01/2023 05:23 PM	1 very large, a total of 10
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Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2023 12:18 PM	6
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Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2023 01:27 PM	5 or more
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2023 09:45 PM	trees 14+
Screen Name Redacted 6/15/2023 09:53 AM	2
Screen Name Redacted 6/18/2023 02:45 PM	25+ 3 very large fir, 1 very large cedar (all over 20+ meters in height) Assorted fruit trees. Acacia, Holly, several maples, 2 very large pines (15+ meters)
Screen Name Redacted 6/20/2023 03:08 PM	+10
Screen Name Redacted 6/21/2023 07:12 PM	4
Screen Name Redacted	several hundred

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we have trees in all commone areas, approx. 100

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800 tagged inventory + 100's of undersized

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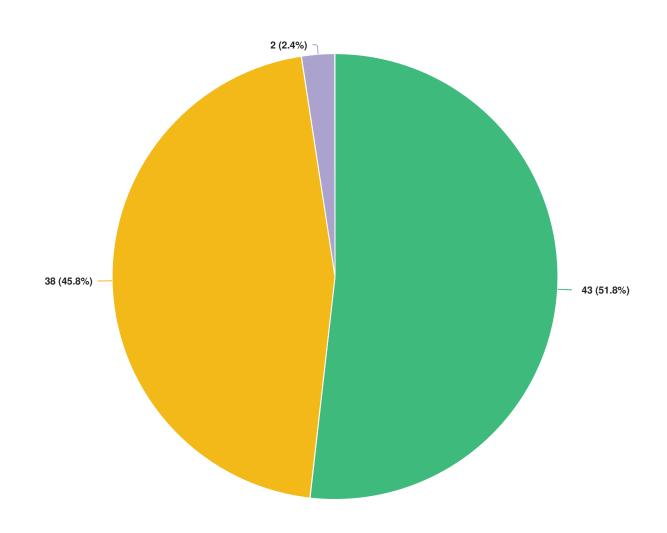
a lot, thousands

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Optional question (72 response(s), 12 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

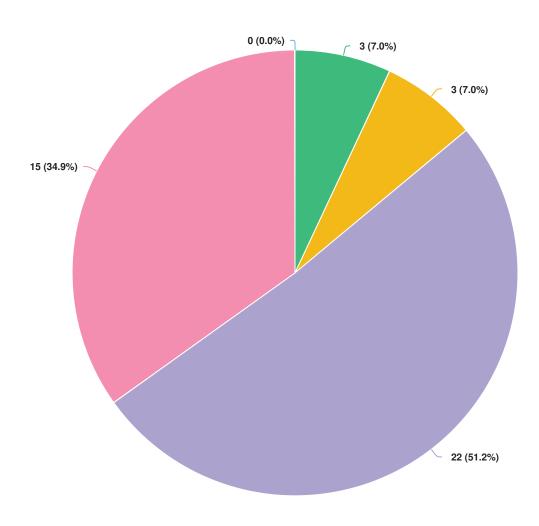
Q18 Have you ever removed a tree or trees from your property? (optional)





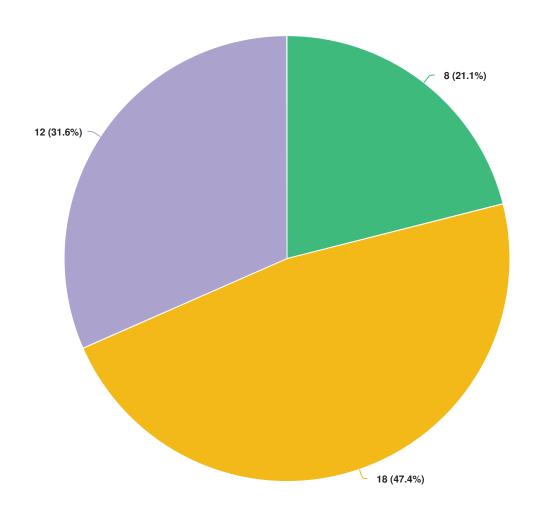
Optional question (83 response(s), 1 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

Q19 What was your primary reason for removing the tree(s)? Select one only (optional)



