

2021 Tree Assessment
with Billy Bolton (Hazardous Tree Assessor)
Saturday, January 30th

1:30 pm

In Attendance: Carl Wilson – Wharf Director, Tom Henry – Grounds Director, Denise Talkington – Secretary, Len Tyrrell, and Billy Bolton.

Note: Tree Assessor recommends height reductions of no more than a 1/3rd of a trees height (unless rot is found at the core of the tree, in which case you top to where healthy wood is found). **Therefore, any mention of height reduction in these minutes will be no more than the recommended 1/3rd of the height of the tree.** Any more than 1/3 and the tree and it will begin to die. This will ensure the tree is safe. Once topped, the trees health will continue to be observed. Sometimes the tree will continue to decline and others times it will begin to flourish again.

He also informed us that Balsam trees are the one of the weakest Coniferous trees. They prefer shade and protection of larger, stronger trees and reminded us that even the strongest trees are susceptible to wind and snow load.

When asked about replacement trees he mentioned, Leyland Cyprus for quick growing and Grand Fir for strength.

Walk of the park began at the gate:

Lot 1 – Trees at the road: Not hazardous, can leave as is. If you want to treat as a hedge you can give a height reduction with a bucket truck from the road side or eventually replace with a Leyland Cyprus hedge.

Lot 9 – Balsam at back of the lot: Possibly dangerous dead branches. Recommends trimming. He noted the trees health from the flourishing top.

Lot 13 – Balsam at back of the lot: Not hazardous, can leave as is. Keep a watchful eye for failing branch structure.

Lot 23 – Balsam beside boat launch: Not hazardous, can leave as is. If anything, in the future you could spiral limb.

Lot 26 – Balsams near dock walkway: Possibly dangerous to public and lot owners. Recommends height reduction of both to an even level just below the crook of the tree.

Lot 86 – Small fir growing into electrical box: Will remove for safety.

Lot 28 – Balsam at front of the lot: Noted that it's health is starting to decline. Continue to watch, may have to look at within the next 2-3 years.

Lot 44/45 – Poplars: Keep an eye on health, could give height reduction if we choose.

Cottonwood at beach: Recommends height reduction in the next year or two.

Lot 56/57 – Green space Balsams: Possibly dangerous, health declining. Recommends height reduction of all four trees. He believes that these trees have declined in health since August 2020 when he was last here assessing them.

Lot 72 – Cedars is green space: Will limb up for clearance of trailer on Lot 72.

Lot 73 – Cedar near middle of the lot: Health declining. Recommends taking down in the next year or two.

- Maple beside cedar: Health declining. Recommends leaving as a nature tree; reduce height by removing tall declining leaders to promote sucker growth. This will leave protection for the two hemlocks behind it.

Priority set (not in any particular order):

- Height reduction of trees of Lot 26
- Height reduction of all four Balsams in green space between Lots 56 & 57
- Limbing of dead branches of tree on Lot 9
- Removal of cedar and height reduction of maple on Lot 73