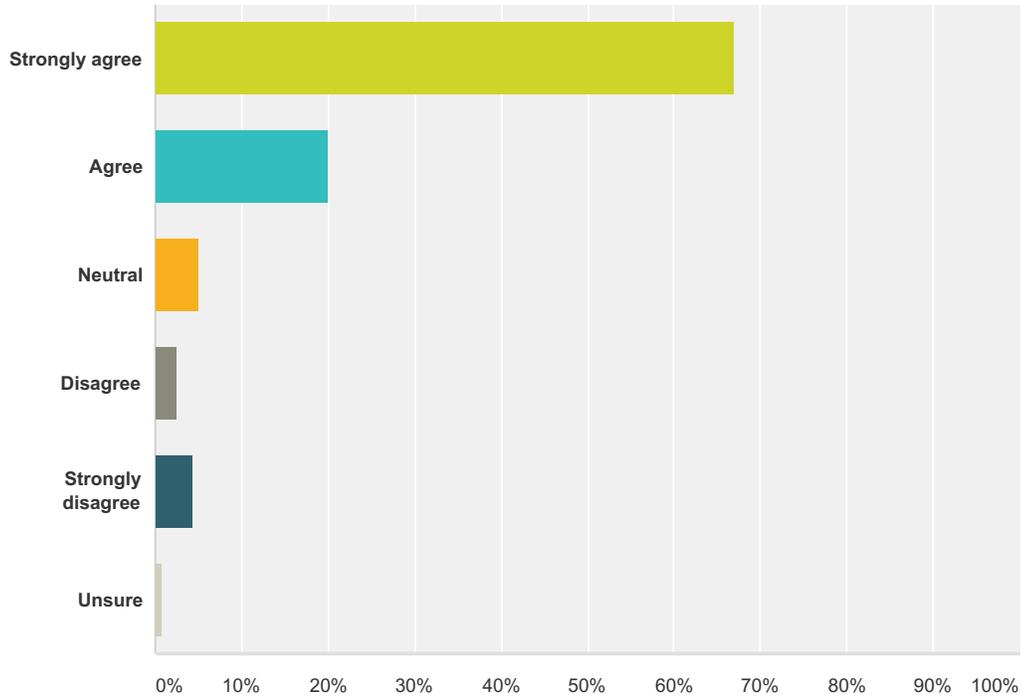


Q1 In general, I support the City of Courtenay strengthening tree management and protection policies and regulatory tools

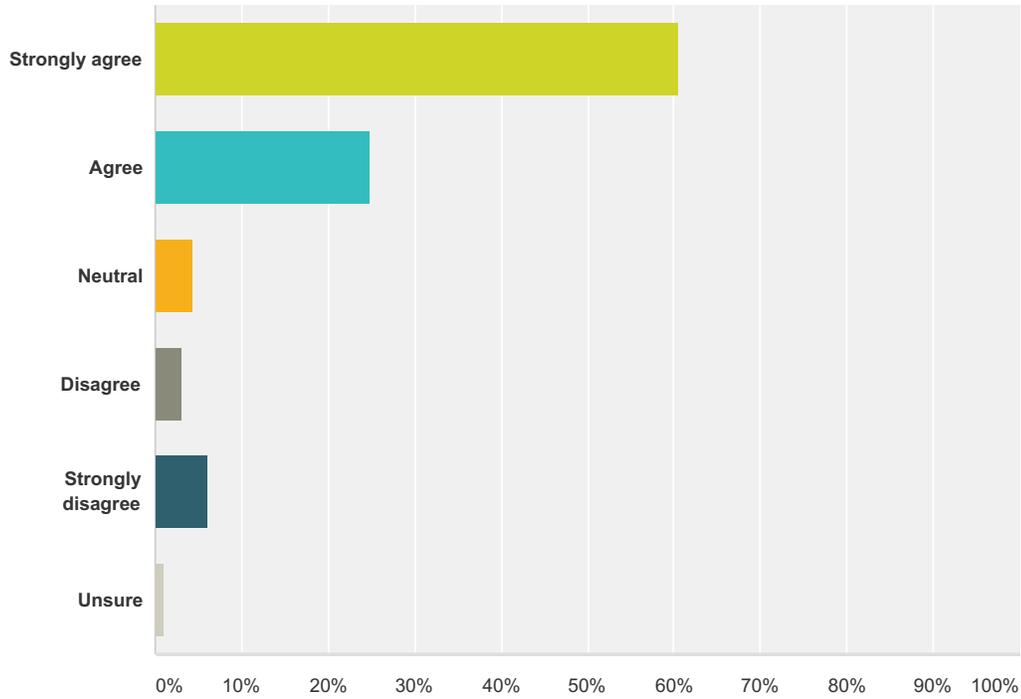
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly agree	67.04%	476
Agree	20.14%	143
Neutral	5.07%	36
Disagree	2.54%	18
Strongly disagree	4.37%	31
Unsure	0.85%	6
Total		710

Q2 In general, I support the City of Courtenay investing more resources into tree management and protection. (This could include a modest increase to staff hours or the creation of a heritage tree list or more public education resources as examples)

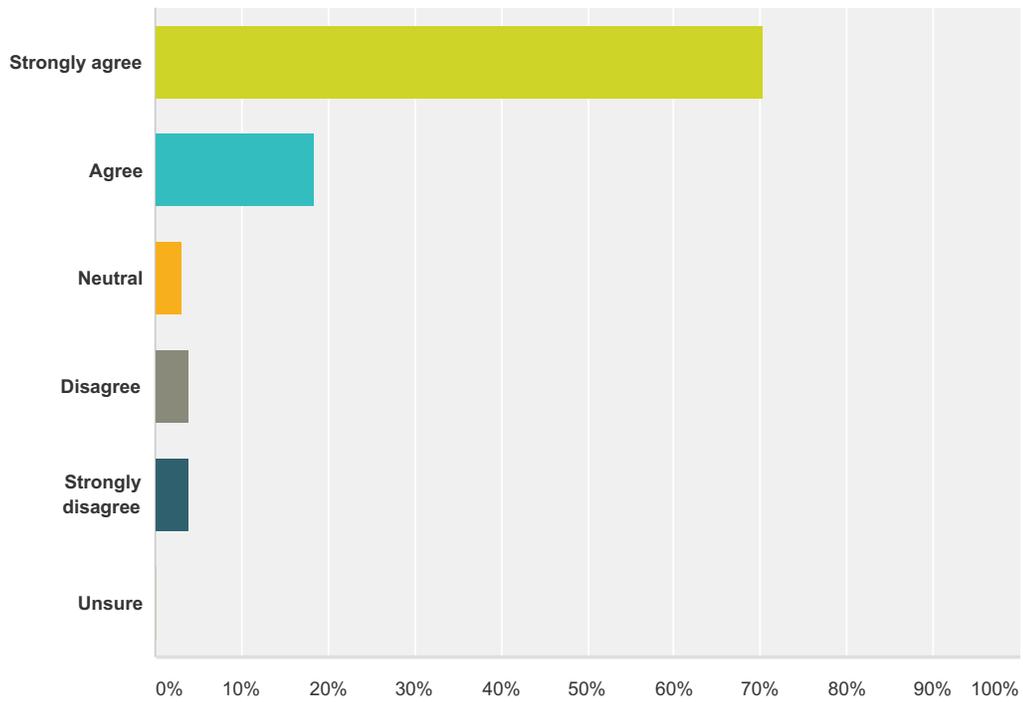
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	60.53%	431
Agree	24.86%	177
Neutral	4.35%	31
Disagree	3.23%	23
Strongly disagree	6.04%	43
Unsure	0.98%	7
Total		712

Q3 In general, I support a strong policy of keeping existing trees where safe to do so.

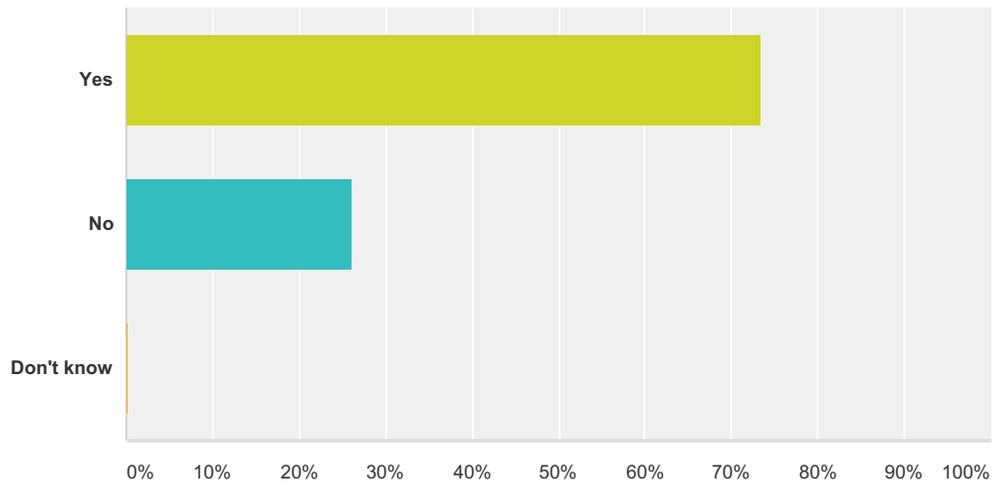
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	70.32%	500
Agree	18.42%	131
Neutral	3.23%	23
Disagree	3.94%	28
Strongly disagree	3.94%	28
Unsure	0.14%	1
Total		711

Q5 Do you own property and/or live in the City of Courtenay?

