

2001 April 25

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
SUBJECT: SAFETY ISSUE RELATING TO 100 FOOT HIGH CEDAR HEDGE
PURPOSE: To update Council on the safety issue relating to the hedge on the property of the Group Home on Wedgewood Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2001 April 02, Council requested information on the condition of a cedar hedge in the vicinity of 7731 Wedgewood Street. A property owner had made inquiries as to the condition of the hedge following a tree failure during a windstorm 2000 December 14.

The City Arborist and staff attended the site and assessed the remainder of the cedar hedge. They report the hedgerow is in good condition. The hedgerow is comprised of several trees, three of which exhibit a condition known as 'compression fork'. In certain circumstances, these forks can be a point of weakness, however, the assessment indicates that there is no cracking in the remaining stand.

The Forestry Section considers the hedgerow to be in good condition and not requiring the removal of any significant stems. Annual assessment will be made on the hedgerow and any required work will be undertaken.



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