

STAFF REPORT

DATE: 2025-12-16 **FILE:** Admin-2026-001
TO: Ross Blackwell, CAO
FROM: Shawna Driscoll, Administrative Assistant
RE: **Tree Application No. 136 – 45 Periwinkle Place**

PURPOSE:

To seek a Council decision pertaining to proposed tree cutting work, as outlined in the Tree Committee's recommendation in accordance with the Trees, Views, and Landscapes Bylaw No. 393, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

The Tree Committee met on site at 45 Periwinkle Place on December 17, 2025. The minutes from the meeting are attached for reference. The applicant is requesting permission to remove two trees to regain his view, pursuant to section 3.4.1.6 of the Trees, Views, and Landscapes Bylaw No. 393 as seen in the application. There were three out of nine opposed neighbours for the removal of particularly the large tree due to its maturity, the wildlife and ecosystem, and the visual and sound barrier between homes and the highway. Two residents provided an additional letter outlining in more detail their concerns with the removal, some preferring windowing as an option instead of removal to still allow for some of their view back. Public Works requires a blue steel water valve in this location be protected from damage.

DISCUSSION:

The Tree Committee recommends spiraling to the maximum extent, without killing the trees. They had some concerns that wind could cause damage to the trees and therefore be a danger to the public, while recognizing that six affected owners are in support of the application and three owners are not. They noted the applicant would like his view returned and the neighbours are mainly objecting on the basis of sound and wind.

OPTIONS:

- (1) Approve Tree Application No. 136 as recommended by the Tree Committee.
- (2) Provide no decision or direction.
- (3) Refer the matter to staff with specific direction.

RECOMMENDED OPTION:



Option 1, approve Tree Application No. 136.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

THAT Council approve Tree Cutting Permit Application No. 136 subject to the following conditions:

- a) The two trees in the application can be spiraled to the maximum extent;
- b) The blue municipal steel water valve be protected from damage;
- c) All associated debris shall be removed and the site cleaned to the condition prior to tree cutting;
- d) That the Municipality shall be notified as soon as possible after the cutting to advise that the subject work has been completed;
- e) compliance with the Bylaw restrictions regarding bird nesting season;
- f) if working from the road, a traffic control plan approved by Public Works;
- g) damage deposit, arborist/contractor's WorkSafe BC certificate and insurance in compliance with Municipal requirements, and any other Municipal bylaw requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Driscoll
Administrative Assistant

Report Approved By,

Ross Blackwell
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:



(1) Tree Application No. 136

(2) Trees, Views, and Landscapes Committee Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2025