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# Tree Conservation Report Addendum

## Submitted as part of Site Plan Control Application

**Address:** 29 Russell  
**Date of Report:** Dec 22, 2023  
**Date of Site Visit:** Dec 15, 2023  
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**Client:** Smart Living Properties, Corey Kou, [corey@smartlivingproperties.ca](mailto:corey@smartlivingproperties.ca)

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

### Purpose of the Report

This Tree Conservation Report Addendum has been prepared for Corey Kou from Smart Living Properties, as partial requirements for the Site Plan Control Application submitted to the City of Ottawa. The objectives of this Tree Conservation Report are to provide additional information to the Tree Conservation Report prepared by James B., Lennox & Associates Inc. last updated on August 2, 2023. This information was requested by the City of Ottawa during a fourth review of the file dated December 1, 2023, as follows:

*4. [City 3rd Review, Comment 18] The 7 Manitoba maples owned by 312 Laurier are expected to have >30% excavation within their CRZs. Consideration should be given to reducing the extent of excavation needed in this area, reducing tree impacts. If this cannot be done a report from a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be required indicating that the trees will be safely retained and are expected to survive construction.*

*[Fotenn response dated October 17, 2023] Acknowledged.*

*City (December 2023) – The comment has not been adequately addressed. It was indicated in the response to the 2nd submission that >30% of the CRZ of adjacently owned trees would be impacted by the project. This is not an acceptable level of impact under best management practices. As noted in the previous comment, reduce the impact or have a registered professional forester sign off on the current plans as being an acceptable retention plan. No revised plan and/or evidence of reduced impact was provided nor has a registered professional forester signed off on the current plans as being an acceptable retention plan.*

### Proposed Development and Conserved Vegetation

A site visit was conducted on December 15 to assess the health of the trees in question as well as the impacts by the proposed construction. The following chart summarizes the trees and their health:



*Tree Inventory*

Tree <sup>1</sup>	Species	Diameter at breast height (dbh)	Ownership <sup>2,3</sup>	Condition
1	Manitoba maple ( <i>Acer negundo</i> )	38 cm	312 Laurier	Poor; cavity at main union that extends through the trunk
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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the enclosed Tree Conservation Report map for tree numbers. Note that this map includes a tree layer added to the site plan (in pdf format) provided by the client. This layer includes only information about the trees and the original site plan is not altered in this process.

<sup>2</sup>Ownership 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.

The trees have limited optimal rooting space with an asphalt parking lot to the north on the adjacent property and a compacted gravel parking lot on the subject property. The attached map shows the limit of the critical root zones (CRZ) of the trees, as defined by the City of Ottawa Tree Protection (By-law No. 2020-340) on the site. 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 it assumed the tree has no restrictions on root growth. The yellow line on the map indicates the extent of excavation for the proposed new addition. Calculations were completed to determine the extent of the rooting areas that would be lost based on the CRZ as defined in the by-law and are shown in the table on the map.

Based on these calculations, rooting loss ranges from 0-15% with the exception of tree 2 which may have up to 29% root loss. 0-15% root loss may result in some tree health decline but will be unlikely be the sole reason to cause decline in these trees. Investments into mitigations to reduce root loss for tree 2 is not recommended as the tree is already in poor condition. Both **Trees 1 and 2** are in poor condition, and removal, or reduction pruning should be considered by the property owner to reduce the risk of failures onto the parking lot.



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The only other conflict to note is within the crown of the elm, **Tree 5**. There is a large branch hanging over the subject property that will likely require clearance pruning to avoid conflict with the new building and construction.

Other mitigation measures include reducing impact to tree roots as much as possible during the excavation for the new foundation. This could include cleanly severing by hand any roots larger than 1" and keeping any exposed roots moistened as much as possible; this could be accomplished by covering them with soil or covering the wounds with a moist organic material such as burlap. The tree protection area will likely need to be accessed during the construction, but the ground is already heavily compacted, so additional foot traffic is unlikely to cause further damage. The area immediately around the trees, however, should be avoided and fenced off to avoid construction material and machinery from damaging the trees directly.

