

# TREE CONSERVATION REPORT 342 ROOSEVELT AVENUE

Submitted as Partial Requirements for a Site Plan Control Application

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# **Tree Conservation Report**

Address: 342 Roosevelt Avenue

**Date of Report:** February 14, 2025

**Date of Site Visit:** February 10, 2025

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

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# Introduction

This Tree Conservation Report has been prepared for Concorde Properties as partial requirements for a Site Plan Control Application submitted to the City of Ottawa.

The objectives of this Report are:

- To describe all trees with diameters over 10 cm on the site, recording their species, size, and current health condition. This includes trees on adjacent private property 10 cm or greater in diameter, with critical root zones that extend onto the subject property. It also includes city trees of all sizes that may be impacted by the proposed development.
- To evaluate the impact of the proposed development on the trees and recommend protection measures or removal.

This report does not take into account engineering requirements. Recommendations around tree retention and protection may change as more information is made available about grading and servicing.

# Methodology

The following materials were reviewed as part of this report:

- Survey by JD Barnes Ltd., dated May 14, 2025
- Site plan by Project1 Studio, dated December 23, 2024
- GeoOttawa tree inventory layer and aerial photography
- Google© Street View imagery various years

A site visit was conducted to collect the following information from each tree classified as protected under the City of Ottawa's Tree Protection By-law No. 2020-340:

- Diameter at breast height (1.3 m from grade)
- Species
- Tree health
- Pertinent measurements to structures such as fences, driveways, or buildings

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# **Current Vegetation**

The site is currently occupied by a single dwelling. To the north of the site is a multi-use pathway that runs parallel to the Transitway from Dominion Avenue towards Churchill Avenue. There is also a city-owned parcel to the immediate west of the rear yard. Immediately to the south of the subject site is an empty gravel lot.

There are several dead stems in the city property between the pathway and the subject site.

### Tree Inventory

Appendix A 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 10 cm or greater) and city-owned trees of all sizes. It also includes Distinctive Trees on adjacent properties whose Critical Root Zone (CRZ) extend into the subject area. 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 assumes the tree has no restrictions on root growth.

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# Proposed development and Tree Protection

**Trees 1-4** are separated from the proposed construction and could be effectively protected. Tree 4 has a large crack in the northern scaffold branch leaning towards the multi-use path. It is recommended the city mitigate this as soon as possible.

**Tree 5** is a white oak in good condition. Due to the overhead wires to the east, a majority of the canopy is to the west, and a large percentage will conflict with the proposed building – approximately 50% of the existing canopy will likely need to be removed. Excavation for the proposed building would come to approximately 1.75m from the trunk of the tree, and a significant percentage of the tree's available rooting area will be disrupted or removed. The acute stress of canopy and root removal, combined with the chronic stress of required pruning, will likely lead to rapid decline in the tree.

## Tree Protection

**Prior to any site works**, protective fencing should be installed around the Tree Protection Area as indicated in the attached Map #2, and maintained until all construction on site has been completed as per the City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021).

Failure to install and maintain fencing as shown on the attached map may result in fines from the city.

Within the fenced area, the following tree protection guidelines should be applied:

- Do not store construction material
- Do not operate machinery
- Do not convert to hard surface or change the landscaping
- Do not place signs, notices or posters to any tree
- Do not damage the root system, trunk, or branches of any tree
- Direct the exhaust away from the tree

The tree protection fencing must be 1.2 m in height and constructed of a rigid or framed material (e.g. modulus – steel, plywood hoarding, or snow fence on a 2"X4" wood frame) with posts 2.4 m apart such that the fence location cannot be altered. All supports must be placed outside of the CRZ and installation must minimize damage to existing roots.

If the fenced tree protection area must be reduced to facilitate construction, *one* of the following mitigation measures should be applied:

- Place a layer of 6-12 inches (15 to 30 cm) of woodchip mulch to the area
- Apply ¾ (2 cm) inch plywood, or road mats over a 4+ inch (10 cm) thick layer of the wood chip mulch
- Apply 4-6 inches (10 to 15 cm) of gravel over a taut, staked, geotextile fabric

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# Tree Planting Recommendations

Priority should be given to native species as they can help maintain and enhance local biodiversity. Raised-curb style planters are recommended for planting in paved areas. Underplanting with shrubs in these planters can provide the trees protection and extra nutrients.

Construction activities can significantly reduce soil quality and quantity on site. Trees require large volumes of high-quality soil to be successful after planting, and any retention of quality topsoil during construction can be used to plant trees in softscape areas.

# Wildlife Impact

Given the current site conditions, it is unlikely development will impact wildlife.

