



## **CENTENNIAL PARK TRAIL – TREE TOPPING AND REMOVALS**

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Duncan, BC, Centennial Park.

Due to public safety risks, several trees amongst the west side access paths in Centennial Park will either be topped, modified, or removed, depending on the specific safety condition and or benefits of the tree in question. The tree species are alder, maple, and cherry, none more than 2 ft in diameter and most less than 1 ft in diameter. The work is scheduled to take place no earlier than Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The work in Centennial Park has two priorities - the first is public safety and the second is wildlife bio-diversity. In addressing these issues, the work to be carried out has a prerequisite mandate to leave the park in as pristine condition as possible.

Public safety and wildlife bio-diversity will be balanced by attempting to avoid the removal of trees by the use of modification wherever possible. Several trees that are clearly dead or decaying are to be left standing (in whole or in part) due to their wildlife habitat or aesthetic value so long as they tested sound enough to be acceptable or are not so close to the trails as to impact public safety.

“Every effort was made during the construction of the trails to avoid tree and native plant removal. This work is a continuation of that balance between preserving the natural area while providing accessible and safe access to that area,” explains Mayor Kent.

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