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on December 15, 2023. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,



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Figure 1: Image showing the compacted soil on the subject property



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Figure 2: Image showing trees looking from the adjacent property



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Figure 3 Trees 4 and 5 growing around the fence



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- 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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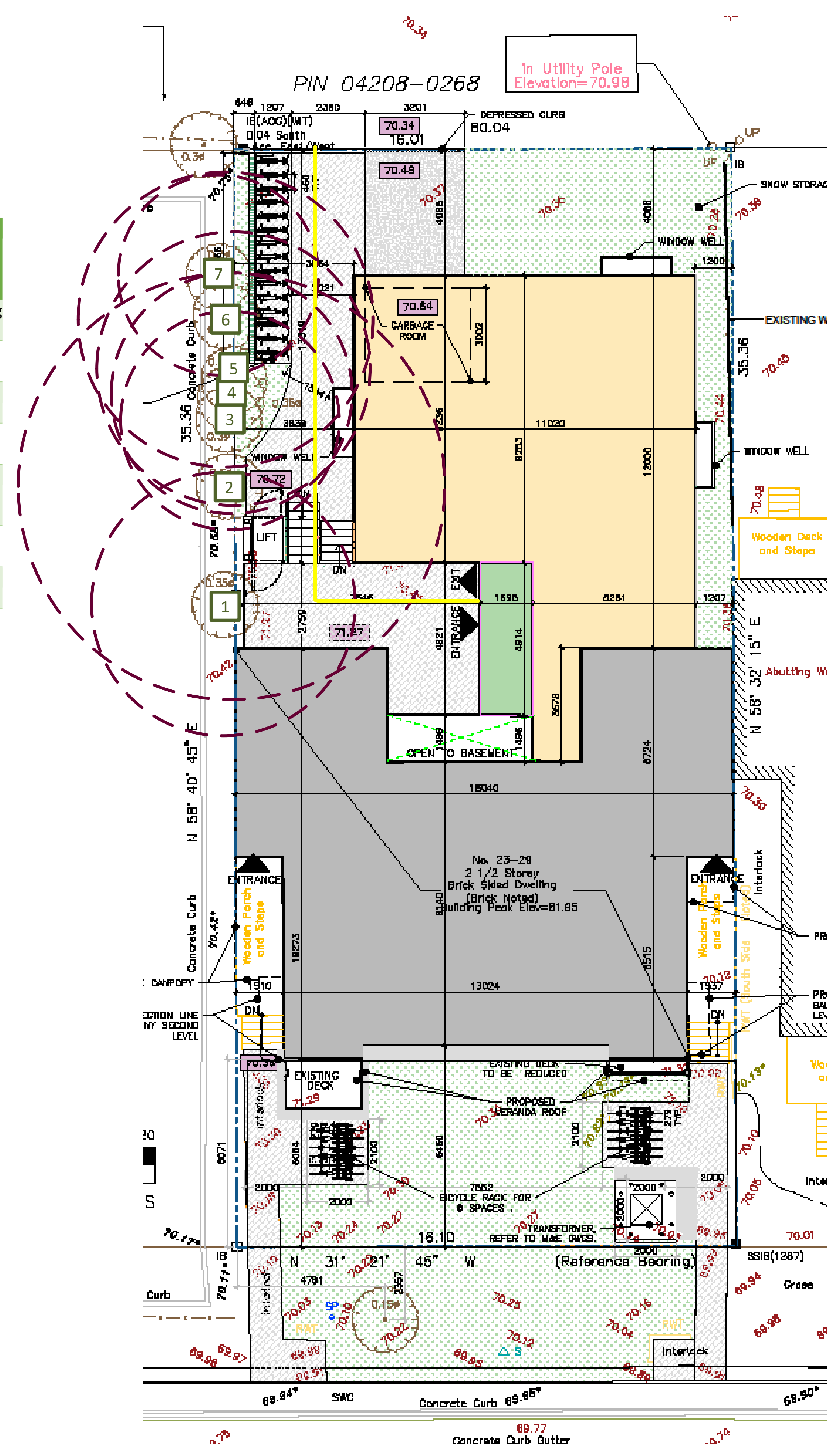




