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Tree Information Report

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

Address: 89 Amberwood

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Site Visit: August 2, 2025

Second Site Visit/Revised: April 2, 2026

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 (CRZ) extend into the subject area. The CRZ is an area around the trunk with a radius equivalent to 10 times greater) and city-owned trees of all sizes. It also includes Distinctive Trees on adjacent properties whose Critical Root Zones the diameter of the trunk. This does not take into account infrastructure such as buildings and asphalt and it assumes the tree has no restrictions on root growth.

Tree Inventory

Tree Species	Diameter at breast height (DBH)	Critical Root Zone CRZ (m) & Tree Protection fence radius(m)	Ownership	Condition	Action	Recommendation	
1	Honey Locust (Geditsia tricanthos)	58cm	580cm 5.8m 4m on North-South side 6m on East-West side	private	Fair/Good tree shows epicormic growth and poor structure for its species. The canopy should be reduced	Retain/protect	<p>With site amendments made the trees CRZ will be encroached but minimally.</p> <p>We suggest air spading at extent of excavation and and root pruning</p> <p>Additionally we suggest bi-annual DRF (Deep Root Fertilization) to stimulate root growth and promote soil aeration</p> <p>As this species is known for its resilience and ability to thrive in extremely confined areas we expect the tree will be able to recover from the encroachment</p>

2	White Spruce (Picea glauca)	30cm	300cm 3.0m 3.0 meter all around	private	good/fair; Tree appears to be in good health	Retain/ protect	<p>With site amendments made the trees CRZ can be protected if tree protection by-laws are followed (see page 10)</p> <p>This tree can be protected with little to no impact to its canopy or root plate</p>
3	Red Maple (Acer rubrum)	48cm	480cm 4.8m 4.8 meter all around	private	fair/poor; Tree is showing significant die back with multiple white face scars on the main spar	Retain/ protect	<p>This tree is well out of the scope of work and will not be affected by the proposed construction.</p> <p>Tree protection fence to be installed around CRZ to ensure no damage. (see tree protection by-laws page 10)</p>

4	Blue Spruce (Picea pungens)	39cm	390cm 3.9m 3.9 meter all around	Private (neighbour s)	good/fair; Tree does have signs of dieback but maintains well over 80% canopy	Retain/ protect	This tree with the proper tree protection fence should not be affected by the proposed construction (see tree protection by-laws page 6) Ply wood or ground protection mats to be used by machinery to mitigate soil compaction around tree
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The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on April 14th, 2025. On Behalf of OC Tree Care Inc.,

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Tree #1 Honey Locust



Tree #2 White Spruce



Tree #3 Red Maple



Tree #4 Blue Spruce

Intended Use of the Report

This Information Report was carried out by OC Tree Care (hereafter OC) at the request of the Client. The information, interpretation and analysis contained within this Report is to be used solely for the purposes outlined within this Report. This Report is for the exclusive use of the Client.

Limitations of this Report

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 situated thereon by OC and upon information provided by the Client to OC. 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 OC 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.

Further Services

Neither OC nor any assessor employed or retained by OC for the purpose of preparing or assisting in the preparation of this Report shall be required to provide any further consultation or services to the Client, save and except as already carried out in the preparation of this Report and including, without limitation, to act as an expert witness or witness in any court in any jurisdiction unless the Client has first made specific arrangements with respect to such further services, including, without limitation, providing the payment of the Report's regular hourly billing fees.

OC accepts no responsibility for the implementation of all or any part of the Report, unless specifically requested to examine the implementation of such activities recommended herein. In the event that inspection or supervision of all or part of the implementation is requested, that request shall be in writing and the details agreed to in writing by both parties.

Assumptions

The Client is hereby notified and does hereby acknowledge and agree that where any of the facts and information set out and referenced in this Report are based on assumptions, facts or information provided to OC by the Client and/or third parties and unless otherwise set out within this Report, OC will in no way be responsible for the veracity or accuracy of any such information. Further, the Client acknowledges and agrees that OC has, for the purposes of preparing their Report, assumed that the Property, which is the subject of this Report, is in full compliance with all applicable federal, provincial, municipal and local statutes, regulations, by-laws, guidelines and other related laws. OC explicitly denies any legal liability for any and all issues with respect to non-compliance with any of the above-referenced statutes, regulations, bylaws, guidelines and laws as it may pertain to or affect the Property to which this Report applies.

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In carrying out this Report, OC and any Assessor appointed for and on behalf of OC to perform and carry out the Report has 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 behavior 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.

Without limiting the foregoing, no liability is assumed by OC for:

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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 OC 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
- f) the unauthorized distribution of the Report.

Further, under no circumstance may any claims be initiated or commenced by the Client against OC or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, agents or Assessors, in contract or in tort, more than 12 months after the date of this Report.

General

Any plans and/or illustrations in this Report are included only to help the Client visualize the issues in this Report and shall not be relied upon for any other purpose. This report is best viewed in colour. Any copies printed in black and white may make some details difficult to properly understand. OC accepts no liability for misunderstandings due to a black and white copy of the report.

The following procedures must be followed to protect and mitigate and damage to protected tree(s)

Tree(s) 1,2,3,4 should follow these protection measures

- Erect a 1.2 m high fence around the outer edge of the critical root zone (CRZ) of trees prior to beginning other site work, and maintain the fence until the work is complete (see the [City's Tree Protection Specification \[PDF 377KB \]](#))
- Not place any material or equipment within the CRZ of the tree
- Not raise or lower the existing grade within the CRZ of a tree
- Not extend any hard surface or significantly change landscaping within the CRZ of a tree
- Not attach any signs, notices or posters to any tree, except as required by this by-law for trees to be removed
- Not damage the root system, trunk or branches of any tree
- Ensure that exhaust fumes from equipment are not directed towards any tree's canopy