# Tree Clearing and Migratory Birds

Following the guidelines under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994, removal of vegetation should be avoided during the nesting periods for migratory birds which extends from April 15 to as late as August 15<sup>th</sup>. If tree removal is required during this period, a nesting survey should be completed by a biologist within 5 days of tree removal to confirm that no nests are present.

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on January 10, 2025. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,

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# APPENDIX A – Tree Information

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to the attached Tree Conservation Report maps for tree numbers. Note that these include a tree layer added to the base layers. The maps include only information about the trees and the original base layers are not altered in this process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The location of these trees was not provided and have been estimated.



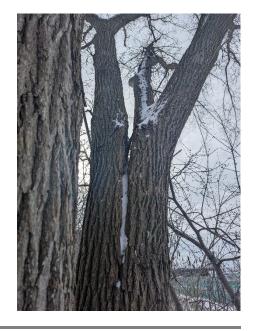
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# APPENDIX B - Photographs



Above (Right to Left): Trees 1-4 - city trees to be retained. Tree 5 - city oak to be removed.

Right: split in the northern stem of Tree 4 – city should mitigate





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Left: Tree 5 - City oak to be removed

**Below left: Tree 6 - private Norway** maple to be removed.

Below right: Tree 7 - city maple to be retained (view from the north).







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# APPENDIX C: Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

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This Report was prepared by Dendron for the exclusive use of the Client and may not be used or relied upon by any other party. All other users are unintended and unauthorized, unless specifically stated in writing in the Report.

#### **Limitations of this Report**

This Report is based on the circumstances and on-site conditions as they existed at the time of the site inspection and the information provided by the Client and/or third parties to Dendron. On-site conditions may limit the extent of the on-site inspection(s) conducted by Dendron, including weather events such as rain, flooding, storms, winds, tornados, snowfall, snow cover, hail; obstructions including fencing, dwellings, buildings, sheds, plants, and animals; lack of access to the entire perimeter of the tree due to adjacent properties; the shape of the tree; and accessibility of the tree crown, branches, trunk, or roots for examination.

In the event that information provided by the Client or any third parties, including but not limited to documents, records, site and grading plans, permits, or representations or any site conditions are updated or change following the completion of this Report, this Report is no longer current and valid and cannot be relied upon for the purpose for which it was prepared. Dendron and its agents, assessors, and/or employees are not liable for any damages, injuries, or losses arising from amendments, revisions, or changes to the documents, records, site and grading plans, permits, representations, or other information upon which Dendron relied in preparing this Report.

No assessment of any other trees or plants has been undertaken by Dendron. Dendron and its agents, assessors, and/or employees are not liable for any other trees or plants on or around the subject Property except those expressly identified herein. The results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions contained within this Report apply only to the trees identified herein.

Trees and plants are living organisms and subject to change, damage, and disease, and the results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions as set out in this Report are valid only as at the date any inspections, observations, tests, and analysis took place. No guarantee, warranty, representation, or opinion is offered or made by Dendron as to the length of the validity of the results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions contained within this Report. As a result the Client shall only rely upon this Report as representing the results, observations, interpretations, analysis, recommendations, and conclusions that were made as at the date of such inspections, observations, tests, and analysis. The trees discussed in this Report should be re-assessed periodically and at least within one year of the date of this Report.

