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**RE: TREE CONSERVATION REPORT FOR 24-30 PRETORIA AVENUE, OTTAWA**

This report details a pre-construction Tree Conservation Report (TCR) for the above-noted property in Ottawa. The need for this TCR is related to the proposed development of the subject property. Such reports are required for all Plans of Subdivision and Site Plan Control Applications where a tree of 10 centimetres in diameter or greater is present on the property. The approval of this TCR by the City of Ottawa and the issuing of a permit by them authorize the removal of approved trees. **Importantly, although this report may be used to support the application for a City tree removal permit, it does not by itself constitute permission to remove trees or begin site clearing activities. No such work should occur before a tree removal permit is issued by the City of Ottawa. In particular, permission to remove private or city owned trees adjacent to the subject properties will be required before a tree removal permit is issued.**

The inventory in this report details the assessment of all individual trees on the subject, neighbouring private and adjacent City of Ottawa property. Field work for this report was completed on March 25 and June 22, 2019.

The construction proposed for the site includes a six-storey apartment building with underground parking. The foot print of building in addition to the excavation necessary for the underground parking will result in the removal of all trees currently on the subject property. A single tree on City of Ottawa property will also be removed due to conflicts with excavation for the proposed building and parking. All adjacent privately owned trees will be retained. The tree preservation and protection measures cited in this report will be followed to ensure the survival of trees proposed for retention.

**TREE SPECIES, CONDITION, SIZE AND STATUS**

Table 1 on page 2 details the species, condition, size (diameter) and status of the individual trees on the subject, nearby private and city-owned property. Each of these trees is referenced by the numbers plotted on the accompanying tree conservation plans.



Table 1. Species, condition, diameter, ownership and status of trees at 24-30 Pretoria Avenue.

Tree No.	Tree Species	Condition (VP→E)	DBH <sup>1</sup> (cm)	Owner -ship	Tree Condition Notes & <b>Preservation Status</b> (to be removed or preserved and protected)
1	Silver maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )	Fair	110	City	Very mature; five co-dominant stems at 4m from grade; broad crown – slightly asymmetrical due to clearance pruning from house; good flower bud set for 2019; within very restricted rooting area; native species; <b>to be removed due to conflicts with excavation – in particular the underground parking garage which will be within 0.5 metres of its trunk</b>
2	White spruce ( <i>Picea glauca</i> )	Fair	16	Private	Maturing; vine growth into lower and mid-crown; heavy cone crop in 2019; <b>to be removed</b>
3	Manitoba maple ( <i>Acer negundo</i> )	Good	27	Neighbour	Mature; upright growth form; naturalized species; <b>to be preserved and protected</b>
4	White elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Fair	20	Private	Mature; divergent form towards southwest due to competition with tree #3; native species <b>to be removed</b>
5	White elm	Fair	19	Private	Maturing; divergent form due to competition with adjacent trees; <b>to be removed</b>
6	White elm	Fair	17	Private	Maturing; mildly divergent form due to competition with adjacent trees <b>to be removed</b>
7	Manitoba maple & cherry ( <i>Prunus spp.</i> )	Fair	<10	Private	Immature; likely originated from seed (cherry likely a cultivar); <b>to be removed</b>
8	Manitoba maple	Fair	21	Private	Mature; secondary stem on neighbouring property removed; embedded wire fence at base; <b>to be removed</b>
9	Cherry	Fair	<10	Private	Immature; <b>to be removed</b>
10	Manitoba maple	Poor	36	Private	Mature; topped at 6m; <b>to be removed</b>

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11	Manitoba maple	Fair	98	Private	Very mature; co-dominant stems at 2.5m; very broad crown; secondary lateral stem very divergent towards northwest; <b>to be removed</b>
12	Manitoba maple	Good	32	Private	Mature; upright growth form; <b>to be removed</b>
13	White cedar ( <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> )	Poor	5 avg.	Private	Immature; likely planted as a hedge; native species; <b>to be removed</b>
14	Manitoba maple	Fair	64	Private	Very mature; tri-stemmed at 1m from grade – broad crown; <b>to be removed</b>
15	Manitoba maple	Fair	12 avg.	Neighbour	Maturing; likely originated from seed; some stems overhanging property line – will have to be cut back; <b>to be preserved and protected</b>

<sup>1</sup>Diameter at breast height, or 1.4m from grade.

Pictures 1 through 4 on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7 show selected trees on and adjacent to the subject property.