TIR Map – 29 Russell Avenue  
 Tree layer prepared by  
 Dendron Forestry Services  
 Version 1.0, December 22, 2023  
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Tree	DBH (cm)	CRZ Rad (cm)	CRZ area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Segment area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Percentage
1	38	380	453645.9792	22980.6495	5%
2	62	620	1207628.216	344985.686	29%
3	32	320	321699.0877	21121.7674	7%
4	35	350	384845.1001	39745.0584	10%
5	40	400	502654.8246	76734.413	15%
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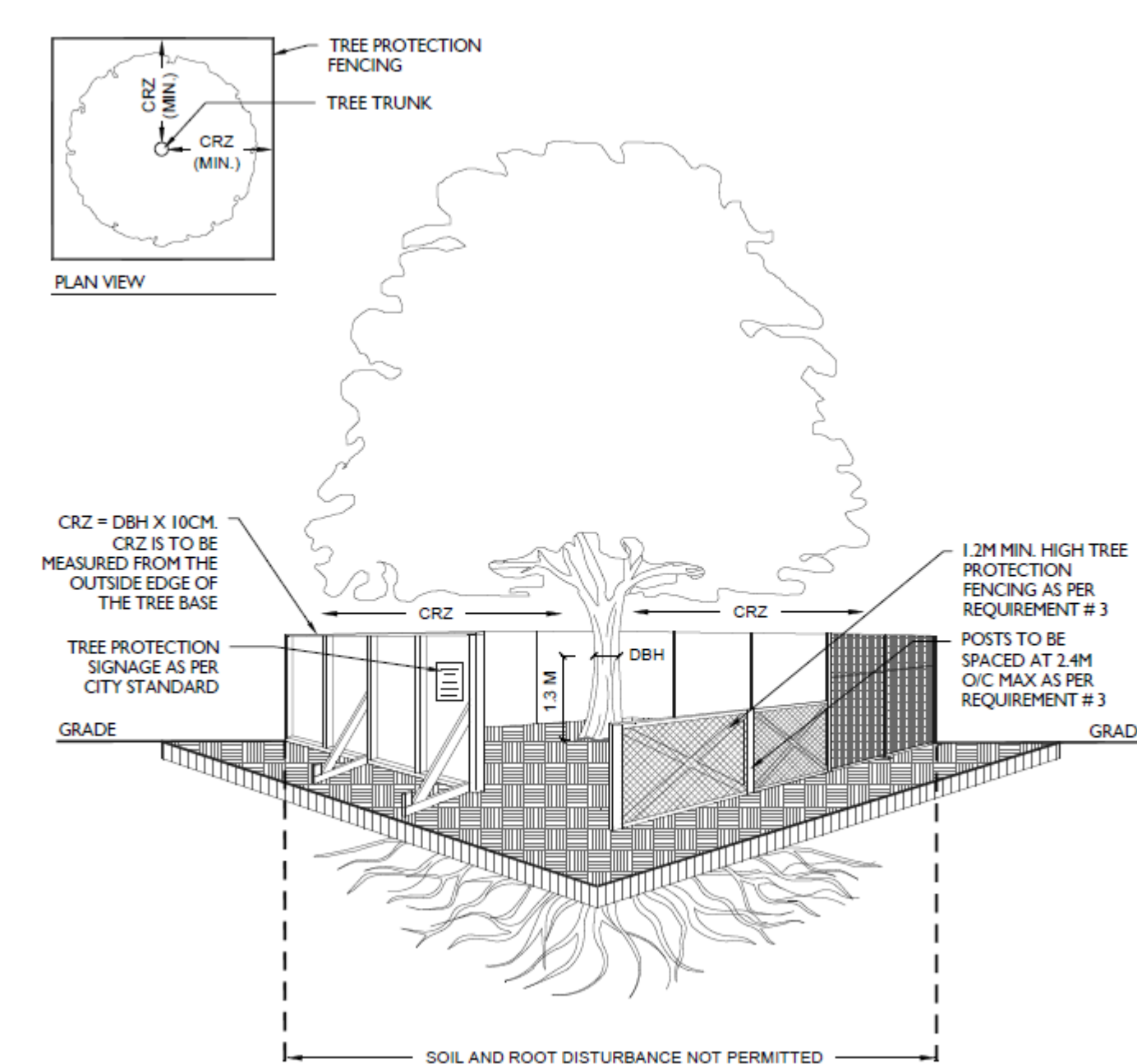
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- TREE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS:**
- PRIOR TO ANY WORK ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ = 10 X DIAMETER) OF A TREE, TREE PROTECTION FENCING MUST BE INSTALLED SURROUNDING THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE, AND REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THE WORK IS COMPLETE.
  - UNLESS PLANS ARE APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF, FOR WORK WITHIN THE CRZ:
    - DO NOT PLACE ANY MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT - INCLUDING OUTHOUSES;
    - DO NOT ATTACH ANY SIGNS, NOTICES OR POSTERS TO ANY TREE;
    - DO NOT RAISE OR LOWER THE EXISTING GRADE;
    - TUNNEL OR BORE WHEN DIGGING;
    - DO NOT DAMAGE THE ROOT SYSTEM, TRUNK, OR BRANCHES OR ANY TREE;
    - ENSURE THAT EXHAUST FUMES FROM ALL EQUIPMENT ARE NOT DIRECTED TOWARD ANY TREE CANOPY;
    - DO NOT EXTEND HARD SURFACE OR SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE LANDSCAPING.