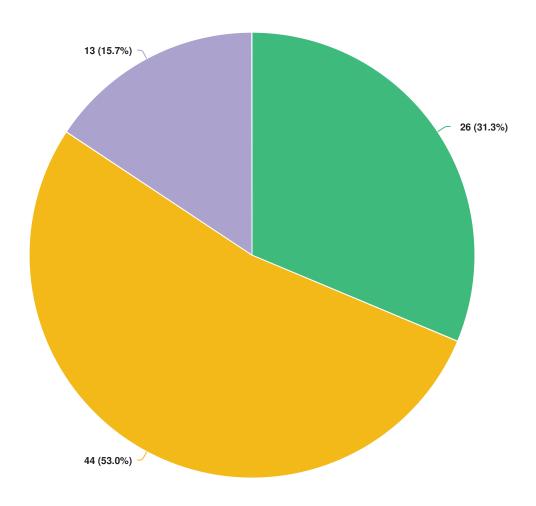


Optional question (43 response(s), 41 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Did you replace the tree(s): Select one answer (optional)





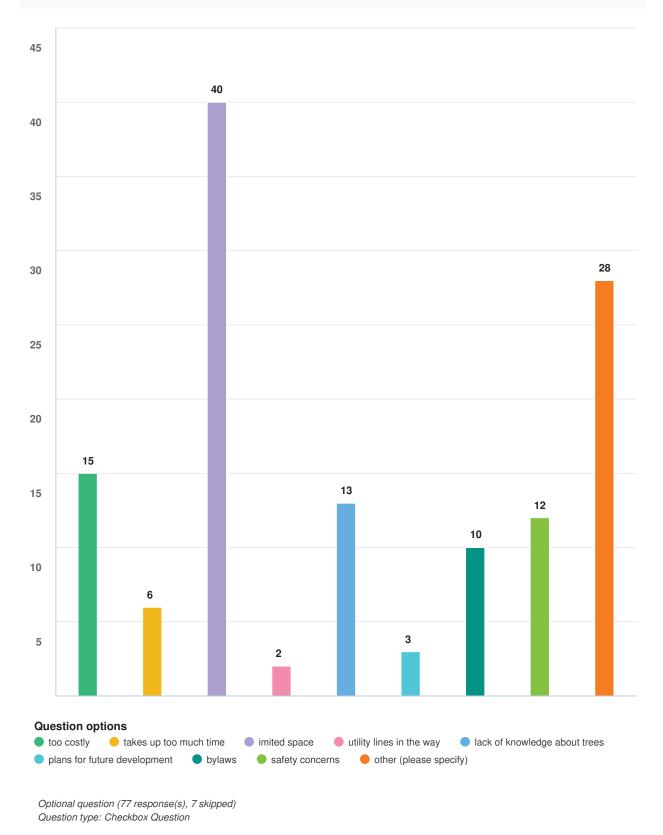
Optional question (38 response(s), 46 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q21 Do you have any available space where you could plant additional trees on your property? Select one answer (optional)





Optional question (83 response(s), 1 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

Q22 Are there barriers that prevent you from planting and maintaining a tree on your property? Select all that apply (optional)



Q23 Which bylaws do you consider a barrier and why? (optional)

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5/17/2023 08:42 AM

I don't think our strata lets us plant anything without permission, and all outdoor space is common property

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5/17/2023 05:10 PM

Tree replacement bylaws that require "more than you started with", requiring arborist reports, generally protecting small trees with a 10cm trunk - that's almost nothing, likely 25-30cm would be more reasonable starting point.

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5/19/2023 12·19 AM

I can not plant a tree in our property because the land belongs to all residents and everything should by done by the council of the building.

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replacement deposits strain strarta budgets

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strata bylaws and no space to plant

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What does this mean - which bylaw? Are we not talking about Bylaw 2961. This survey has not provided any space to clarify the choices made for many of the preceding questions and has left out options that are important to the specific question being asked. Questions: #3 - trees on PP are not under the bylaw, #7 - does not list \$ in lieu of replacement, #8 - not specific enough of the type, #9 - again no \$ in lieu of option, #18 - We did both different location and \$ in lieu of) so for these I have said 'unsure'. These questions w/o space to clarify will not give Port Moody a full view of the opinions of the survey participants.

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6/26/2023 10:10 AM

I feel that the "zoning" bylaws regarding housing density affect the urban forest profoundly and should be revisited to include the value as you have presented as the urban forest and to be protected in your tree protection bylaw these bylaws should go hand in hand.

