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Tree Information Report v2.0

Submitted as part of Building Permit Application for the City of Ottawa

Address: 8 McLeod/112 Queen Street

Date: October 1, 2021

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Site Visit: May 1, and October 1, 2021

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 it assumed the tree has no restrictions on root growth.

Tree ¹	Species	Diameter at breast height (cm)	Ownership ^{2,3}	Condition	Action	Arborist Recommendations
1	Silver maple (Acer saccharinum)	104 cm	City – in front of adjacent property at 34 McLeod	Good; mature silver maple slowing in growth, but no significant defects	Retain and protect	Use permeable material for driveway, apply root mitigations as described in report
2	White oak (Quercus alba), possibly English oak	57 cm	National Capital Commission	Fair; has been pollarded in the past, significant crown dieback apparent during second site visit on October 1st	Retain and protect	Area required for patio installation will be hydrovaced ahead of excavation along with manual root cutting

¹ Please refer to the attached site plan for tree numbers. Note that the Tree Information map 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 grading plan is not altered in this process.

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²Ownership 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 neighbouring property owner is required for removal as part of the application.



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There is a large, city-owned silver maple in front of the adjacent property at 34 Macleod street that has an extensive root system, and there is a possibility that some of extends under the current driveway at 8 McLeod. When this driveway is resurfaced as part of the new development, a certified arborist will be onsite to apply the following mitigations:

- Avoid tearing/damaging the roots when removing asphalt. Certified arborist should carefully cut any roots, if necessary.
- Roots should not be left exposed and be covered with soil as quickly as possible, or temporarily with a moist, organic material such as mulch and/or burlap
- Use of permeable material for the driveway to increase water availability to the trees

The oak on the NCC property along Queen Elizabeth Drive is on the other side of the sidewalk, and the new patio will be built within the critical root zone of this tree. The tree is 1.8 m from the sidewalk and the new patio will be at 4.2 m from the tree (the critical root zone is 5.7 m). The installation of this new patio will require the removal of the topsoil, possibly resulting in the loss of some roots. To mitigate damage to the roots, a hydrovac machine will be used to expose the roots first so they can be pruned back with a clean cut. Covering the exposed roots up as quickly as possible will also be critical to avoid desiccation.

Prior to any site works, the following protective fencing should be installed around tree 2 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 (April 2019)**. Within the fenced area, the following tree protection guidelines should be applied:

- Do not change the grade
- Do not place store construction material of site "furniture" such as outhouses
- 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.

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on May 1, and October 1, 2021. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,

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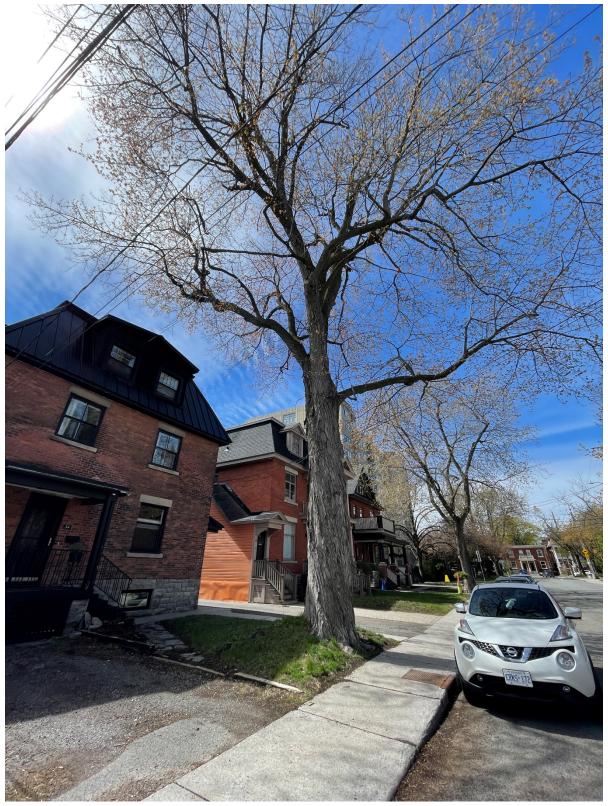


Figure 1: Tree 1, city owned silver maple in front of adjacent property



Figure 2: Tree 2, white oak along the QED

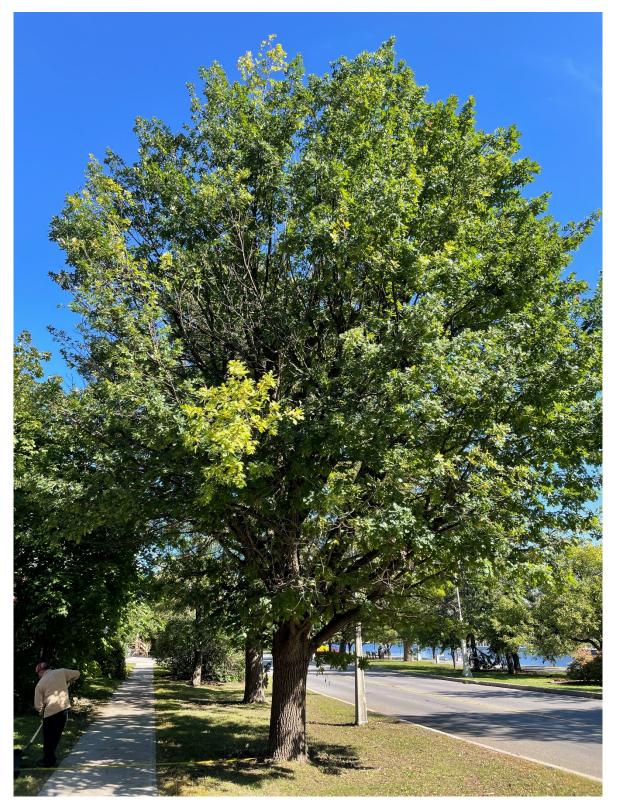


Figure 3: Tree 2, white oak, during leaf on conditions showing the crown dieback



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This Report is based on the circumstances and observations as they existed at the time of the site inspection of the Client's Property and the trees situate thereon by Dendron and upon information provided by the Client to Dendron. The opinions in this Report are given based on observations made and using generally accepted professional judgment, however, because trees and plants are living organisms and subject to change, damage and disease, the results, observations, recommendations, and analysis as set out in this Report are valid only as at the date any such testing, observations and analysis took place and no guarantee, warranty, representation or opinion is offered or made by Dendron as to the length of the validity of the results, observations, recommendations and analysis contained within this Report As a result the Client shall not rely upon this Report, save and except for representing the circumstances and observations, analysis and recommendations that were made as at the date of such inspections. It is recommended that the trees discussed in this Report should be re-assessed periodically.

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- c) the accuracy of the Property line locations or boundaries with respect to the Property; and
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