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# Tree Information Report v2.0

Submitted as part of Committee of Adjustment Application to the City of Ottawa

**Address:** 65 Acacia

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**Date of Site Visit:** October 11, 2022

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**This Report must be read in its entirety, including the Assumptions and Limiting Conditions attached herein.**

### Purpose of the Report

This is an update to the previous version of this report to reflect the revised site plans, received April 13, 2023, as requested by city staff.

The purpose of this report is to provide the client with a detailed description of all protected trees on site as per the City of Ottawa's Tree Protection By-law No. 2020-340. This report is part of a Committee of Adjustment application to the City of Ottawa and considers the impact that the proposed development will have on the trees. The assessment of the suitability of tree retention is based on the information provided at the time of report preparation which includes:

- Survey prepared by Farley, Smooth & Denis dated November 14, 2018
- Site Plan prepared by Susan D. Smith Architect dated September 2022
- Revised Site Plan by Susan D. Smith Architect dated February 28, 2023

This assessment does not consider additional factors that could influence tree retainability such as:

- site grading
- installation of services for the new units
- capping of existing water and sewer services
- installation of gas lines for the new units
- site access

The potential for retaining those tree(s) identified for retention in this report may change as more information on the site-specific construction details is provided during the building permitting phase.



For those trees that are recommended for retention, mitigation measures are provided to reduce the impact during construction. It should be noted that the construction phase includes all site works that could impact trees, from the capping of services at the beginning to the final landscaping steps at the end.

**Methodology**

The following materials were reviewed as part of this report:

- Site Plan and survey
- GeoOttawa tree inventory layer and aerial photography
- Google© Street View imagery – various years

A site visit was conducted to collect the following information from each tree classified as protected under the City of Ottawa’s Tree Protection By-law No. 2020-340:

- Diameter at breast height (1.3 m from grade)
- Species
- Tree health

**Tree Information:**

The following is an inventory of all trees that are protected under City of Ottawa Tree Protection (By-law No. 2020-340) on the site and adjacent City property. This includes Distinctive Trees (private trees with a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 30 cm or greater) and city-owned trees of all sizes. It also includes Distinctive Trees on adjacent properties whose Critical Root Zone (CRZ) extend into the subject area. The CRZ is an area around the trunk with a radius equivalent to 10 times the diameter of the trunk. This does not take into account infrastructure such as buildings and asphalt and assumes the tree has no restrictions on root growth.

Tree <sup>1</sup>	Species	Diameter at breast height (cm)	Ownership <sup>2,3</sup>	Condition	Action	Recommendations
1	Black maple ( <i>Acer nigrum</i> ), possibly hybridized with sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	51, 31 cm	City	Good, 2 main stems with included bark	Retain	Retain and protect with fencing as per City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021). Grade changes to be kept as far from tree trunk as possible. Certified arborist to expose roots with air spade and sever them cleanly by hand for both grade changes greater than 10cm and excavation for retaining wall.
2	Black maple ( <i>Acer nigrum</i> ) possibly hybridized with	34 cm	Private	Fair; asymmetric crown and slight lean downslope, no mean leader	Remove	In conflict with excavation for new building footprint; <b>Distinctive Tree Permit</b>



	sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )			(covered by squirrels' nest)		required from the city for removal
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4 <sup>4</sup>	Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	30 cm (estimate)	Adjacent property at 41 Acacia	Poor, topped for hydro clearance	Retain	Retain and protect with fencing as per City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021). Grade changes within TPA to be no more than 10cm.
5 <sup>4</sup>	Sugar maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	32, 32 cm	Private	Fair/good; 2 codominant stems with included bark at junction, little tape at base and slow growth	Retain	Retain and protect with fencing as per City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021). Grade changes within TPA to be no more than 10cm.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the attached Tree Information map for tree numbers. Note that this includes a tree layer added to the site plan (in pdf format) provided by the client. This layer includes only information about the trees and the original site plan is not altered in this process.

<sup>2</sup>Ownership of the tree in this report is based on the information provided and should not be used as a determination of ownership. For ownership disputes, a survey should be relied on. For boundary trees, consent from the adjacent property owner is required for removal as part of the application.

<sup>3</sup>Trees on adjacent properties do not include a full assessment. The diameters are estimated, and the health is estimated based on what is visible from the subject property. Trees along the property line may also have limited health assessments if part of the tree is not visible.