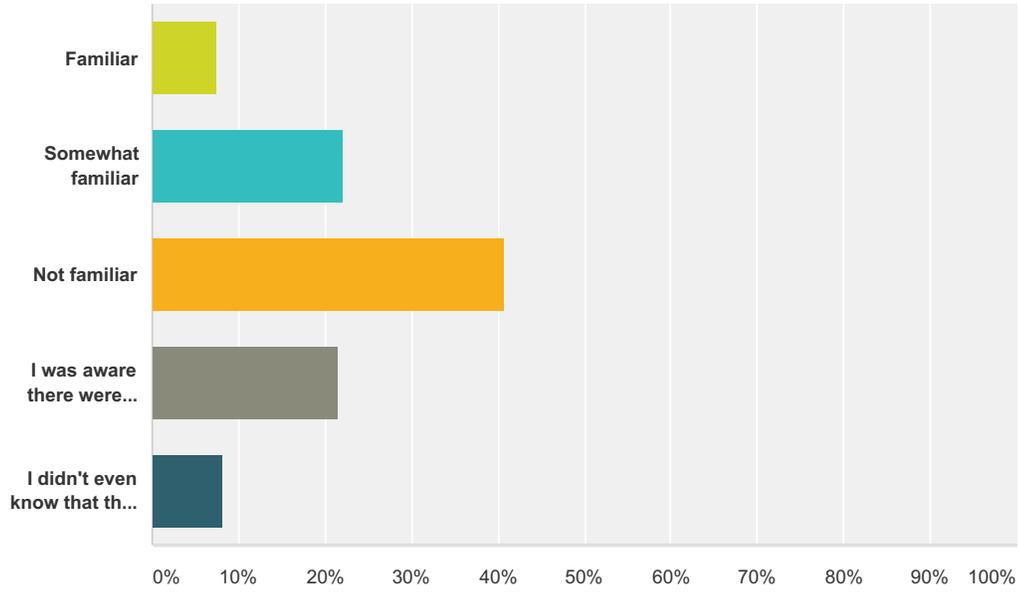
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	73.58% 504
No	26.13% 179
Don't know	0.29% 2
Total	685

Q6 Prior to this consultation opportunity, how familiar would you say you were with the City's existing Tree Management and Protection requirements?

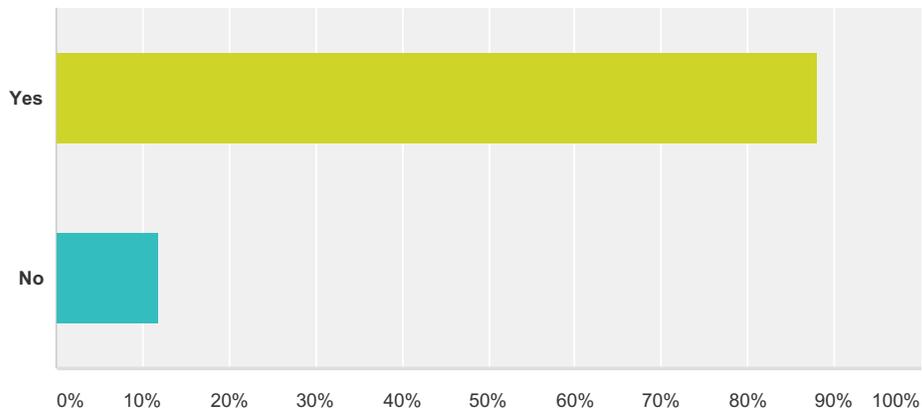
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Familiar	7.45%	51
Somewhat familiar	22.19%	152
Not familiar	40.73%	279
I was aware there were regulations, but I didn't know anything about them	21.46%	147
I didn't even know that the City had any requirements!	8.18%	56
Total		685

Q7 Do you support the bylaw applying to all lands within the City?

Answered: 653 Skipped: 66



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	88.06%	575
No	11.94%	78
Total		653

#	If no, you are welcome to provide some comments on what areas you think the bylaw should apply to.	Date
1	I feel people should have the right to cut down trees on their own property	7/14/2016 4:28 PM
2	no change to existing bylaw and schedule D	7/9/2016 11:25 PM
3	I personally grow most of my own produce close to thousand pounds per year all the food my family and I can't eat is given away, forcing me to plant trees on my property or my neighbours property would greatly decrease my food production. Each year I am learning more and so I am increasing food production on my small property. This year I should have an increase of about 150 lbs from last year. In 2 years I plan to have an increase of aprox 400 to 500 lbs per year thats 1500 lbs per year. Also most trees cause deteriorated damage to roofing shingle and decrease their life span. I have spent 10 years devoloping my property so if someone wants to plant a large tree in their yard and cause interference with my property I should have my rights to protect what I own.	7/8/2016 1:57 PM
4	most lands, there might be some commercial or industrial lands were flexibility would be wanted like the landing strip at the airpark	7/8/2016 1:45 PM
5	if its private property its no one else's business, we have lots of trees in this valley .protecting trees in the city is dangerous . the bigger they get the more dangerous they become. We don't need more laws and regulations. permits to cut trees in the city is just a money grab and more paperwork and more employees. We need to get rid of the chaff.	7/6/2016 4:32 PM
6	existing small urban lots should be at the discretion of the owner.	7/3/2016 4:00 PM
7	no to control on private lands	7/2/2016 3:35 PM
8	There should be exceptions to be able to cut down really large fir and cedar trees.	7/2/2016 8:30 AM
9	I am concerned to hear of a plan to replace deciduous trees on the Idiens pathway with evergreens behind our house. I would like to see hone owners who deliberately let their trees struggle by not watering during water restrictions, be fined a significant amount.	6/30/2016 7:07 PM
10	How about no bylaw period. Government has not right to dictate to a private land owner what to grow or not grow on their property....excluding this like drugs that fall into another category. Are you protecting tress from insects like catapillers....can we now spray to rid our trees of these destroying pests.	6/30/2016 5:58 PM
11	City owned land	6/30/2016 1:58 PM

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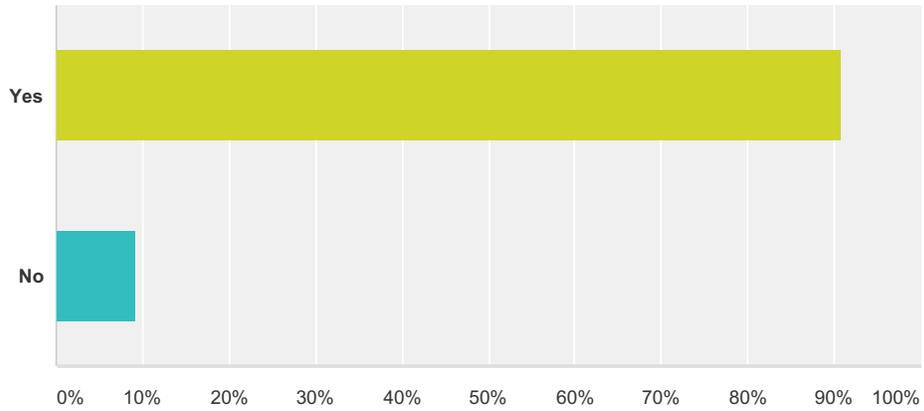
12	especially protecting trees before land development	6/30/2016 9:46 AM
13	I feel like Big Brother is definitely here. Within reason, I think people should be allowed to do what they please on their own property. People may want to grow vegetables & trees may severely restrict this. Urban gardening should be encouraged.	6/29/2016 7:32 PM
14	Too controlling to the home owner	6/29/2016 6:02 PM
15	there would have to be a lot of consultation as to which species, location and whether or not there was an opportunity for replanting	6/29/2016 12:52 PM
16	public lands only	6/29/2016 12:41 PM
17	if city wishes to control trees on private property then they better pay to look after them	6/29/2016 9:10 AM
18	I would support, but the part "...and would include more species on the protected species list" is missing in the question.	6/29/2016 8:44 AM
19	Only the lots close to downtown core.	6/28/2016 10:37 PM
20	Any residential or commercial property	6/28/2016 7:20 PM
21	to restrictive and would interfere with the right of ownership	6/28/2016 2:02 PM
22	Plant more Garry Oaks	6/28/2016 1:44 PM
23	Also outlying areas in the regional district	6/28/2016 8:33 AM
24	Nor residential lot should have more than two trees under the height of 20ft. To often the original standing trees are reaching more than 20 ft.....Blocking views, often creating trees that are dangerous to neighbouring properties without much recourse for affected neighbours. I also do not want to see a situation where we tax paying residents will be required to have extra city employees available , to oversee and cut trees . We have enough city employees to compensate through annual property taxation. One other thought ...with increasing temperature increases and drought during summer months, there would be less protection for homeowners , should a fire break out in a residential area...all under a canopy of trees. We are surrounded by bushland, should a large residential fire occur, or even a bush fire outside our twsp parameters, a heavily treed community wouldn't stand a chance. Protection of the species listed below should be continued , wherever possible.	6/27/2016 2:12 PM
25	Many of the zealots have culled their property in the past but are very protective of these species on other privately owned property. Public Parks may be the best location for the public to enjoy the species rather than forcing private homeowners to accommodate species that noone else recognizes.	6/25/2016 7:33 AM
26	residential only	6/24/2016 2:01 PM
27	Outlying areas considered for development	6/24/2016 10:44 AM
28	Make sure home owners are consulted if trees on personal property	6/24/2016 9:21 AM
29	Look around you, we are but a dot in the forest surrounding us. Ever take a drive to and from Mt. Washington?	6/23/2016 11:12 PM
30	no clear cutting of city lots	6/23/2016 8:49 PM
31	I also think bylaws should apply to regional districts.	6/23/2016 6:58 PM
32	How about retaining trees in parking lots which are concrete deserts	6/23/2016 11:59 AM
33	I am hesitant about blanket laws that inhibit private property owners, especially small residential lot owners, to manage trees on their properties	6/23/2016 9:11 AM
34	I am concerned about respect for private property rights.	6/22/2016 11:47 PM
35	residential lot owners should be exempt	6/22/2016 6:43 PM
36	I don't agree with restrictions on private property. Also when planting new trees, boulevards should have these none columnar species allowed. Would like to see more native species going into municipal spaces not just mugo pine... and others regularly planted in the last 20 years.	6/22/2016 9:25 AM
37	Public property, parks etc	6/21/2016 8:36 PM
38	I do not pay city of Courtenay taxes but would support bl if I did	6/21/2016 2:48 PM
39	I think I should be allowed to cut down what ever tree i want. If the tree falls on my house can i now sue the city because you made me keep it??	6/21/2016 2:22 PM

