

Tree protection bylaw invites disaster

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Dear Editor:

Re: WV Owners Chop Trees
to Beat Bylaw, April 22 story.

Bylaw be damned! Our
West Vancouver council has
just adopted a bylaw protect-
ing West Vancouver trees over
75 centimetres in diameter.
This is inviting disaster of the

first order. With the exception
of one tulip tree in the 1700-
block of Mathers Avenue and
a few decadent evergreens in
the Klootchman, Lighthouse
and Cypress Falls parks, all
large trees are second growth,
mostly hemlock and red cedar.
Top heavy and shallow-rooted

they are prime candidates
for “blowdown” in the next
windstorm.

Will our council reimburse
the homeowner whose house
is smashed by a 76 cm hem-
lock? With whose money?

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