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- d) the accuracy of any other information provided to Dendron by the Client or third parties;
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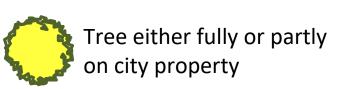
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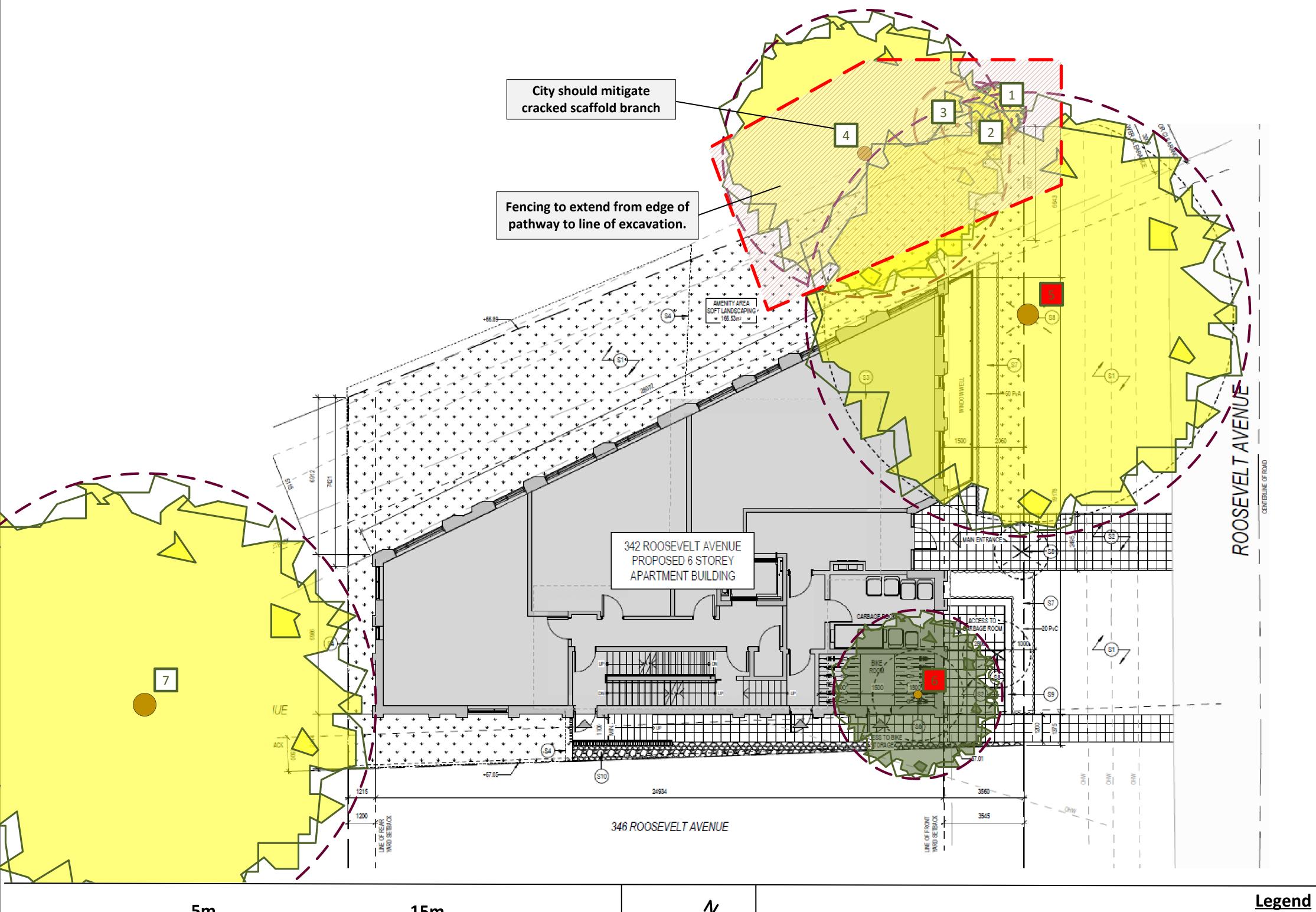
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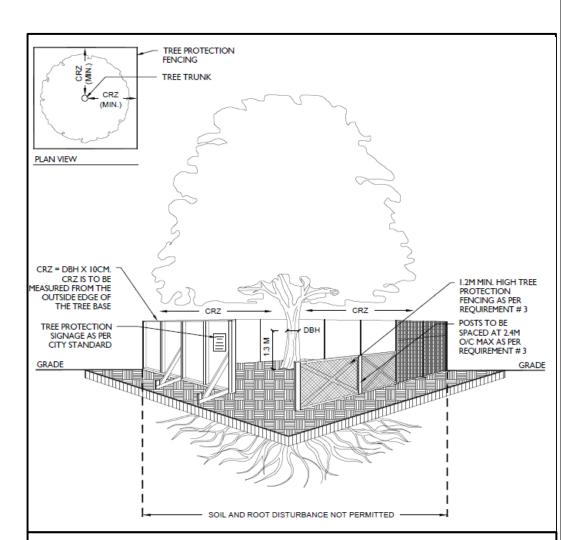




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TCR Map #2 – Proposed Development 342 Roosevelt Avenue					
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- UNLESS PLANS ARE APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF, FOR WORK
- DO NOT ATTACH ANY SIGNS, NOTICES OR POSTERS TO ANY TREE;
- DO NOT RAISE OR LOWER THE EXISTING GRADE;
- TUNNEL OR BORE WHEN DIGGING; DO NOT DAMAGE THE ROOT SYSTEM, TRUNK, OR BRANCHES OR ANY
- ENSURE THAT EXHAUST FUMES FROM ALL EQUIPMENT ARE NOT DIRECTED TOWARD ANY TREE CANOPY.

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