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40	I garden, I am more concerned about my property being shaded, over time, by local varieties (ie Fir, Cedar, Balsam, maples and garry oaks) as well as encroachment for solar gain opportunities. for sure riparian but urban developed areas shoud encourage the planting of trees that do not grow overly tall. Less pruning, less potential damage from storms and for the other reasons stated.	6/20/2016 5:04 PM
41	There should be no tree bylaw.	6/19/2016 10:27 AM
42	Should apply to Comox as well if possible	6/17/2016 11:51 AM
43	Yes, I support the bylaw but it should also apply to unprotected areas as well.	6/17/2016 10:19 AM
44	Keep urban forests intact. Losing 30% of the remaining small stock is not acceptable.	6/17/2016 9:01 AM
45	Stay off private property	6/16/2016 5:38 PM
46	I think the bylaw should include lands that are being logged around our watershed.i e Comox Lake!	6/16/2016 5:31 PM
47	There may be need for special rules, exemptions for unique areas	6/16/2016 4:24 PM
48	I am not familiar enough with this issue to offer an opinion	6/16/2016 2:59 PM
49	I do not believe farmers should be exempt from environmental protection laws in any way	6/16/2016 12:36 PM
50	trees can be dangerous on comercial properties	6/15/2016 2:22 PM
51	I think it needs to protect more species	6/15/2016 9:21 AM
52	I am more interested in older trees being protected not every little tree that happens to be on the list	6/15/2016 8:59 AM
53	Not sure. Sometimes laws can become absurd...one size fits all isn't always great	6/15/2016 8:50 AM
54	different zoning should be considered in the bylaw, with different rules for residential, commercial, and industrial properties	6/13/2016 12:13 PM
55	urban forest is an oxymoron. trees on city lots with homes or other structures can be destructive. if we wanted to be surrounded by trees we would have bought land outside the city.	6/11/2016 3:19 PM
56	nowhere the trees block views of mountains	6/11/2016 7:01 AM
57	There is already way too much beaurocracy building going on. This just adds more management and resources, thus increased taxation. We need to stop thinking we can control every little thing that happens within the City and fight that battles worth fighting. We live in BC, there are plenty of trees.	6/11/2016 6:06 AM
58	I am not sure on where I think they should apply, I just believe that when you do an all or nothing it sets the stage for conflict and black and white thinking where power struggles between those who want to do something and those who say this is the law and you can't take on way more energy than need be. I would like to see, if the bylaw was passed that there was somewhere a line which stated an immediate "no, that is the bylaw" would not be given to those who had an inquiry. I feel dialogue and discussion should also be on the table. I agree in proecting trees and green space, but too many laws and costs make it unaffordable for people to live in cities.	6/8/2016 8:09 PM
59	property owners should have the right to plant what they wish. City properties should plant protected species and supply the manpower to showcase these species	6/8/2016 7:07 PM
60	Tree plantigs and conservation should be encouraged not mandated.	6/7/2016 1:15 PM
61	The city should not be able to tell land owners what they can do with the land. We have paid for it - the city didn't. The city should deal with the Lapland it owns but not infringe on our right to enjoy the land we have paid for.	6/3/2016 11:00 PM
62	leave it to the landowner	6/3/2016 11:16 AM

Q8 Do you support the bylaw including the following species being listed as protected? Arbutus (Arbutus menziesii) (also referred to as Madrone); Western white pine (Pinus monticola); Trembling aspen Populus tremuloides); Pacific yew (Taxus brevifolia)

Answered: 662 Skipped: 57



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	90.79% 601
No	9.21% 61
Total	662

Q9 Do you have any comments about the proposed protected species list?

Answered: 225 Skipped: 494

Replacement Vital Size Effect Urban Happy
 Western White Pine Light
 Trembling Aspen Good Idea Think
 Home Owners Protected Trees Place
 Species Dawn Redwood
 Development Populus Tremuloides
 Douglas Fir Environment Garry Oak Carbon
 Pacific
 Community Granted Maple Wetlands Yew
 Gary Oak

#	Responses	Date
1	Add unusual specimens of non endangered trees. E.g. really lovely big maple, walnut or chestnut trees or cedars etc.	7/15/2016 11:30 AM
2	I think all healthy mature trees should have protection and bird perching, besting trees, cultural and modified trees also if there are still any in City limits	7/15/2016 10:53 AM
3	Should be expanded to 'include' other trees that are critical to habitat for birds or trees that add to environmental health/biodiversity, etc.	7/15/2016 10:20 AM
4	mature douglas fir and Sitka spruce need to be added	7/14/2016 4:51 PM
5	Pacific yew - an understory tree which is rare here because its requirements can not be met in a hot urban environment. White Pine - too big for the urban environment - subject to blister rust.	7/14/2016 4:49 PM
6	Arbutus are at their northern range but are not really established in the Courtenay boundary. western White pine are subject to blister rust. Trying to manage a few pines seems unrealistic. Again not a lot of Yew in this neck of the woods again for the odd one to fill your boot. As to Trembling Aspen it's a short lived tree. One would have to have a management plan to maintain a healthy grove. The four that are left on my property are approx. 60 years old and falling apart. I plan to cut them down as they are a hazard.	7/14/2016 4:32 PM
7	Trembling aspen is fast growing and spreads rapidly, I don't think it would be useful to make it protected. Arbutus would be the most valuable to protect due to its slow growth pattern and difficulty establishing.	7/14/2016 4:23 PM
8	how about protecting all trees within proximity to water - salt or fresh. including creeks and wetlands	7/14/2016 3:27 PM
9	The City should consider the arrival of GE trees. GE apple and GE pine. We definitely do not want GE trees in Courtenay. So on top of the number of trees, we should plan maybe to prohibit GE trees (genetically engineered) as a tree replacement	7/14/2016 3:07 PM
10	I am not familiar with all species growing in the City, but the list in #8 seems rather small and limited	7/14/2016 2:31 PM

