



Tree Information Report

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

Date of Report: February 6, 2024
Property Address: 304 Fairmont Avenue
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Date of Site Visit: February 5, 2024

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

Purpose of the Report

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 for severance only. No development has been proposed at this time. Documents reviewed in preparing this report include:

- Survey by Annis, O'Sullivan, Vollebekk Ltd., dated January 18, 2024
- Sketch of setbacks, author unknown, received February 2, 2024

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

- site grading, and requirement for retaining walls and/or swales
- 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.

While a rationale for removing trees may be provided based on document review, **this report does not grant permission to remove trees: a permit from the city must be received before removal of distinctive trees can occur.**



Methodology

The following materials were reviewed as part of this report:

- Sketch of setbacks
- 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
- Pertinent measurements to structures such as fences, driveways, or building

Existing site information

The site is currently occupied by a single dwelling and a large rear yard that backs onto Gwynne Avenue. This rear yard has several large trees and several small shrubs. In the ROW along Gwynne, there are several shrubs: four or five clumps of grey dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*) and two of winged euonymus (*Euonymus alatus*). The latter is an invasive species in Ontario and it is recommended these clumps be removed.

Appendix A 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.

Proposed development and Tree protection

No development is planned for this site. All trees are to be preserved through severance and decisions on retainability are to be made when a site plan is available.

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on February 5, 2024. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,

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APPENDIX A

TREE INFORMATION TABLE

| Tree ¹ | Species | DBH (cm) | Ownership ² | Tree condition | Approximate distance to excavation (m) | Action | Forester recommendation |
|-------------------|--|------------|------------------------|---|--|--------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Norway maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>) | 79 | City | Fair: included bark at main union; asymmetrical crown due to pruning around wires; canker and decay beginning | N/A | Retain | Retain during severance. |
| 2 | Crab apple (<i>Malus spp.</i>) | 36, 34, 24 | Subject property | Fair: cavity at base with decay present; slight lean to the W | N/A | Retain | Retain during severance. |
| 3 | Red pine (<i>Pinus resinosa</i>) | 33 | Subject property | Good | N/A | Retain | Retain during severance. |
| 4 | Norway spruce (<i>Picea abies</i>) | 38 | Subject property | Good/Fair: slight lean to N; slight defoliation (~5%) | N/A | Retain | Retain during severance. |
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¹ Please refer to the attached Tree Information map for tree numbers. Note that this includes a tree layer added to the survey (in pdf format) provided by the client. This layer includes only information about the trees and the original survey is not altered in this process.

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 adjacent property owner is required for removal as part of the application.



APPENDIX B

PHOTOGRAPHS



Clockwise from top left:

Tree 1 - City maple to be retained.

Main union of Tree 1.

Tree 2 - crab apple to be retained.

Cavity at base of Tree 2.





Above: (Right to left) Tree 3 - red pine, 4, 5 and 6 - Norway spruce to be retained.



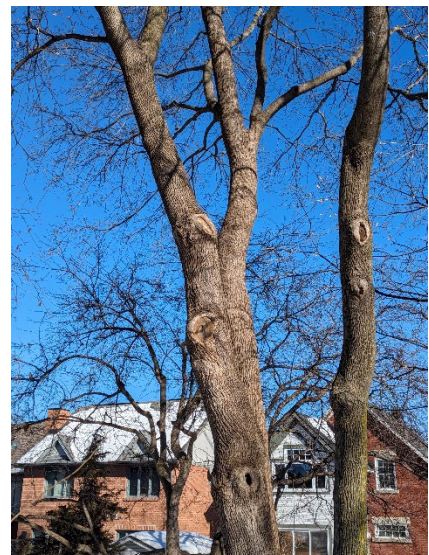
Left: missing canopy segments of Tree 5 and 6



Above: Trees 7-11 - Norway maples to be retained.

Left: wound on the stem of Tree 10.

Right: Pruning wounds on Tree 11 (in foreground).





APPENDIX C

ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

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Limitations of this Report

This Report is based on the circumstances and on-site conditions as they existed at the time of the site inspection and the information provided by the Client and/or third parties to Dendron. On-site conditions may limit the extent of the on-site inspection(s) conducted by Dendron, including weather events such as rain, flooding, storms, winds, tornados, snowfall, snow cover, hail; obstructions including fencing, dwellings, buildings, sheds, plants, and animals; lack of access to the entire perimeter of the tree due to adjacent properties; the shape of the tree; and accessibility of the tree crown, branches, trunk, or roots for examination.

In the event that information provided by the Client or any third parties, including but not limited to documents, records, site and grading plans, permits, or representations or any site conditions are updated or change following the completion of this Report, this Report is no longer current and valid and cannot be relied upon for the purpose for which it was prepared. Dendron and its agents, assessors, and/or employees are not liable for any damages, injuries, or losses arising from amendments, revisions, or changes to the documents, records, site and grading plans, permits, representations, or other information upon which Dendron relied in preparing this Report.