  - TREE PROTECTION FENCING MUST BE AT LEAST 1.2M IN HEIGHT, AND CONSTRUCTED OF RIGID OR FRAMED MATERIALS (E.G. MODULOC - STEEL PLYWOOD HOARDING, OR SNOW FENCE ON A 2"x4" WOOD FRAME) WITH POSTS 2.4M APART, SUCH THAT THE FENCE LOCATION CANNOT BE ALTERED. ALL SUPPORTS AND BRACING MUST BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE CRZ, AND INSTALLATION MUST MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO EXISTING ROOTS. (SEE DETAIL)
  - THE LOCATION OF THE TREE PROTECTION FENCING MUST BE DETERMINED BY AN ARBORIST AND DETAILED ON ANY ASSOCIATED PLANS FOR THE SITE (E.G. TREE CONSERVATION REPORT, TREE INFORMATION REPORT, ETC). THE PLAN AND CONSTRUCTED FENCING MUST BE APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.
  - IF THE FENCED TREE PROTECTION AREA MUST BE REDUCED TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION, MITIGATION MEASURES MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY AN ARBORIST AND APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF. THESE MAY INCLUDE THE PLACEMENT OF PLYWOOD, WOOD CHIPS, OR STEEL PLATING OVER THE ROOTS FOR PROTECTION OR THE PROPER PRUNING AND CARE OF ROOTS WHERE ENCOUNTERED.
- THE CITY'S TREE PROTECTION BY-LAW, 2020-340 PROTECTS BOTH CITY-OWNED TREES, CITY-WIDE, AND PRIVATELY-OWNED TREES WITHIN THE URBAN AREA. PLEASE REFER TO WWW.OTTAWA.CA/TREEBYLAW FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW THE TREE BY-LAW APPLIES.

**Failure to install and maintain fencing as described in this report may result in fines from the city.**



**Legend**

Critical Root Zone