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11	Pacific Yew!	7/14/2016 2:28 PM
12	Trembling aspens need a grove to survive so a small lot may have trouble keeping one healthy.	7/14/2016 2:22 PM
13	Thank you to protect more trees	7/14/2016 2:17 PM
14	In general, I support protecting native species, but I'm wondering if the city has considered how these species are expected to respond to changing conditions resulting from climate change. It may be that a broader look at appropriate species is required if the ultimate goal is to have a healthy, diverse urban forest?	7/11/2016 8:29 PM
15	Although I'm not familiar with all the species of endangered trees within this jurisdiction, I hope you are moving toward a robust and complete list. In terms of threats to these tree species, I hope you are not only considering development but also the impacts of climate change especially in terms of drought and precipitation changes. What will be done to help property owners care for the protected tree species that may become more vulnerable in "feast and famine" water regime?	7/11/2016 12:55 PM
16	the more protected species the better	7/9/2016 5:52 PM
17	I have my property the way I want it and it does not interfere with any of my neighbors or any one else. Nobody else should have any say or force me otherwise.	7/8/2016 1:57 PM
18	protect nesting trees for herons and eagles protect mature and old growth trees as well as excellent specimens of exotics.	7/8/2016 1:45 PM
19	Native Dogwood should also be listed, for the sake of clarity and emphasis.	7/7/2016 1:56 PM
20	If some one plants a tree its their tree not the cities to tax one day.	7/6/2016 4:32 PM
21	It's a good place to start.	7/6/2016 4:15 PM
22	Would like to see black cottonwood (Populus trichocarpa) and Cascara (Rhamnus purshiana) added to the list of protected native species.	7/6/2016 12:03 PM
23	I think it is good to protect native species so they don't become extinct. As these trees are all native to our Pacific BC area we should help keep them around. It will also help with global warming.	7/5/2016 5:40 PM
24	add douglas fir as per the OCP	7/4/2016 8:26 PM
25	They should be protected only when they are not a safety hazard or threatening the growth of older mature species.	7/4/2016 4:23 PM
26	I applaud the city of Courtenay's proposal to add additional species to the list of those already protected.	7/4/2016 1:38 PM
27	It doesn't go far enough. The cedars, firs and other native trees are also valuable.	7/3/2016 4:00 PM
28	I support the list in question 8 with the exception of trembling aspen. exclude it.	7/3/2016 8:50 AM
29	They are all beautiful trees.	7/2/2016 11:57 PM
30	There should be a limit in regards to tree height allowed to prevent shading close by gardens	7/2/2016 4:07 PM
31	trembling aspen and white pine can be a nuisance tree	7/2/2016 3:35 PM
32	Douglas Fir should be added to the list of protected tree species: - old growth Douglas Fir ecosystems are rare and endangered; we need to make every effort to protect remaining Douglas Fir trees of all ages in order to recruit future old growth - Douglas Fir have a limited range on the east coast of Vancouver Island and are found in the Comox Valley - they grow in lowland areas (especially coastal areas of the Comox Valley) that are subject to high development pressures - they are suited to drier climate conditions and therefore more likely to survive a warmer drier climate	7/2/2016 11:34 AM
33	It is dictatorial to prevent a homeowner from cutting a tree on his property because of his personal reasons+ be charged a fee for doing so.	7/1/2016 11:23 AM
34	no	7/1/2016 10:08 AM
35	i would like it to include trees of any species over 50 years old.	7/1/2016 8:17 AM
36	we also have other trees such as California red wood and Sycamore's that should be protected as heritage trees	7/1/2016 7:29 AM
37	There are many large mature spruce, fir and cedar trees that should be included. Perhaps some other species should be protected because of their age or size because of their impact on the skyline and image of the city.	6/30/2016 8:07 PM
38	Home owners need to be given a clear message that not watering trees in our communities that result in obvious detriment to the trees is unacceptable and that they will be fined.	6/30/2016 7:07 PM
39	Although protected there have been decisions made for development that result in trees being removed eg Garry Oaks removed for Comox Berwick development that have been disappointing locally. Would support a regional plan for tree protection	6/30/2016 5:11 PM

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40	All large trees of any species should be protected	6/30/2016 3:49 PM
41	Add Lodgepole Pine in wetlands such as the corner of Lerwick Road and McDonald road	6/30/2016 1:58 PM
42	I believe native species (1) are likely to have better survival as the climate changes. This would especially apply in a situation where their offspring could carry on in succeeding generations; (2) provide better habitat for native wildlife. Our native bird species (who would help control pest insects), and many other native species, need all the help they can get! (3) greatly help preserve riparian environments.	6/30/2016 12:56 PM
43	All species should be protected	6/30/2016 12:05 PM
44	Caution about this issue is needed. These are not that rare (yellow listed) unless a component of a special ecological community....	6/30/2016 11:32 AM
45	I agree with except for Trembling Aspen which is an invasive & NON native species to Vancouver Island	6/30/2016 9:31 AM
46	All lands including new developments!	6/30/2016 8:47 AM
47	I am wondering about other significant native tree species that are not listed above: Douglas-fir, grand fir, western hemlock, cascara, bigleaf maple, Douglas maple, western red cedar, shore pine, black cottonwood etc.	6/29/2016 9:48 PM
48	Most people could not recognise all of these.	6/29/2016 7:32 PM
49	They need protection! It is a shame to see these trees being cut down by property owners.	6/29/2016 6:43 PM
50	Not at this time	6/29/2016 3:02 PM
51	I think it is definitely important to protect these tree species, but I would consider a home owner's right to re-locate a protected tree on their property if it is hazardous to the them.	6/29/2016 2:08 PM
52	each and every live healthy tree is a good tree and should be preserved wherever possible.	6/29/2016 1:32 PM
53	Regardless of species, trees above a certain diameter (at the base) should be protected, as they often take decades to reach that size.	6/29/2016 1:20 PM
54	none at this time	6/29/2016 12:52 PM
55	On public lands they should be protected and the City could contract outside nurseries to grow more of these species annually for planting throughout the City's public lands.	6/29/2016 12:41 PM
56	I would like to make sure developers do not get away with wiping out what is left of of all our green space.This causes our wildlife to come into our cities and idiot conservation kill them because of greedy developers.	6/29/2016 11:18 AM
57	Not at this time	6/29/2016 10:43 AM
58	Im not sure about the pine tree - not a fan	6/29/2016 10:41 AM
59	Fines are not enough to prevent developers from ridding themselves of inconvenient trees.	6/29/2016 10:10 AM
60	Developers should make every effort to design their plans to allow the protected trees to remain on the land. Alternately, if it's viable to the tree, the developer should pay for the safe transplant of the tree (s) to a protected location determined by the city.	6/29/2016 9:30 AM
61	Well done	6/29/2016 9:17 AM
62	I applaud it	6/29/2016 8:02 AM
63	I think protecting is fine but why should this be such a strict bylaw. I totally agree to protecting but not to the strict rules that it sounds like your trying to but in place	6/28/2016 9:29 PM
64	add Douglas fir	6/28/2016 7:20 PM
65	a lot of those species show more and more signs of decease	6/28/2016 2:02 PM
66	Why are Garry Oaks not on that list?	6/28/2016 1:44 PM
67	This is a good idea thankyou	6/28/2016 8:33 AM
68	What about the Gary Oak (Garry?) I have 3 Yews on my property with another big one across the road in woods.	6/28/2016 6:33 AM
69	Needs to be expanded I think...	6/27/2016 5:02 PM
70	All of the above trees should be managed to protect existing homes and residents of the community	6/27/2016 2:12 PM

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71	From the description, I feel like the overall effect would be to make a bunch of red tape for home owners (likely removing less than three), while allowing developers to remove any/all in the way of their large condo/townhouse sites, thus the city still loses a large percentage of its trees, while also inconveniencing a large percentage of its tax base. Keep the list of trees. Allow home owners to manage the trees on their own properties as outlined by city bylaw/regulations. Developers are currently required to meet many approvals; just add the updated tree management policies to their approval process.	6/27/2016 11:11 AM
72	no	6/27/2016 6:37 AM
73	Management must include new developments as well as individually owned properties. NO CLEAR CUTTING for high density housing!	6/26/2016 9:19 PM
74	Western white pine is subject to a rust; the alternate host for which is the native red currant. So without outlawing the currant, the white pines will suffer and probably die. The trembling aspens are invasive, and get into water pipes and sewage lines.	6/26/2016 7:57 PM
75	It's not large enough. It should include any tree older than 40 years or of above average size.	6/26/2016 12:10 PM
76	Western White pine is susceptible to wind damage with potential risks to persons and property - particularly as trees age on this residential site.	6/25/2016 6:10 PM
77	Perhaps the culling of protected species could require significant action taken on invasive species?	6/25/2016 4:38 PM
78	We are not a true urban centre and treating the Comox valley as such is misguided. We have many more trees that need to be removed than need to be protected. The overgrowth is both a fire and a safety hazard, and in some cases property values are affected by the loss of views. However some areas do require monitoring, eg bank stabilization situations.	6/25/2016 4:25 PM
79	Have garry oaks on my property and have neighbours knocking on the door to be sure I am watering the tree. These neighbours had garry oaks on their property in the 70/80s but cut them down because they are unsightly & dirty. Why do we impose regulations on others but there is no concerted effort by the CITY to foster & maintain these species on public parks. Most politicians & civil servants become very self-righteous after they have cleared their own property.	6/25/2016 7:33 AM
80	Larger or more mature trees should be more protected than young trees.	6/24/2016 10:09 AM
81	More	6/24/2016 9:21 AM
82	Let's work together to keep our trees healthy and growing.	6/24/2016 8:56 AM
83	If they can still be removed if zoned development is imminent, what's the point in having the list?	6/24/2016 8:21 AM
84	I would prefer if the trees could stay even if they were in the way of developing. They knew the tree was there.	6/24/2016 12:34 AM
85	we, the people of Vancouver Island need to work with our city planners to make sure that our diverse species flourish.. too much has been taken in the last century and with continued development to accommodate more people it is vital to stop mass slaughter of indigenous flora...	6/24/2016 12:04 AM
86	Yes, please add Douglas Hawthorne to the list.	6/23/2016 11:29 PM
87	remove dogwood and oaks. the fewer protected trees the better. none would be best	6/23/2016 10:14 PM
88	Although I am not really familiar with all the local species, I see no reason to not protect all to a certain extent. Regional district should do this also. Area C is an example of abuse.	6/23/2016 6:58 PM
89	I believe that Developers should be required to leave all protected species on development property and that severe penalties should attach to the licences required to proceed with development	6/23/2016 11:59 AM
90	I feel that it should also include mature cedars, and other large trees that are older than 60-70 years, since they are irreplaceable in our lifetime. The older the tree, also, the more carbon it protects per year, the more stability its roots provides, the more oxygen and shade it creates, etc.	6/23/2016 11:44 AM
91	I would add Cascara	6/23/2016 10:32 AM
92	I think it's really important to also consider what the biological benefits are for preserving these species. Such as not losing bird and insect species important to our ecosystem. Vancouver and Victoria is undergoing this and they are a great example. Hopefully more cities will lead by example from Courtenay.	6/23/2016 8:30 AM
93	Diversity of species is important. We do not know which species will survive global warming.	6/22/2016 7:47 PM
94	protection should be only for public property	6/22/2016 6:43 PM
95	I understand that people need to eat and homes need to be built, so I'm not saying we need to go crazy, here, but I think we can find a compromise that the majority of residents can be satisfied with.	6/22/2016 6:10 PM

