



# LAYTON TREE CONSULTING, LLC

## TREES & CONSTRUCTION MEMO

To: Akihiro Nakamura  
From: Bob Layton  
CC:  
Date: May 24, 2021  
Re: Tree Retention and Protection Memo

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Dear Mr. Nakamura,

This memo report is in response to a past City comment related to previous ground disturbances within the driplines of the exceptional Western red cedar and Deodar cedar tree in the backyard of your property at 4245 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Those disturbances were discussed in the Arborist Report I prepared for the property towards the end of 2020. The City asked that all exposed roots be pruned clean at ground level or the soil line and the entire dripline areas be covered with a protective +/- 4-inch woodchip mulch layer.

This work has been appropriately completed, see pictures below. The vigor of both of the subject trees remains normal. Foliage is of normal color and density. No concerning health conditions were observed. Both are good condition. No deadwood pruning is needed at this time.

To maintain optimal vigor and reduce the risk of any future stress, provide the subjects with supplemental irrigation during prolonged periods of hot, dry weather for the next couple of years. Thoroughly water (soak) the outer dripline areas every 7 to 10 days during dry periods. Ensure moisture is penetrating into the soil for a depth of at least 3 to 4-inches for optimum uptake by feeder roots.

*It's all about trees.....*

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,



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#### ARBORIST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine and assess trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risks associated with living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist, or to seek additional advice.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that grow, respond to their environment, mature, decline and sometimes fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy and/or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like any medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

Treatment, pruning and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, and other issues. Arborists cannot take such considerations into account unless complete and accurate information is disclosed to the arborist. An arborist should then be expected to reasonably rely upon the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.

Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near trees is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risk associated with trees is to eliminate all trees.

Photo Documentation



