

TO: CITY MANAGER 1999 SEPTEMBER 15

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: TREE ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT
7926 WEDGEWOOD STREET

PURPOSE : To respond to a letter from the owner of 7926 Wedgewood Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Mehma S. Chera, 7926 Wedgewood Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 2E8.

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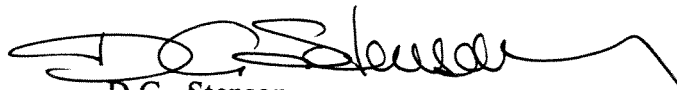
Appearing on the Agenda for the 1999 September 13 Council meeting was an item of correspondence asking for the removal of a Douglas Fir on Burnaby property. Staff have viewed the tree in question and see no symptoms of stress typically associated with root damage. There is no immediate need to remove the tree apparent. However a further detailed inspection has been arranged.

The tree is located on 7923 Edmonds Street, a property owned by the City. The tree is a Douglas Fir about 60' high, located close to the property line. The tree very likely suffered some root damage during the 1996 construction by Mr Chera of the house at 7926 Wedgewood. The extent of damage cannot be verified, but is likely less than 50% of the total root mass as the previous house on the property was within the rooting area. As construction predated the Burnaby Tree Bylaw, staff were not on site before or during construction.

Mr Chera has previously contacted staff requesting removal of the tree as it was shedding needles and cones on his roof and deck. At that time, both Urban Forestry and Building arborists concluded that the tree was healthy and that there was no reason for the removal of the tree.

On 1999 September 13, three full years after the completion of Mr Chera's house, Building Department staff arborists noted no signs of stress associated with root damage. This suggests the tree has adjusted well to the construction at 7926 Wedgewood. A further, more detailed evaluation of the tree has been arranged. Staff advise that currently there is no apparent need to remove the tree.

This is for the information of Council.



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Director Planning and Building