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96	List should be periodically reviewed on a specified regular basis. What about trees like Giant Sequoia and Dawn Redwood which are not native but there are a few very nice examples in Courtenay? We have a sequoia in our neighbourhood that is one of about half still standing which were planted years ago as property border markers.	6/22/2016 4:31 PM
97	No, just that it's a good idea.	6/22/2016 2:45 PM
98	Along with these 4 species, established fruit trees should be protected. In a time when food security is becoming more and more important, fruit trees become a valuable asset to the city and the community at large.	6/22/2016 1:22 PM
99	Trembling Aspen may be rare within the city, but it is not rare in our region and is easy to transplant. I've planted a few of them on my properties.	6/21/2016 9:34 PM
100	Western white pine usually is infected with blister rust so it usually sick and unsafe, trembling aspen when branches break the come down like spears so kinda dangerous on small lots, arbutus grows naturally on rocky well drained soils, not so much around town	6/21/2016 2:58 PM
101	Douglas Fir, any tree over 10inch gerth. I am familiar with manyof the trees in Courtenay from living in the area for 40 years. I am often appalled to find an acquaintance cut down for no apparent reason, most recently along Fitzgerald Ave.	6/21/2016 2:48 PM
102	Sure keep the trees that take 100s of years to grown Garry Oak, but why should i have to have a 60foot pine next to my house. If it falls i know who i will be calling to pay for the damage	6/21/2016 2:22 PM
103	No.	6/21/2016 1:10 PM
104	Why are mature Douglas fir trees (80 years and over) not included on the list of protected species? I also think any mature tree over 80 years should be protected.	6/21/2016 10:54 AM
105	include Douglas fir, and Douglas Maple	6/21/2016 7:46 AM
106	It is of vital importance to main populations of these trees!	6/20/2016 9:33 PM
107	As we are at the northern range of arbutus and with courtenay having pretty much mowed down the original forest. I would be interested to know how many arbutus exist within the city? Why would you protect white pine when it is subject to rust blight. Again not sure how many pacific yew are within the city but cannot be many if any unless planted by someone. I am sure there are possibly some small groves of trembling aspen. A beautiful transitional tree, not long living but a very nice tree. In fact there are still four on my property. Use to be a dozen or so but they were 30 some years old when I moved here and are now another 30 years older. Most have died but the four that remain have dead tops and only the lower 1/4 to 1/3 have any new growth. They are a bit of a hazard as they will fall on one of my greenhouses depending on wind and weather circumstances. If they do not break in up coming winter storms it is my plan to cut them down. As I am old guy on a limited income not sure I would have the patience to go threw the process you are proposing or the resources to pay for all the technical profession reports. I worked 30 years in the woods part of it doing technical survey. Wildlife tree, windthrow. sensitive soils. Variety of stocking surveys. no longer certified so it would probably make me kinda cranky to explain the obvious to some upstart	6/20/2016 5:04 PM
108	Are there invasive or unwanted species that should be discouraged?	6/20/2016 1:39 PM
109	Expand the protection so there is no chance of losing 30% of curtenays urban trees	6/19/2016 11:23 AM
110	These are not "endangered" species. Some are not suited, silviculturally, to residential lots.	6/19/2016 10:27 AM
111	no	6/19/2016 7:48 AM
112	no	6/18/2016 7:04 PM
113	You need to keep all the trees you can as they remove CO2 from the air and help to mitigate climate change. On slopes trees are very important to hold the slope together. I use soil bioengineering to fix a lot of slopes where folks have cut the trees to get a view and then the slope slides away. Douglas-fir should be added to your list as it has strong roots and is important in coastal slope protection. Trim branches to get a view, but don't cut the top off (reduces root spread).	6/18/2016 6:35 PM
114	There should be provisions to widen the list if needed in the future.	6/18/2016 5:12 PM
115	I am for development in the Comox Valley, however I do believe that we should attempt to protect selected species. That being said, I believe the priority is to provide housing to those both living in and migrating to the Valley and a "strict" protected tree list might harm future environmentally wise development. For instance, the single oak tree on Comox ave preventing Berwick from providing quality homes for seniors I find somewhat ludicrous.	6/18/2016 4:41 PM
116	We must a strong and viable tree program with an eye to years in the future. Cities with good urban forests are healthier and improve property values.	6/18/2016 4:39 PM
117	What about protecting the ecology that encourages the growth of these trees?	6/18/2016 3:43 PM
118	Redwoods/sequoia should also be protected.	6/18/2016 2:20 PM

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119	removal of trees on all property should be carried out in a respectful manner to the trees not just bulldozed and broken ripped from the ground and discarded many could be removed and replanted elsewhere.	6/18/2016 1:17 PM
120	I feel that all species of a certain age and sound health should be protected as they are a ecosystem themselves with all the other species that they provide habitat for	6/18/2016 10:32 AM
121	Allowing developers to remove trees to 'develop to their allowed zoning' is NOT protecting trees.	6/18/2016 8:33 AM
122	The City must inform property owners individually, preferably in their annual tax assessment notice. People lead busy lives and do not always read the newspapers or have time to check the city website. Several of my neighbours have in the past cut down trees, being unaware of the necessity to check with the city first. I am only aware of the tree policy myself because I looked into developing my property and went in person to city hall. Instead I'm in the process of moving to 1030 2nd Street, where luckily I'm surrounded by trees both on my property and on the street.	6/17/2016 10:20 PM
123	protect what we have before it is too late	6/17/2016 10:19 PM
124	no	6/17/2016 5:54 PM
125	I DO NOT Agree to protecting the trembling Aspen. The root suckers are a problem on city lots and the cotton causes asthma for many people. This tree is fine on larger properties but should not be kept in residential areas.	6/17/2016 5:44 PM
126	One can only protect them when one knows where they are located, therefore a survey has to be undertaken and charted.	6/17/2016 2:26 PM
127	I think it is vitally important to do so. Thanks for your research and work to date.	6/17/2016 12:23 PM
128	Tree size should also be a factor in making a decision about a tree. A mature aspen tree is worth more than an aspen seedling that is only 36" tall.	6/17/2016 11:51 AM
129	Landowners should consider protected trees when developing land and work around them, not cut them to fit their plan. If allowed to cut these trees there would be no sense in having tree bylaws if developers ignore the bylaws.	6/17/2016 11:44 AM
130	Yes, Western White Pine is already under stress from pine beetle infestation so this is an excellent idea	6/17/2016 10:19 AM
131	There should be a mechanism to add endangered species to the list without having to pass a new bylaw	6/17/2016 9:50 AM
132	strengthening Courtenay's bylaw is essential given recent cutting of Garry Oaks on Comox Hill and within town of Comox by a land owner to improve a view & to accommodate new construction; Comox bylaw did not protect these trees in time!	6/17/2016 9:41 AM
133	As a new resident of Courtenay, I am very happy to see this proposal and strongly support it.	6/17/2016 9:24 AM
134	Although these species are native they are not endemic to all of courtenay	6/17/2016 9:03 AM
135	Hopefully Courtenay can lead the Comox Valley into greater protection of all forests urban and rural.	6/17/2016 9:00 AM
136	We need to protect our environment if not we are all going to suffer	6/17/2016 7:08 AM
137	I feel that more stringent bylaws should be in place to protect healthy trees and if in the way of some proposed development, the land owner should work with the council to preserve as many trees as possible and consider redesigning their layout in order to accomplish maximum retention of existing healthy trees. Also I think council should be vigorous in encouraging private and community replanting programs year round. Free tree Seedlings should be offered to new home-owners (and others willing to upgrade their properties) and follow-up made where possible to ensure that these tree resources are indeed being planted and maintained.	6/17/2016 1:31 AM
138	Definition of 'rare' is unclear - have these species been inventoried? How many remain to justify the urgency of their addition to the list? I assume rare species may be environmentally-specific.	6/16/2016 11:55 PM
139	It is great to hear we are protecting them.	6/16/2016 9:38 PM
140	What about Dawn Redwood?	6/16/2016 9:34 PM
141	Make contractors aware so they don't clear cut unless granted permission	6/16/2016 6:01 PM
142	I would definitely want to see Garry Oak and Pacific Dogwood on the list of proposed protected species	6/16/2016 5:42 PM
143	There should be a community vote for any old growth trees whether they should be taken down.	6/16/2016 5:41 PM
144	no	6/16/2016 4:48 PM
145	No thanks	6/16/2016 4:40 PM
146	Landowners should not be allowed to do whatever they like with trees. See Vancouver's bylaws. Every time I visit Vancouver I'm struck by the number of trees everywhere. If such a big city can protect its trees, what is wrong with us? Nature belongs to everyone and trees are essential habitat for birds and other species.	6/16/2016 4:28 PM