Screen Name Redacted

Too many overgrown trees that should be removed to allow for new,

6/26/2023 10:17 AM

healthy growth

Optional question (9 response(s), 75 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q24 Please share any additional comments you may have related to the City's review of the Tree Protection Bylaw. (optional)

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leave private property owners alone we do not need more government regulation.

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5/16/2023 03:24 PM

This survey is heavily slanted to one side and is, frankly, insulting. It does not give consideration or even options for those people who oppose a heavy-handed approach to managing trees in the City. For my part, I would prefer the City utilize its shallow resources to manage the trees on Public property. Port Moody and surrounding areas have no shortage of trees. This survey is a leftover initiative from the past administration and the City's voters voted for less of this stuff. Planning staff ought to listen and adjust their priorities.

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5/16/2023 03:43 PM

When properties were developed, i.e. 12 years ago the regulations in place at the time, suited a developed. Now with a podium that has a grassed area the trees are way too big and will cause structural problems, they will need to come down at some point. YET the City has a policy take one down put up two. This is not physically possible and yet there seems to be no way around this. It is a huge future liability and expense for property owners in the strata.

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5/16/2023 03:50 PM

This is an important issue. Not only to our environment but the beauty of the city. Future generations are directly impacted by the trees that are planted, saved, and removed today.

Screen Name Redacted

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Its always a mystery how vandals will knock down trees in several spots along Washington Drive, almost as if some home owners had good luck of it happening in front of their home. Perhaps motion detector wildlife cameras need to be set up to catch the raccoons responsible.

Screen Name Redacted

5/16/2023 03:59 PM

Trees on owners property are not the city's business..we live in a rain forrest and trees grow wild.:what a waste of time and money

Screen Name Redacted

5/16/2023 04·29 PM

What is the definition of "available space" when planting trees? There also needs to be a like-for-like replacement in terms of ecological value. Removing a 30-year old tree and replaced with a sapling or even a 5-10 year old tree is not equivalent. What if the replacement tree is not viable? Some checks and balances should be required for replacements (native, viability, ecosystem value, etc).

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5/16/2023 04:36 PM

there are many trees with moss growing on it to the point the tree leans and ultimately fails. moss removal should be important as well

Screen Name Redacted

5/16/2023 04:59 PM

As the City is he'll bent on changing the face of Port Moody perhaps some land could be set aside for green spaces with tree instead of condos.

Screen Name Redacted

5/16/2023 05:30 PM

I am very pleased to have the opportunity for input.

Screen Name Redacted

5/16/2023 06:49 PM

Type of tree matters. I.e. fruit trees attract pests, rodents, bears etc. And there should be no restrictions on removing them.

Screen Name Redacted

5/16/2023 07:04 PM

It would be nice if the city provided a grant or tax reduction for planting more trees

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5/17/2023 07:33 AM

Trees are a important part of the ecosystem but far too often nonnative trees are planted in artificial locations and in ways / patterns that are anything but naturally occurring. Why we persist in compelling this artificial approach instead of following practices that are not naturally occurring and these days some moght say "reinforces colonial planning processes and practices" is beyond me.

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5/17/2023 08:27 AM

Trees that grow on other properties and now block important views should be trimmed if a request is made as it decreases property values

Screen Name Redacted

5/17/2023 08:42 AM

Having minimal fines means rich people can do what they want. You can't replant decades old trees. 2 saplings isn't enough, and even having a better number for replacements still takes a toll on the ecosystem and climate. People aren't allowed to pollute their "private property" ground because of the runoff that affects others. The same

rules should apply to keeping trees that have a major impact on the community and not just the yard where they are located.

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5/17/2023 09:39 AM

Please please please do us all living here a huge healthy favour... don't let people just cut down healthy trees! Make development keep large healthy trees and work around them like New Westminster does!! It's for our kids! Keep the City cooler! Keeping the earth stable! New developments should have to plant large trees all over for shade for seniors to enjoy the outdoors!

Screen Name Redacted

5/17/2023 10:37 AM

Trees play a vital part of the ecosystem, and in human health and well-being. The strongest levels of protection should be in place.

They also greatly enhance the aesthetic of any property and our city as a whole. Plus provide a lot of shelter and cooling as temperatures are warming up globally.