<sup>4</sup>The location of these trees was not provided and has been estimated

**Proposed development and preserved vegetation**

**Trees 1 and 2** have traits of both black maple (*Acer nigrum*) and sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*). These are both hard maples and are known to hybridize with one another, making identification down to single species difficult. Both species are native to the area, but Ottawa is in the upper limit of the black maple range. Although sugar maple is much more common than black maple, in Rockcliffe, there is a higher presence of black maple than elsewhere in Ottawa (anecdotal observation).

This site has a downward slope from the rear of the property to the road with a difference in grading of over 2 metres. City staff have requested the existing stone retaining wall along the sidewalk be removed, and terracing will be required to accomplish a 3:1 slope up towards the proposed building, as per city requirements. This terracing is largely existing, but some minor grade changes will be required within the CRZ of **Tree 1**. These grade changes should be limited to 10cm maximum and kept as far from the tree trunk as possible. Where grade changes must exceed 10cm, a certified arborist is to be employed to reveal the roots using an air spade to be able to sever the roots cleanly by hand. Similarly for the proposed retaining wall, an air spade is to be used to reveal roots so they can be severed cleanly



by hand. The tree will be able to seal these clean cuts faster and there will be fewer entryways for pathogens.

The ground around **Trees 3-5** will also require terracing, however the impact is expected to be minimal, as the existing slope is very close to the desired ratio. Grade changes of over 10cm are to be kept as far from the tree trunk as possible.

Prior to any site works, protective fencing should be installed around the trees as indicated in the attached Tree Information Map and maintained until all construction on site has been completed as per the **City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021)**. Within the fenced area, the following tree protection guidelines should be applied:

- Do not change the grade
- Do not store construction material
- Do not operate machinery
- Do not convert to hard surface or change the landscaping
- Do not excavate unless it is a method that has been pre-approved by the City
- Do not place signs, notices or posters to any tree
- Do not damage the root system, trunk, or branches of any tree
- Direct the exhaust away from the tree

The tree protection fencing must be 1.2 m in height and constructed of a rigid or framed material (e.g. modulus – steel, plywood hoarding, or snow fence on a 2"X4" wood frame) with posts 2.4 m apart such that the fence location cannot be altered. All supports must be placed outside of the CRZ and installation must minimize damage to existing roots.

If the fenced tree protection area must be reduced to facilitate construction, *one* of the following mitigation measures should be applied:

- Place a layer of 6-12 inches (15 to 30 cm) of woodchip mulch to the area
- Apply ¾ (2 cm) inch plywood, or road mats over a 4+ inch (10 cm) thick layer of the wood chip mulch
- Apply 4-6 inches (10 to 15 cm) of gravel over a taut, staked, geotextile fabric

**Failure to install and maintain fencing as indicated in the Tree Information Map may result in fines from the City.**

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on October 11, 2022. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,





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*Figure 1: Tree 1, city-owned sugar/black maple tree to be retained*



*Figure 2: Tree 2, sugar/black maple tree to be removed*



*Figure 3: Trees 2 to 5 in the southwest corner of the property*





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### Limitations of this Report

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In carrying out this Report, Dendron and its agents, assessors, and/or employees have exercised a reasonable standard of care, skill, and diligence as would be customarily and normally provided in carrying out this Report. While reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the trees recommended for retention are healthy, no guarantees are offered, or implied, that these trees, or all parts of them will remain standing. It is professionally impossible to predict with absolute certainty the behaviour of any single tree or group of trees, or all their component parts, in all given circumstances. Inevitably, a standing tree will always pose some risk. Most trees have the potential to fall, lean, or otherwise pose a danger to property and persons in the event of adverse weather conditions, and this risk can only be eliminated if the tree is removed.