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147	We are noticing many trees under stress from climate change / drought. etc.	6/16/2016 4:18 PM
148	I absolutely support the change to include Arbutus and Pacific yew, and to continue to protect Garry oak, and Pacific dogwood. However, trembling aspen and western white pine? It seems a bit random to protect these two species when they are so popular in other parts of the province where the growing conditions are ideal and they are the more dominant species in their natural ecosystems (unlike here). Courtenay is unique in that we lie in the northern extent of the Coastal Douglas Fir Ecosystem, which is a provincially recognized protected ecosystem. Trees in this ecosystem include Douglas-fir, Western Red cedar, Grand Fir, Western Flowering Dogwood and (less commonly) Garry Oak, Arbutus, and Pacific Yew. Therefore it makes a lot of sense to include some of those species in the protected list, which you have done with Garry Oak and Pacific Dogwood and are considering doing with Arbutus and Pacific Yew. I strongly believe that at minimum, the dominant tree in this ecosystem - Douglas fir - be included in the city's protected tree list, and that more considerations be made on protecting clusters of trees where possible, not just a minimum number on each property so that the other forest components of coastal Douglas fir forests be protected as well, as opposed to just the tree itself. The iconic Douglas fir supports an incredible amount of wildlife, even in the middle of the city, including great blue heron colonies and bald eagle's nests.	6/16/2016 4:17 PM
149	If you're considering protecting a species, protect it. The situation isn't going to improve and with increasing weather extremes, we're going to lose diversity and abundance in ways we can't adequately predict.	6/16/2016 4:09 PM
150	Most trees should be protected if they don't pose a hazard to structures or hydro lines or road ways. Developers need to stop clear cutting lots when they build commercial or private structures. I'm not sure west coast maples and alders need to be protected- they grow fast and are quite prolific. Cut a tree, and be required to replace with something suitable close by or in a better location it would be my recommendation. A developer cuts ten trees for a structure - then plants ten trees and ensures they grow.	6/16/2016 4:01 PM
151	Protect even more: No developer should be allowed to clearcut areas just for financial gain.	6/16/2016 3:59 PM
152	I am in favour of a one removal/one replacement policy.	6/16/2016 3:21 PM
153	There could be a few more added to the list	6/16/2016 2:43 PM
154	I'm not opposed to development and if the tree is designated old growth, then every possible effort to be taken to not have it taken down. The very young trees can be taken down if funds are given to have the same type of tree planted elsewhere in the city.	6/16/2016 2:24 PM
155	Gary oaks, cascara, maple, lombardy poplar	6/16/2016 2:00 PM
156	I do not in anyway support removing protected trees for landowners profiting from development, what is the point in protecting a species of tree if a condo/development profit is more important than the preservation? Whats the point in wasting time saying you will protect something unless there is money to be had with development, then its ok to cut it down?	6/16/2016 12:36 PM
157	Could Linden trees be added?	6/16/2016 11:59 AM
158	We need trees, all those species are well established	6/16/2016 11:28 AM
159	The more trees the better!!	6/16/2016 11:03 AM
160	I would also like to see all trees of a certain age i.e. 100+ years, designated for protection.	6/15/2016 10:23 PM
161	Is it possible to add or make a separate list of invasive plants to avoid, such as Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, Japanese Knotweed, etc.?	6/15/2016 10:18 PM
162	Why not the more common trees? Douglas fir, alder, and cedar ?	6/15/2016 10:09 PM
163	We need trees to be happy beings!	6/15/2016 7:29 PM
164	It's unnecessary	6/15/2016 5:17 PM
165	all trees should be treated the same	6/15/2016 2:22 PM
166	I think the list should be expanded	6/15/2016 12:55 PM
167	Should include large coniferous and Maple trees.	6/15/2016 11:46 AM
168	I hope this bylaw would expand to the rest of my he comox valley	6/15/2016 11:32 AM
169	Gary Oak should also be on the list	6/15/2016 11:21 AM
170	The more species protected, the better.	6/15/2016 10:28 AM
171	If developing your property, the owner must use extreme diligence in trying to protect these trees but only if they are older trees.	6/15/2016 8:59 AM

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172	Please respect the rights of property owners to decide what trees they would like to remove or keep on any given parcel of land.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
173	Western white pine have all but died out because of the rust disease. Is it wise to try and keep them? Better to get rid of currents and gooseberries	6/15/2016 8:50 AM
174	should include birch and maples over a certain height and walnut	6/15/2016 8:21 AM
175	Include Dogwood	6/15/2016 7:45 AM
176	All mature trees should be protected.	6/15/2016 7:03 AM
177	Older/larger specimens of Western red cedar and Douglas fir should also be protected. These are trees of great beauty, large carbon sequestration, excellent soil retention/erosion control capability, and water stabilization ability. They take a long time to grow to a large size.	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
178	Populus tremuloides is a questionable choice for the list	6/14/2016 7:01 PM
179	Trees over a certain calipher size 3 feet from ground up should require a permit to be removed. Removed trees should require another planted on lot to replace.	6/14/2016 6:50 PM
180	I think we also need to try to protect more old growth cedars that are deemed to be healthy. Recently a neighbor cut down a approx 100 yr old healthy cedar (amongst 30-40 other cedar and pines in conjunction with her neighbor).	6/14/2016 6:26 PM
181	protection of douglas fir and hemlock also needed..	6/14/2016 11:27 AM
182	Cascara should be added.	6/14/2016 9:16 AM
183	The existing legislation is weak and so ambitious it allows someone to clear cut their land even if there is a protected species specimen included.	6/13/2016 7:31 PM
184	Western white pine is prone to pest and disease issues. I have seen many of these in the city taken down once they have died. Trembling aspen grows in typically wet ground and will spread in those conditions. If one owned a property with a very wet back yard and it had one aspen you could end up with a forest of them as they spread by their roots as well. I have yet to see a Pacific yew in the city. They are in the forest in Cumberland but they also have a very specific habitat requirement. Not sure that one would ever come across one. Arbutus also have very specific habitat requirments and regularly will lose a large branch or sometimes the whole tree. I would still support the protection of Arbutus and Pacific yew.	6/13/2016 6:32 PM
185	Will this negativity effect local landscape companies who rely on these trees to create bark mulch and other wood byproducts?	6/13/2016 5:58 PM
186	Don't know that most of us would recognize some of the trees on the list.	6/13/2016 3:34 PM
187	I also think there are some very beautiful, decorative or ornamentals that are very large and should be considered to have heritage value, ie. large, old, azaleas, rhodos, pink dogwoods, etc.	6/13/2016 12:27 PM
188	I also have issues with trees being pruned around power lines. It would be nice if we could move lines instead of pruning trees horribly . They were there first!	6/13/2016 11:42 AM
189	no	6/13/2016 10:47 AM
190	I don't know much about the value of these trees.	6/12/2016 8:28 PM
191	This protected list should include trees of outstanding beauty whatever species they are, and large old trees that would be connected to the history of the valley or city.	6/12/2016 4:05 PM
192	Courtenay's OCP states that the city will review the tree by-law to improve the retention of Courtenay's threatened Coastal Douglas fir. Mature Douglas fir (80 years and older) should be included in the proposed protected species list.	6/11/2016 3:57 PM
193	Threatened mature Douglas fir (80 ears and older) also require protection if the OCP is to carry some weight here.	6/11/2016 3:20 PM
194	Don't agree that the Pacific Dogwood needs protecting. You can see them everywhere when you drive around the valley.	6/11/2016 3:19 PM
195	While Populus tremuloides may be rare, it is not suitable for all urban locations do to it's growth habit. It needs to be protected in large groves like at Bill Moore park and on the Hydro lands around the Pipeline but not on residential lots within the City.	6/11/2016 11:30 AM
196	Terrific.	6/10/2016 5:42 PM
197	I don't think we can grow Arbutus here - they seem to prefer the Nanaimo area.	6/10/2016 4:52 PM

