

## Notice of Clearance Pruning in Cadboro Bay & Gordon Head

Municipal arborists will be completing routine clearance pruning over the traveled portion of the roads within Cadboro Bay and Gordon Head over the next six to eight weeks. Transport Canada requires clearance of 14 feet six inches (4.33 meters) over the traveled portion of the road. These clearances are required to allow for the movement of emergency vehicles, garbage and recycling trucks, moving trucks and buses unencumbered.

The Fire Department has added a new replacement ladder/pumper truck to Fire Hall # 3 on Sinclair Road which services the Cadboro Bay and Gordon Head area. This truck comes on line on September 1, 2010, and as such, time is of the essence to complete this pruning. Urban Forestry staff have driven the roads within the Cadboro Bay Neighbourhood over the past week and have recorded the anticipated pruning and tree removal requirements to meet the clearance standards. On the major and collector roads such as Arbutus, Cadboro Bay and Sinclair, we expect to do minimal pruning to achieve the required clearances. On some of the narrower residential streets with native tree cover we anticipate more dramatic pruning and some removals to achieve the clearances. These include: Queenswood, Macdonald, Tudor, Sea View and many of the smaller roads within 10 Mile Point. There are also approximately 20 dead Arbutus trees in the road right of way which will be removed during this project. The majority of these trees are located on Queenswood & Macdonald. As several of the streets in question are narrow, we will also be utilizing flagger's and posting no parking signs to allow the work to be completed in a timely manner to reduce the inconvenience to the residents.

Given the sensitivity over trees and canopy cover, we have developed a communication plan for your association as well as individual property owners. We seek the support of your association to communicate this pruning to your residents.

### Communication Plan:

1. Notification to the CBRA
2. Map with weekly pruning schedule outlined
3. Individual letters to those property owners impacted by the more sensitive pruning. We will be mailing a draft letter to residents one week prior to the indicated pruning time.
4. Information placed on Parks Web Site [www.saanichparks.ca](http://www.saanichparks.ca) by August 18, 2010
5. Notice in Saanich News (Week of August 23 - 27, 2010)
6. Where possible personal contact with bordering property owners if tree requires removal. If personal contact cannot be made we will leave a door knocker with contact information.
7. Posting a sign on each tree to be removed for a period of 5 business days to allow for comment prior to tree removal."

Rob Hughes, Supervisor of Urban Forestry will be supervising this pruning and will be our point of contact for the public. He can be reached by email at [rob.hughes@saanich.ca](mailto:rob.hughes@saanich.ca) , by phone at 250-475-5532 or cell 250-883-2924.