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- a) any legal description provided with respect to the Property;
- b) issues of title and or ownership respect to the Property;
- c) the accuracy of the Property line locations or boundaries with respect to the Property; and
- d) the accuracy of any other information provided to Dendron by the Client or third parties;
- e) any consequential loss, injury or damages suffered by the Client or any third parties, including but not limited to replacement costs, loss of use, earnings and business interruption; and
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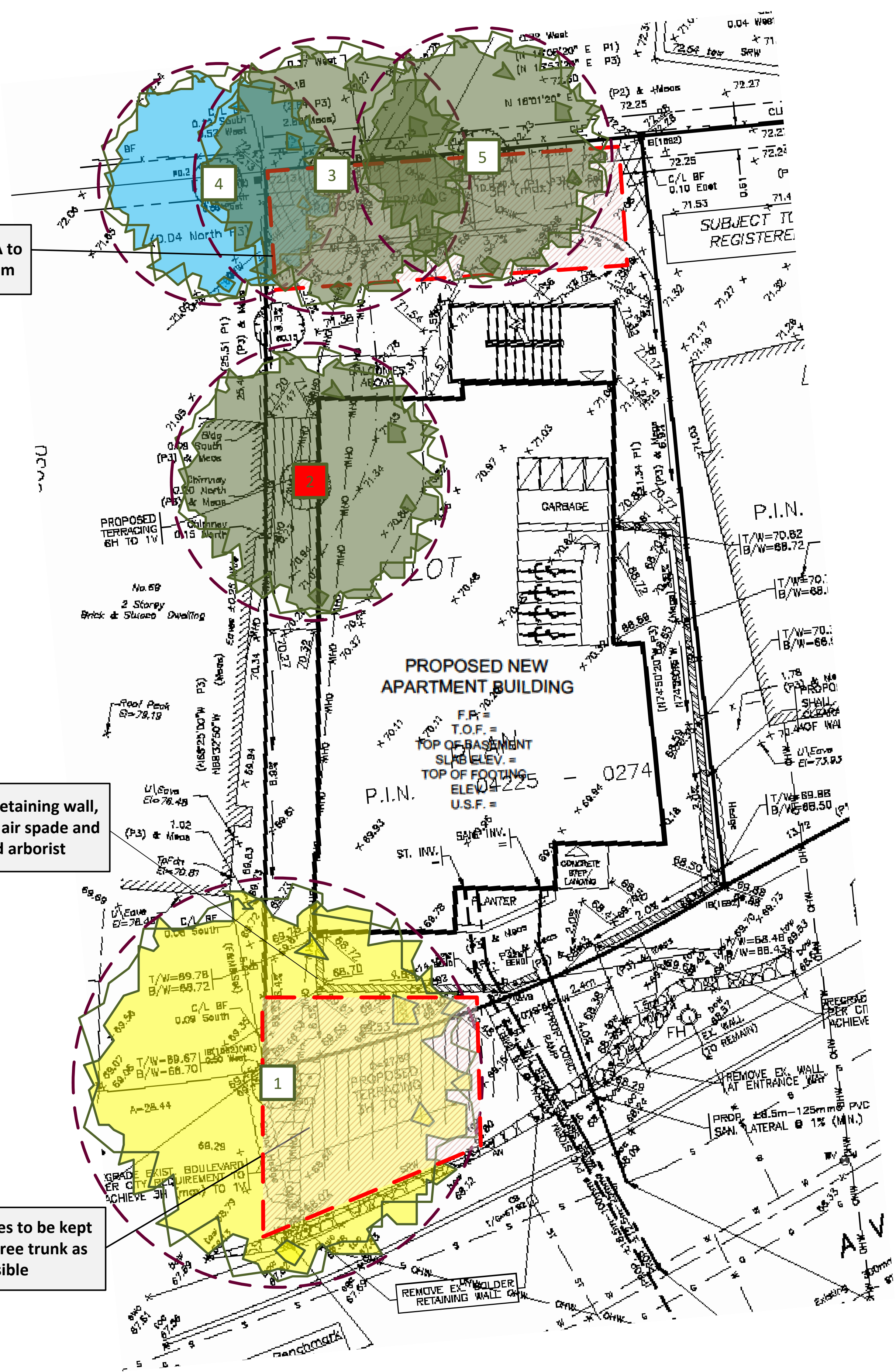
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Notwithstanding any of the above, nothing in this Report is taken to absolve the Client of the responsibility of obtaining a new Report in the event that the circumstances of the tree change.

Grade changes within TPA to be kept to 10cm maximum

During excavation for retaining wall, roots to be exposed by air spade and pruned by certified arborist

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**Note:** it is acknowledged that grade changes will occur within the TPAs on this site. Changes within TPAs are to be kept to a maximum of 10cm and as far from tree trunks as possible. Fencing must be re-installed once grading is complete.

### Legend

- Critical Root Zone
- Tree Protection Area
- Tree to be removed
- Private Tree
- Tree either fully or partly on city property
- Tree either fully or partly on adjacent property

**Note:** this tree layer has been added to the original site plan supplied by the client in pdf format. This layer refers to the trees only, and the original site plan has not been altered in the process. Refer to the original plan for details as quality is lost when importing the plan into the mapping software used to create the tree layer.

**Note:** The locations of trees 3,4, and 5 have been estimated using the survey plan.



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