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5/17/2023 12:47 PM

permit process needs to be timely and include an appeal process, particularly due to safety concerns

Screen Name Redacted

5/17/2023 04:57 PM

Avoid being dictatorial with the population. Allow for variations in application of the bylaw.

Screen Name Redacted

5/17/2023 05:10 PM

If tree bylaws are strengthened, I'll be *very likely* to remove at least one medium-large tree sooner than later. In the long term, it'll have to go (problematic non-native species, size reaching the point where its root structure has taken over most of front yard, damaging both adjacent homes' driveways, threat to sewer lines), so better to strike quickly before one needs arborists, permits, strict rules about replacement trees, and so on.

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The loss of trees along St John's street has made the corridor look like an urban slum, as well as driven the average temperature up in the area. I hope that the replacement trees will be planted very shortly.

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5/18/2023 10:48 AM

Perhaps the city could subsidize the replacement tree costs or make it easier for people to source appropriate replacements.

Screen Name Redacted

5/18/2023 12:18 PM

I think the trees make Port Moody the beautiful and relaxing place it is, so it would be best to keep them, especially the mature ones.

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5/18/2023 05:00 PM

As I already said, please leave the hard working people alone. Our life is already overregulated and too expensive. Let us decide what we want and don't want to have on our property. There is no problem with trees in our beautiful city. Focus on real problems, not made-up ones.

Screen Name Redacted

5/19/2023 08:24 AM

I believe that at the top priority, the city must protect existing trees. Their large size is so important for the urban heat island effect and for birds and other wildlife. The small seedlings planted on large development properties as replacements appear to be non- native and do not provide nearly as much shade and habitat. They are surrounded by concrete, and often have limited space to grow and thrive. In no way do the small tree seedlings replace the amount of ecosystem services provided by existing mature trees. There should definitely be more incentive to protect trees of significance and they should be removed only if absolutely necessary.

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5/20/2023 07:48 PM

I think tree retention is a very important issue in this time of climate warming and developments in Port Moody that involve doing away with trees.

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5/21/2023 06:57 PM

All trees in my street had a single tree planted in their front lawn as part of the development. Multiple people have removed their trees and not planted a replacement, they do not appear to have been approached by Bylaws to tell them to plant a replacement. Also, some residents have been provided with a replacement tree by the city at no cost to them. There is inconsistency and that is frustrating for residents who pay for their own replacement tree and follow the bylaw.

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5/22/2023 11:33 AM

Retention of trees in Port Moody must be a priority

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5/23/2023 05:35 PM

Tree Retention has to be the highest priority and the first step with any redevelopment. We are losing too many and we desperately need the ecosystem services they provide - and PLEASE stop planting Fastigiate.

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5/24/2023 01:51 PM

I'd like to see owners have the right to replace trees on their property, particulalry where inappropriate trees have been planted resulting in too much canopy coverage, root disturbance, or interference with personal use of the property (e.g., trying to create space for vegetable

gardens or a family lounge area). I'd like to be able to replace trees that contribute to health issues, like severe allergies to certain species existing on one's yard.

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5/24/2023 04:14 PM

People use all kinds of reasons to remove trees; create too much shade, wrong Feng Shui, might fall on the house, trees are ugly compared to flowers, etc etc. It is important to maintain trees, especially older ones as they are the "Mothers" and "Fathers" of our urban forests. And in these times of climate change/disaster, we need these elders and their children. There is so much to learn from them. And so few people actually take the time to do that. So it is important to have clear bylaws about how trees in our city are regarded, protected and maintained, and if necessary, replaced.

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5/25/2023 01:20 PM

The question did you replace the tree you removed does not provide an answer for "no". As a homeowner I'm not required to replace removed trees, and the removal of our particular problem trees has resulted in much healthier environement for our remaining smaller trees (mostly natives) and understory (mostly natives). As a result, if we go the route of enforcing tree replacement, I strongly encourage evaluating on a case by case basis and encouraging native plants including complimentary understory species through education versus fines.

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5/25/2023 05:45 PM

ensure bylaws ate enforceable and that there is enough bylaw staff

Screen Name Redacted

5/26/2023 03:39 PM

what does the city plan to do about the beautiful mature trees in Coronation Park as it is being redeveloped? Urban wildlife is dependent on the trees. The biodiversity is very high, tree health is very high, correct siting is very high. NO reason to cut them all down.

