

Subject: Fw: Revised Tree Retention Notice of Motion for Introduction at May 2 Council Meeting/Debate May 9 - Panorama Drive Street Ends Site Visit

Date: Thu, 28 Apr 2005 23:44:14 -0700

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CC: "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>

Brian - please distribute motion to FONVCA members and advise that I have arranged a site visit to Panorama Drive street ends with Diana Bellhouse for Sunday, May 1, 2005, meeting at the Panorama Park parking lot at 1:15pm - all welcome. Thanks.

Jim C.

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From: [Jim Cuthbert](#)

To: ahilsen@dnv.org

Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2005 11:48 AM

Subject: Revised Notice of Motion for Introduction at May 2 Council Meeting

Hi Agnes, I've revised the motion to reflect additional community/corporate input. Final version follows:

WHEREAS the District of North Vancouver's adopted Official Community Plan (OCP) indicates "*the forested character natural setting of the District is its most striking feature and of prime importance to most residents*"; and

WHEREAS Policy 3.1.1 of the OCP requires "*Retention of the generally forested character of the community*" and

WHEREAS hundreds of attractive large conifer and deciduous trees (including some uncommon varieties) on District of North Vancouver property (including dedicated parkland) and privately-owned land along BC Hydro's 230 kilovolt transmission line corridor have recently been marked (via bright blue paint vs preferred tags) for removal or modification (e.g. topping) by BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC); and

WHEREAS numerous large western red cedar and western hemlock trees have recently been cut within or adjacent to BC Hydro's 230 kilovolt 100 foot corridor with only one of the trees appearing dead and with logs, branches and chippings left on site; and

WHEREAS tree branch trimming and tree topping have been successfully employed by BC Hydro for decades within the District as the preferred method of hazard abatement as part of BC Hydro's previously well received "Good Neighbour" policy; and

WHEREAS many of the marked trees described above previously classified as "dangerous" trees by BCTC agents under the Edge Tree project are now referred to as "still healthy enough that they can be re-topped",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council write to Thomas Wells, BCTC Vegetation Manager requesting:

1. The BCTC Edge and Right of Way Program within the District of North Vancouver be modified to require concurrence from 2 independent certified arborist companies (supported by increment bore data) before any trees on District or District resident properties are formally designated "hazardous or dangerous" to the 230 kilovolt transmission line within the District and therefore subject to removal or modification (e.g. topping, spiral thinning) beyond branch trimming.
2. The BCTC Edge and Right of Way Program within the District utilize tree-topping wherever and whenever possible as a means of protecting the 230 kilovolt line within the District rather than tree removal in order to maintain the District's attractive forested character and protection from potentially harmful electromagnetic waves and that such tree-topping incorporate angular cuts with subsequent application of tree dressing to ensure tree health and vigour.
3. No tree removal/modification of designated hazardous trees on or adjacent to District or District resident properties without prior consultation with those affected and a minimum of two weeks written notice.
4. No tree removal/modification of trees other than those formally designated as hazardous on District or District resident properties without written approval of the property owner or designate.
5. A detailed written summary of statistical records of events since 1948 along the 230 kilovolt line within the District which led to power outages which in turn have been used to justify BCTC's accelerated Edge Tree project.

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From: [Jim Cuthbert](#)

To: ahilsen@dnv.org

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2005 3:40 PM

Subject: Notice of Motion for Debate at May 9th Council Mtg

Hi Agnes, Notice of Motion follows:

WHEREAS the District of North Vancouver's adopted Official Community Plan (OCP) indicates "*the forested character natural setting of the District is its most striking feature and of prime importance to most residents*"; and

WHEREAS Policy 3.1.1 of the OCP requires "*Retention of the generally forested character of the community*" and

WHEREAS hundreds of attractive large conifer and deciduous trees (including some uncommon varieties) on District of North Vancouver property (including dedicated parkland) and privately-owned land along BC Hydro's 320 kiloVolt transmission line corridor have recently been marked (via bright blue paint vs preferred tags) for removal or modification (e.g. topping) by BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC); and

WHEREAS numerous large western red cedar and western hemlock trees have recently been cut within or adjacent to BC Hydro's 320 kiloVolt 100 foot corridor with only one of the trees appearing dead and with logs, branches and chippings left on site; and

WHEREAS tree branch trimming and tree topping have been successfully employed by BC Hydro for decades within the District as the preferred method of hazard abatement as part of BC Hydro's previously well received "Good Neighbour" policy; and

WHEREAS many of the marked trees described above previously classified as "dangerous" trees by BCTC agents under the Edge Tree Evaluation program are now referred to as "still healthy enough that they can be re-topped",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council write to the BCTC Vegetation Manager requesting:

1. The BCTC tree hazard evaluation program within the District of North Vancouver be modified to require 2 independent professional arborist opinions (supported by increment bore data) regarding the probability of all trees of interest causing disturbance to the 320 kiloVolt transmission lines prior to 2015 within the District of North Vancouver,
2. Two weeks written notice of any tree removal/modification work on or adjacent to District resident properties or District property.