

TO: CITY MANAGER 1999 MARCH 24

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **AMENDED PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE FOR CUTTING TREES
BURNABY TREE BYLAW**

PURPOSE: To propose an amended permit fee schedule for cutting trees related to the Burnaby Tree Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Burnaby Tree Bylaw be amended to provide a limit on the calculation of permit fees for cutting trees as outlined in this report.

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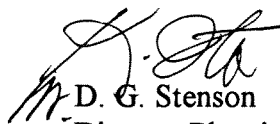
A recent amendment has included trees within the Cemetery District (P4) in the scope of the Burnaby Tree Bylaw.

Under the Burnaby Tree Bylaw, Tree Cutting Permit Fees are calculated on a per tree basis of \$50 for the first tree removed and \$25 per tree for subsequent trees. This has been found appropriate for single family and duplex zoned areas. However, the inclusion of P4 districts within the Bylaw brings densely forested areas within the scope of the Bylaw. Staff consider that applying the existing per tree fee to densely forested areas may result in fees being imposed upon the applicant that could not be justified under the Municipal Act.

The Municipal Act allows fees to be charged to offset the administrative costs associated with the Bylaw. It does not allow fee charges related to inspection or assessments of the site. After reviewing the likely administrative costs and consultation with other municipalities, staff recommend that the tree cutting permit fees under the Bylaw be amended as follows:

\$50	for first tree
\$25	for subsequent trees, to a maximum of
\$250	per 0.5 ha for the first 0.5 ha
\$225	per 0.5 ha for the next 2.5 ha
\$180	per 0.5 ha for subsequent areas.

Appearing elsewhere on this Agenda for first, second and third readings is the amending bylaw.


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