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5/28/2023 09:13 PM

this tree survey is very limited and skewed towards private property. I also think trees in th4 green spaces, urban parks, and forests should be considered. a tree in the park next to my property that has outgrown its size is a concern that needs to be addressed

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5/30/2023 10:27 AM

As our complex is now over 30 years old the trees are becoming a concern and a challenge so working with the city will be vital.

Screen Name Redacted

5/30/2023 06:59 PM

Port Moody beauty is in how green the city is. We must protect that!

Screen Name Redacted

5/31/2023 09·53 AM

please make this fair for older mature stratas.

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6/01/2023 05:23 PM

Don't put too many rules and laws about property management. We all live here to enjoy our homes and don't want to be dictated to how to live on our own piece of land.

Screen Name Redacted

6/02/2023 01:26 AM

Protecting trees is so important. With the likelihood of density/increased population it's going to get harder and harder to maintain decent tree count. Especially since new developments clear the land clean of established trees and then replace them with measly 4-5 meter tall (at full size) basic trees that don't produce shade they are just decorative. Established trees help shade pavement, lower temperatures around them, provide a breeze, shelter people from sun and rain, and help an area look established and leans to its history.

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Under the category of "Protected Trees" the replacement trees themselves should be afforded definition and the same protections in the By Law. Soil, species specific trees, tree protection barriers, definitions for wildlife trees, critical root zones, crown pruning and willful damage to trees are subjects I think should be included in definitions or added to the list of fines for damages. As Port Moody currently spends less than other cities on tree management, resources and staff capacity may be a challenge. The implementation plan has a list of 77 action items and those responsibilities fall, mostly, to our environmental and parks staff. 41-43 of those action items are a high priority to occur within 1 -3 years. The costs and staff time are significant. If my math is correct, those initial action items are budgeted at, about, \$710, 000. On the subject of partnerships, although I think this is beneficial, it may at times be a hindrance to rely on needing another's permission in order to advance forward. Our cities targets for canopy cover should be independent enough to be able to move forward without them, if necessary. The wood utilization plan has been used, at times, to move forward on a building application instead of an incentive to retain trees. Keeping wood out of the waste stream is the approach for wood utilization. Incorporating the wood from tree removal in a building should not be an implied interpretation of "wood utilization", as this then misuses the importance of retaining trees. Enforcement and monitoring the by laws will need adequate staffing and budgets. Thank you for the comprehensive background report and all the good work that has been accomplished by our staff and Diamond Head Consulting to begin working toward a progressive Tree Protection By Law.

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6/13/2023 01:27 PM

It would be great to have the general public aware of different trees and planting of native species.

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6/14/2023 09:45 PM

Clty cut down trees on Street John Street? Replacement?

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6/15/2023 09:53 AM

I am glad that the city is trying to conserve trees.

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6/15/2023 08:52 PM

Our property is surrounded by green belt and trail public land trees that have not been well maintained. Trees cut down and not removed and trees encroaching on our property, branches roots etc. The bylaw has a heavy focus on what owners must do on their own property and not enough on city maintenance of trees on public land.

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6/18/2023 02:45 PM

I am concerned about the cost that may be incuf=rred if I wish to remove a tree on my property. At the same time I also am concerned that if single family houses start to be removed for infill that trees will be cut down prior to any development application, thus circumventing any need for tree replacement /planting.

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6/21/2023 01:09 PM

The city should have special consideration for tree remediation (removal or pruning) of trees near homes where they could fall and kill people sleeping in their bedrooms.

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6/22/2023 10:14 AM

Options for off-site tree replanting need to be available to developers to facilitate additional housing supply. Ideally, this would be on public lands, or private lands through a program for property owners.