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Trees and plants are living organisms and subject to change, damage, and disease, and the results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions as set out in this Report are valid only as at the date any inspections, observations, tests, and analysis took place. No guarantee, warranty, representation, or opinion is offered or made by Dendron as to the length of the validity of the results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions contained within this Report. As a result the Client shall only rely upon this Report as representing the results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions that were made as at the date of such inspections, observations, tests, and analysis. The trees discussed in this Report should be re-assessed periodically and at least within one year of the date of this Report.

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This Report was not prepared to make a determination as to ownership of the subject tree(s). Where ownership of the subject tree(s) is identified within this Report, said identification is based on the information provided by the Client and third parties, including surveys, permits, and site and grading plans and may not be relied upon as a guarantee, warranty, or representation of ownership.

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- 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;
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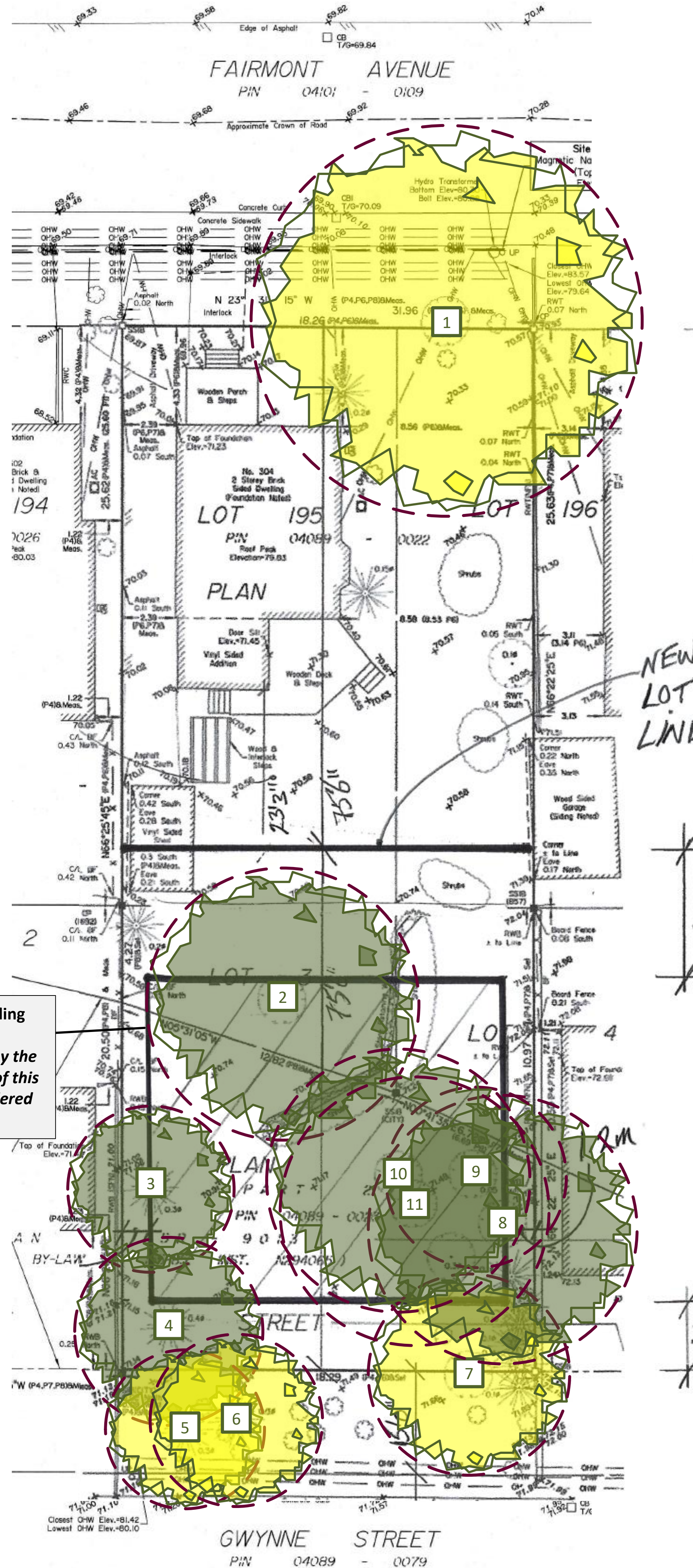
Notwithstanding any of the above, nothing in this Report is taken to absolve the Client of the responsibility of obtaining a new Report in the event that the circumstances of the tree change.



TIR Map – 304 Fairmont Avenue
 Tree layer prepared by
 Dendron Forestry Services
 Version 1.0, February 6, 2024
 For more information, please contact: info@dendronforestry.ca

Note: the tree layer has been added to the original survey supplied by the client in pdf format. This layer refers to the trees only, and the original survey 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.

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Estimated as-of-right building envelope on new lot.
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Legend

- Extent of canopy
- Private Tree
- Tree either fully or partly on city property