



**SUBJECT: Public Tree Removal Report – 280 Green Street**

**TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.**

**FROM: Roads, Parks and Forestry Department**

Report Number: RPF-24-20

Wards Affected: 2

File Numbers: 820-02

Date to Committee: September 14, 2020

Date to Council: September 28, 2020

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### **Recommendation:**

Approve the request by the applicant to remove one city tree in order to safely disconnect a natural gas service line required for the demolition of the existing residence.

Instruct the applicant, Paul Ribau (Stonemill Developments Inc.), to provide compensation for the tree removal by providing cash in lieu of replacement totaling \$2,700.00. The funds will provide for new tree plantings in front of the proposed houses and provide care and maintenance for the first two years.

Direct that all associated costs with respect to the removal of the trees (including stump removal) will be the responsibility of the applicant, and the contractor hired to remove the trees will require approval by the Manager of Urban Forestry or designate.

### **PURPOSE:**

#### **Vision to Focus Alignment:**

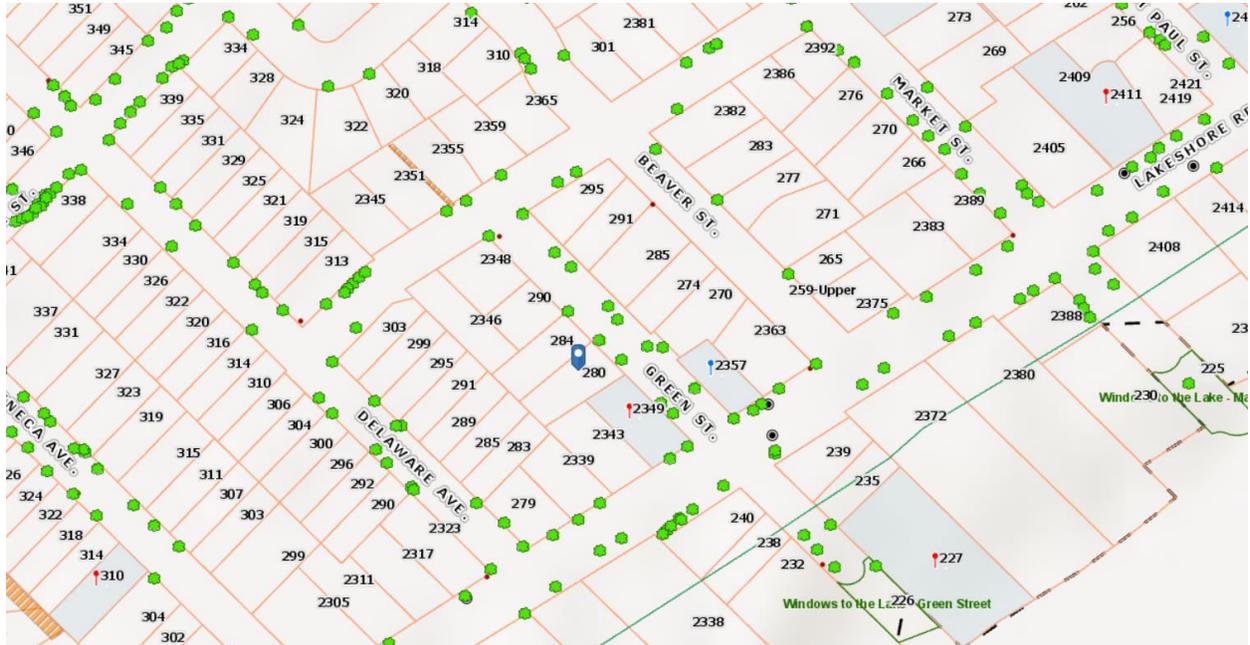
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
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### **Background and Discussion:**

The applicant contacted the Roads, Parks & Forestry department on June 30, 2020 to request information regarding the process for removing trees on the city road allowance. Forestry staff inspected the site on July 13, 2020. The applicant wishes to demolish the

existing residence and construct a new dwelling. In order to complete this work, existing services must be disconnected safely before proceeding.

The subject property is located between Guelph and Delaware Ave, north of Lakeshore Road (See Fig. 1).



### Strategy/process

The subject tree is a Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*) measuring 39 cm in diameter. The tree has been poorly pruned due to the proximity to hydro and has fair structure as a result.

### Options Considered

Given the location of the gas shut off valve is directly under the tree, the utilization of sensitive excavation methods (hydrovac) cannot be achieved as it would structurally destabilize the tree.

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### Financial Matters:

A total of \$2,700 shall be paid by Paul Ribau, Stonemill Developments Inc. as compensation for the loss of the tree. These funds will be utilized to replace the loss in canopy. The costs of tree and stump removal will be borne entirely by the applicant.

**Total Financial Impact**

Not applicable

**Source of Funding**

Not applicable

**Other Resource Impacts**

Not applicable

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**Conclusion:**

The City's Forestry section have reviewed the proposed tree removal and support the removal as per the recommendations listed above.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendices:**

A. Photos

**Notifications:**

**Report Approval:**

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Council. Final approval is by the City Manager.