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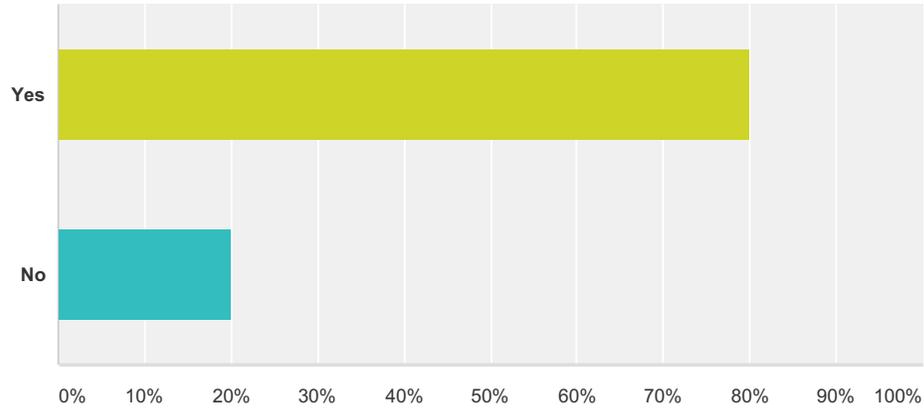
198	Will there be standards related to protecting symbiotic species/soil conditions/grade/light conditions/movement of water in areas where these native species are retained? What is currently done with Gary Oak? They are heavily reliant on symbiotic relationships with other plants and organisms in the soil. Do these species require similar protective measures?	6/10/2016 9:43 AM
199	trembling aspen is not very uncommon in the province does it really need protection, its roots can be a problem to septic fields.	6/10/2016 7:00 AM
200	I would love to see more Arbutus trees in our community.	6/9/2016 1:48 PM
201	"if they are preventing a landowner from developing to their allowed zoning" I personally have issue with this section as it seems this is where majority of these trees exist.	6/9/2016 12:13 PM
202	Except in the case of large or exquisite specimens, allow provisions for removal in some circumstances with replacement or other caveat to improve species presence elsewhere.	6/9/2016 10:32 AM
203	I would suggest the city develop a comprehensive communication plan outlining the reasons necessary to introduce this bylaw AND clearly outline the next steps towards implementation and management of the bylaw.	6/9/2016 10:04 AM
204	These species appear to be given special consideration because they are locally rare, either because they are near the edge of their distribution or have largely been removed by local land use practices. What isn't reflected here is the provincially red-listed Douglas fir communities that are at risk in our region (see Conservation Data Center). The bylaw should include consideration and legislated protection for ecological communities at risk, not just individual species. It is the communities that provide important ecological services that support the whole while individual species are more of a token of protection and offer relatively little value.	6/9/2016 9:32 AM
205	I think that, not only protected, species should have legal protection but that any tree removal should be balanced by tree planting elsewhere (perhaps on ALR or restored riparian areas). We should not take for granted the value of this canopy to a rain forest that is expanding its urban footprint. We need their contributions to a sustainable lifestyle, including the fact they provide homes and food for other species that make the CV such a lovely home.	6/9/2016 9:00 AM
206	Hoping Courtenay's protection program can be endorsed by the CVRD as well. Many lots are being cleared of trees, a trend lately.	6/9/2016 8:43 AM
207	All but aspen seem reasonable.	6/8/2016 9:49 PM
208	I believe access to natural light should also be a consideration for removal or extensive thinning of a tree. We try and encourage alternate ways to heat and light our houses and then if do not allow people the ability to let in light we are punishing them for having a tree in the wrong place. Again, I believe discussion is key, not a black and white bylaw.	6/8/2016 8:09 PM
209	Protecting species does not account for condition or location. The by-law should call for permit requirements for all species except : this way there are not delays to remove unsafe or hazardous trees. While the species listed are good in many locations they are unsuitable for others.	6/8/2016 7:27 PM
210	I do not live in the City of Courtenay, and I believe that protected species should be maintained. I do not believe that any form of government has the right to manage growth on private property. Some of us wish to be sustainable and would prefer to grow food crops - as much as I believe the species mentioned should be protected, I do not believe the City has the right to mandate homeowners utilize their properties. Maintain these species on City land, let the people enjoy them and make a choice for their own properties.	6/8/2016 7:07 PM
211	I would like to see "ornamental" trees such as the Cherry trees on Cumberland road protected as well.	6/8/2016 6:41 PM
212	Mature trees of any species should be protected.	6/8/2016 4:41 PM
213	I do not know how large these trees grow but they should not be allowed to form walls which block out the neighbours light or ability to grow vegetables	6/8/2016 10:44 AM
214	I think all trees need to be protected. they all provide oxygen and keep our valley cooler while retaining water tables.	6/8/2016 6:50 AM
215	garry oak too.	6/7/2016 5:50 PM
216	I'm not sure why protected trees could be removed if the developer requires this.	6/7/2016 9:37 AM
217	If these trees adapt well to climate change, I support this list.	6/7/2016 7:32 AM
218	the protected trees should still be protected even if you want to develop the property. There should be an effort to retain the trees regardless!	6/5/2016 10:46 AM
219	I have a huge concern with Ornamental Cherry Trees. These were planted by the developer on our street and should never have been as they are infrastructure invasive with their suckering and extensive root system.	6/4/2016 10:41 AM
220	Pine break off easily in high winds	6/3/2016 9:36 PM
221	Exemptions if the tree is dying	6/3/2016 4:11 PM

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222	Rhododendruns should be included.	6/3/2016 3:35 PM
223	Our next door neighbour has a dying Arbutus tree overhanging into our yard and will not do anything to prune it or cut it down. These trees on city lots are messy as they continuously drop leaves, then flowers, then bark pretty much year round and should not be protected on city lots.	6/3/2016 1:38 PM
224	no	6/3/2016 12:45 PM
225	PEOPLE ARE PAYING OUT ENOUGH FOR LAND TAXES, WHICH A LOT CANT AFFORD, NO MORE	6/3/2016 11:16 AM

Q10 Do you support the use of a tree number target to inform how many trees should be retained or replanted on a property?

Answered: 606 Skipped: 113



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	79.87% 484
No	20.13% 122
Total	606

#	If you answered no, do you have other ideas of how to determine how many trees should be retained or replaced on a property?	Date
1	chose both - need to focus on mature (heritage) trees. Developers under proposed bylaw amendment keep 50 alder saplings and cut down mature maple or fir	7/15/2016 11:34 AM
2	?	7/15/2016 11:27 AM
3	Owner look after	7/15/2016 10:51 AM
4	depends on the area	7/15/2016 10:49 AM
5	new development s/b required to plant a 'street' tree in ROW - One per property, same species per street, different species in different streets	7/15/2016 10:43 AM
6	tree retention in greenfield development areas should be a science based percentage of developable land. The bulk of our urban canopy is in these forested areas!	7/14/2016 5:01 PM
7	basal area	7/14/2016 4:49 PM
8	It's not the number but the height that sbould be considered. I do not want trees to be planted that will grow so tall that it shades my garden or solar panels. i think retaining tall trees is a risk for infrastructure/maintenance. Plant trees that do not grow over 50 feet.	7/14/2016 4:33 PM
9	Is this on 'adjacent' public land? 50 trees per hectar includes adjacent public land? I'm confused by this	7/14/2016 3:29 PM
10	Somewhere in the middle - keep more than target number as often as possible	7/14/2016 3:25 PM
11	The number of trees s/b relevant to the area it is in. An arbitrary number is too static.	7/14/2016 3:10 PM

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12	t to all lands is not adequate, because we need more protection for the last remaining sections of forest within the city of Courtenay. I think this blanket approach should be updated to reflect the value of maturing trees on greenfield sites which should fully protected for their ecological and community services, and if there is some demonstrable net benefit (as opposed to net loss) in greenfield development, then a tree canopy target should be applied, such as 45% or more.	7/11/2016 3:14 PM
13	Tree target numbers work well on properties that are already developed but are not the best tool for greenfield sites, which need special consideration. greenfield targets could include an overall percentage of tree canopy like 45% target. • Rather than a blanket approach to all areas within the city, we need priority protection for these sites where some of the largest, most mature and last-remaining areas of intact urban forest exist.	7/11/2016 1:03 PM
14	While I support the use of tree number target, 50 per hectare is not enough. I am in favour of retaining a higher number of on undeveloped lots.	7/9/2016 5:56 PM
15	depending on the mature size of tree...3 firs/cedars would overwhelm a small lot and would eventually cause many issues forcing the removal of these tree when if the proper trees were planted for the lot a lot of the issues would disappear. ie. street trees no more than 25 ft in height work better than 80 ft trees	7/9/2016 11:33 AM
16	Not how many trees should be retained but what is the minimum required to safely not conveniently build.	7/9/2016 9:16 AM
17	On new subdivisions small park like settings should be formed to include access use of all people in the neighbourhood.	7/8/2016 2:19 PM
18	is there a minimum dbh for the trees to be protected	7/8/2016 1:49 PM
19	look what happened in Victoria. Land owner cut down his trees so he could farm it, now the city by their own bylaw has to replant thousands of trees somewhere else in the city. Be very careful on saying how many have to be replanted. It could be an expensive road to take.	7/6/2016 4:45 PM
20	I would like to see the target number of trees increase as the lot size/area increases. On larger lots the developer has more opportunity to densify and cluster development and leave densely forested patches that include important understory and a variety of tree sizes. Increasing the tree number target for bigger lots would encourage developers to find creative ways to create urban forests and not just result in individual trees dispersed across a property. **Also it needs to be specified that the target trees are native species and a list of native tree species provided to the developer.	7/2/2016 11:45 AM
21	I'm unclear on this - my property in Courtenay is approx 1000 m2 & contains well over 12 trees, to the point where they are now crowding the property. Since many of the trees are common species (cedar) how will this impact my freedom to manage the property - ie woul I be required to purchase a permit or plant replacements when I'm already over the required number?	7/1/2016 5:04 PM
22	50trees is total insanity unless they are dwarf fruit tr.	7/1/2016 11:50 AM
23	in Norway, if you cut a tree you must plant 2 to replace it. This assures that the property owner has trees where they want them and that hopefully one will take root and grow.	7/1/2016 7:33 AM
24	How about getting out of the business of private property owners!	6/30/2016 6:03 PM
25	we all need trees for air quality, land stability, cooling us, habitat for birds, etc.	6/30/2016 10:05 AM
26	I am greedy and would like more trees that what has been allotted in each area	6/30/2016 1:31 AM
27	I think this is too many trees for that sized property. One or two per city lot is ample. 6 for 1/4 acre is too many.	6/29/2016 7:36 PM
28	I'd like to see even more trees retained on a property.	6/29/2016 6:45 PM
29	Again you are too controlling.	6/29/2016 6:07 PM
30	I think a tree needs to be weighed by its age as well as species, not just a stem	6/29/2016 3:01 PM
31	No idea. Every property has its own unique requirements.	6/29/2016 2:06 PM
32	The number for RR-5 seems low to me.	6/29/2016 1:23 PM
33	But every site needs to be reviewed to determine if the target is realistic as some properties may not be able to meet the target while others could/should be encouraged to accommodate more if they can.	6/29/2016 12:58 PM
34	you did not provide the estimate cost to the owner to "examine " the issue nor define who or how "degree of difficulty" would be applied and at what cost. the notion of allowing for a simple option - pay to fund allows for the property owner to simply make the decision to do so. as written in this question there could be many thousands of additional studies required by these changes.	6/29/2016 12:47 PM
35	Seems too simple. Each case needs to be assessed on it's own merits. May be reasonable as a guideline.	6/29/2016 12:35 PM