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6/25/2023 05:09 PM

The list is very long, the city needs to bring in strata representatives to discuss how BL 2961 has affected our homeowners across the municipality since 2015. Under BL 2961 strata property owners have been singled out and punished with high associated costs for the maintenance of trees on our properties while the owners of detached homes in Port Moody have not had any restrictions on tree removals what so ever. This can be seen as a failure of due diligence by city council and the city planners that advise them. 1) BL 2961 has been applied w bias against strata homeowners for the last 7yrs, this could be viewed as a targeted municipal tax on Port Moody homes of lesser value. The city has built what appears to be a two-tiered system based entirely on property value. 2) By using development permits for

inclusion under BL 2961, strata homeowners have been treated like 'developers or commercial properties', which we are not. It has consistently punished a very small fraction of PM homeowners all the while leaving the single family homeowners free of any restrictions to clear cut their properties if they so choose. 3) Under BL 2961 stratas have been charged what amounts to a 'safety tax' for the removal of hazardous trees. Trees deemed a hazard to the safety of individuals and/or property should not require a permit for removal at all. 4) This bylaw has allowed the city undo overreach into the maintenance practices of stratas and positioned itself to have the final say on what can and can not be removed. Including trees that are well outside of ESA's, Heritage Trees and the pioneer species existing outside of the original landscape plans. The city should not position itself as tree police of what homeowners wish to do as far as landscaping or maintenance decisions. If there is a removal request that is not in an ESA or have Heritage status then the permit should be granted and the required replacement or funds-in-lieu-of should be followed. 5) The bylaw's focus on stratas - is itself - biased btw stratas. There has been no attempt to refer the bylaw to original landscape plans, therefore a mature established strata complex will have decades more growth to maintain than that of a more recently built complex. Making an established strata an even smaller minority to be singled out for associated (even) higher maintenance costs (listed below). 6) BL 2961 has not taken into consideration the ongoing associated high cost to strata homeowners of professionally maintaining the large tree inventory of an established complex. This includes fertilization practices, IPM, extensive yearly pruning, hazards, encroachment on structures, fire clearance and weather damage. 7) The bylaw also does not take into consideration volunteer fly-in's (decades of them for established stratas) or owner planted trees outside of strata bylaws which are usually planted in the wrong places. 8) BL2961 does not allow for healthy established 'volunteer trees' to be used in place of a sm 'nursery tree' under its replacement requirement. It should be allowed on an individual basis w the professional arborist from the strata working w the city arborist to identify (tag) and maintain the tree as they do w the small nursery trees the city currently requires. 9) There are currently no 'Exempt Species' in BL2961 (ie) Cottonwoods, Alder, Hemlocks which are 'pioneer species' & amp; prone to disease that can consequently become dangerous over time. They are also weak under completion from the sun, water & amp; nutrients. 10) The current DBH is far too low. For municipalities w a common land type to Port Moody (ie) N & Dr. W Vancouver the DBH is 75cm. 11) There are some municipalities that give a 'free removal' per year PM does not. 12) N & amp; W Van also have an option for owners to apply for a permit to limb city trees for views, air flow & amp; sunlight. PM has let its city trees overgrow everyones views, blocked sunlight and airflow causing rot of our structures. This has depleted property value and livability to its

homeowners, not to mention the lower property tax revenues to the city itself. Views of the beautiful inlet & property tax revenues to the city itself. Views of the beautiful inlet & property tax revenues to the city itself. Views of the beautiful inlet & property what sunlight we do get amongst the rain should be a perk of living here not a punishment for even mentioning it. 13) This bylaw could be administered to all homeowners, commercial properties & properties & property whether we equity by tethering it directly to development or redevelopment. This could mean anything from a new carport, a home addition, some kind of rebuild (Irg or sm, private or commercial) all the way to a newly built full complex. In other words, anything that requires the removal of a tree for (re)development would fall under the bylaw. That should be the cities focus instead of trying to police everyone on every aspect of tree removal w/i a maintenance capacity.

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6/26/2023 10:10 AM

I think you've done a very well researched review of the tree protection bylaws we hope it will be swiftly adopted by the City of Port Moody.

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The old growth is impacting our safety and quality of life making resale difficult as we have no control over the dead dangerous trees

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6/26/2023 10:30 AM

As you can see from y answeres, I generally support tree protection. However, I have mature trees located within 15 ft. of my home and worry about damage to my foundation. My experience is that our arborist does not care about home damage and at best will prune. Need to add potential for damage to bylaw as reasons for removing a tree. Also, I have problems because no matter what we do, tree debris gets into the gutters, it clogs downpipes and there's runoff. I would like to see this problem addressed in part by greater pruning being allowed. We also have little property available for replanting like trees, and need more options.

Optional question (52 response(s), 32 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q25 In the spring of 2022, did you complete the Phase 1 Trees in Port Moody survey with questions about the Urban Forest Management Strategy and Tree Protection Bylaw Review?