### **TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION MEASURES**

Preservation and protection measures intended to mitigate damage during construction will be applied for the trees to be retained adjacent to the subject property. The following measures are the minimum required by the City of Ottawa to ensure tree survival during and following construction:

1. Erect a fence at the critical root zone (CRZ<sup>1</sup>) of trees;
2. Do not place any material or equipment within the CRZ of the tree;
3. Do not attach any signs, notices or posters to any tree;
4. Do not raise or lower the existing grade within the CRZ without approval;
5. Tunnel or bore when digging within the CRZ of a tree;
6. Do not damage the root system, trunk or branches of any tree;
7. Ensure that exhaust fumes from all equipment are NOT directed towards any tree's canopy.

<sup>1</sup> The critical root zone (CRZ) is established as being 10 centimetres from the trunk of a tree for every centimetre of trunk Diameter at breast height (DBH). The CRZ is calculated as DBH x 10 cm.

This report is subject to the attached Limitations of Tree Assessments to which the reader's attention is directed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding this report.

Yours,

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Picture 1. Silver maple (tree #1) on City of Ottawa property adjacent to 24-30 Pretoria Avenue. Tree is to be removed.



Picture 2. Manitoba maple (tree #11) to be removed from 24-30 Pretoria Avenue.



Picture 3. Manitoba maple (tree #14) to be removed from 24-30 Pretoria Avenue.



Picture 4. Manitoba maple grouping (#15) to be preserved and protected adjacent to 24-30 Pretoria Avenue.

# LIMITATIONS OF TREE ASSESSMENTS

It is the policy of *IFS Associates Inc.* to attach the following clause regarding limitations. We do this to ensure that our clients are clearly aware of what is technically and professionally realistic in assessing trees for retention.

The information contained in this report covers only the tree(s) in question and no others. It reflects the condition of the assessed tree(s) at the time of inspection and was limited to a visual examination of the accessible portions only. *IFS Associates Inc.* has prepared this report in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the forestry and arboricultural professions, subject to the time limits and physical constraints applicable to this report. The assessment of the tree(s) presented in this report has been made using accepted arboricultural techniques. These include a visual examination of the above-ground portions of each tree for structural defects, scars, cracks, cavities, external indications of decay such as fungal fruiting bodies, evidence of insect infestations, discoloured foliage, the condition of any visible root structures, the degree and direction of lean (if any), the general condition of the tree(s) and the surrounding site, and the proximity of property and people. Except where specifically noted in the report, the tree(s) examined were not dissected, cored, probed or climbed to gain further evidence of their structural condition. Also, unless otherwise noted, no detailed root collar examinations involving excavation were undertaken.

While reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the tree(s) recommended for retention are healthy, no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, are offered that these trees, or any parts of them, will remain standing. This includes other trees on the property not examined as part of this assignment. It is both professionally and practically impossible to predict with absolute certainty the behaviour of any single tree or groups of trees or their component parts in all circumstances. Inevitably, a standing tree will always pose some risk. Most trees have the potential for failure in the event of adverse weather conditions, and this risk can only be eliminated through tree removal.

Notwithstanding the recommendations and conclusions made in this report, it must be realized that trees are living organisms, and their health and vigour constantly change over time. They are not immune to changes in site conditions, or seasonal variations in the weather. It is a condition of this report that *IFS Associates Inc.* be notified of any changes in tree condition and be provided an opportunity to review or revise the recommendations within this report. Recognition of changes to a tree's condition requires experience and so it is recommended that *IFS Associates Inc.* be employed to re-inspect the tree(s) with sufficient frequency to detect if conditions have changed significantly.

No responsibility is assumed for matters legal in character. Statements made to *IFS Associates Inc.* in regards to the condition or history of the tree(s) are assumed to be correct. Any and all property is assessed or evaluated as though free and clear, under responsible ownership and competent management. It is assumed that any property is not in violation of any applicable codes, ordinances, statues or other government regulations.



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This report and any values expressed herein represent the opinion of the author; His fee is in no way contingent upon the reporting of a specified value, a stipulated result, the occurrence of a subsequent event, nor upon any finding to be reported.

Details obtained from photographs, sketches, etc., are intended as visual aids and are not to scale. They should not be construed as engineering reports or surveys.

Although every effort has been made to ensure that this assessment is reasonably accurate, the tree(s) should be reassessed at least annually. The assessment presented in this report is valid at the time of the inspection only.

Lastly, loss or alteration of any part of this report invalidates the entire report.