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36	I believe the number should be higher on all lots. Developers are wiping out our greenspace which in turn affects our wildlife.	6/29/2016 11:29 AM
37	Lots can be very different. On hillsides trees can provide valuable slope retention for example. Has to be other criteria applied	6/29/2016 11:13 AM
38	Although this should be clarified as a minimum number with, perhaps, an incentive to have more.	6/29/2016 9:37 AM
39	land scaping should be at the discretion of owner	6/29/2016 9:14 AM
40	I believe there should be a maximum number of trees allowed to be removed, as few trees as possible should be removed.	6/29/2016 8:35 AM
41	Ten max.	6/28/2016 10:43 PM
42	Should be up to the landowner	6/28/2016 9:32 PM
43	Trees can be planted.	6/27/2016 4:06 PM
44	The average residential lot should contain no more than two trees up to 20ft height	6/27/2016 2:23 PM
45	Could this be applied to new construction only...to have new trees added to ones property when you didn't add them yourself is a bit intrusive	6/27/2016 12:45 PM
46	It depends on where they are in relation to fences and buildings.	6/26/2016 7:58 PM
47	Site particulars should govern the suitability of target density.	6/25/2016 6:12 PM
48	Native trees tend to grow to an extraordinarily large size, especially when fertilized and watered. New subdivisions should be planted with specific ornamentals.	6/25/2016 4:29 PM
49	Ridiculous to tell someone they cannot move/remove protected species regardless of where on the property, than you tell them they must plant a random designated number of trees on their property HOWEVER you cannot find a spot of shade on a public park (although the grass is almost to a height to provide some shade)	6/25/2016 7:46 AM
50	But I would like a higher number	6/24/2016 7:29 PM
51	It sounds like there may be a loophole which may allow a developer to remove all unprotected trees from a property by paying a fee to have trees planted somewhere else. This could theoretically lead to entire neighborhoods being cleared of all trees by simply paying to have new trees planted somewhere else, potentially in a totally different part of the city. I think it is important to maintain a regional balance to ensure adequate trees in every neighborhood.	6/24/2016 5:31 PM
52	I don't like the concept of buying into a tree fund; in all cases the trees should be planted on the lot in question unless there are valid reasons for exceptions.	6/23/2016 11:32 PM
53	lower the number to 25 per hectare	6/23/2016 10:19 PM
54	Need to preserve existing trees and increase number of replacement trees	6/23/2016 9:30 AM
55	Yes a % works but could be higher.	6/23/2016 2:32 AM
56	I prefer incentives like tax credits to limits.	6/22/2016 11:53 PM
57	All trees should be retained except under special circumstances	6/22/2016 9:32 PM
58	I think there should be room for variance, there is a lot of different properties out there	6/22/2016 9:02 PM
59	Like I said, let's not get crazy. Let's just try to employ a little common sense, people.	6/22/2016 6:12 PM
60	it depends on the type of land. What grows there naturally. Difficult to make an across the board call. Also, people need to be planting NATIVE plants that our birds and animals can benefit from. Planting an exotic or ornamental should not count as a 'recommended' tree.	6/22/2016 5:03 PM
61	no	6/22/2016 4:30 PM
62	Not as such. This question should differentiate between types of lots. Greenfield sites are very different from already developed sites Old growth needs better protection. There has to be better protection for these areas.	6/22/2016 2:58 PM
63	Stringent rules should also apply to new developments. Where there are large stands of trees efforts should be made to keep these intact.	6/22/2016 1:26 PM
64	Sounds too cookie cutter to me. Not all properties are equal.	6/21/2016 9:36 PM
65	Only protected trees that need to be removed should be replaced.	6/21/2016 8:41 PM
66	Its a good start, on acerages I would prefer to see more, but...	6/21/2016 2:54 PM

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67	Are you insane 4 trees on a duplex lot. Ok if your talking apple trees but a pine or fir those things grow 60-100feet my god do you want trees falling on everyones house in 30years? Do you own a roofing company and want poeple to replace them ? so what happens when the tree lights on fire.	6/21/2016 2:28 PM
68	However rather than an actual tree target a % cover might be better although maybe this option was looked at but didn't provide enough clarity for the landowner. Still feel that the target # of trees per area is too low. On undeveloped green field sites a maturing second growth forest can contain over 500 trees per hectare. How will a 50 tree per hectare target ensure that the maximum number of trees can be retained when development occurs?	6/21/2016 12:29 PM
69	I don't want to feel bound to having a particular number of trees on my property so I the question of how to determine how many trees should be retained does not apply. I am not against trees on my property but would not want it to impede my land use.	6/19/2016 11:04 AM
70	Leave it up to the owner who owns the property.	6/19/2016 10:32 AM
71	but make sure the trees are a good size (greater than 20 cm dbh)	6/18/2016 6:39 PM
72	I believe an owner should be approached about removing trees but should not be forced to comply if he has a legitimate reason for removal of the trees.	6/18/2016 4:43 PM
73	although i could see how this system might be abused in the sense of a developer just cutting down all the trees and paying the low cost of the tree replacement fee. We should put more emphasis on keeping existing established trees instead of cutting them down and replacing them.	6/18/2016 10:59 AM
74	Make a law prohibiting greenfield development.	6/18/2016 8:39 AM
75	It should depend on the type and size of tree. Better to have a property with one large dogwood next to a neighbouring property with 3 small Japanese maples, than having all properties with miniature trees. We need variety as well as encouraging people to plant large native species like maple or dogwood. My 2 dowoods are huge, beautiful and probably over 80 years old.	6/17/2016 10:20 PM
76	I answered no because we would have to distinguish between mature trees and p.e. a little sapling. I would answer yes when we would only count the mature trees.	6/17/2016 2:40 PM
77	do not charge the property owner \$300 per tree.	6/17/2016 1:54 PM
78	Developers need to take into consideration the number of trees present on the land they wish to develop. The retained trees should be located on the subject property to be developed. Trees on public land, not to be developed, should not be part of the equation since developer is not using public land for multi lot subdivisions. Old, mature trees are more valuable than small newly planted trees and should be kept. Keep existing greenspace/trees and build around them. We do not want to look like Los Angeles, with tiny square law and the required 1-2 newly planted trees on each little lot.Retain existing trees only replace if tree is diseased and obviously sick. Should be arborist approved.	6/17/2016 12:12 PM
79	Number should be halved	6/17/2016 9:07 AM
80	depends on the size of the tree too	6/16/2016 9:41 PM
81	I am more concerned with keeping remaining forested areas around Courtenay intact and densifying housing in the city, rather than the rampant destruction of forested lands around Courtenay and spread of cookie cutter urban sprawl (ie Crown Isle). The number of trees per property does not seem the best way to address this issue. Preventing the City of Courtenay from expanding its limits, and implementing zoning which doesnt allow small lot sizes outside of it, and protects agricultural land and watersheds would be more inline with maintaining greenspaces.	6/16/2016 9:04 PM
82	It is not necessarily the number of trees per property that is important. It is the size of area of forest that is more important for noise control, animal habitat (food and shelter), etc. The area of trees must be continuous to provide wildlife ranges.	6/16/2016 8:54 PM
83	Home owners should be this decision	6/16/2016 5:43 PM
84	Age of the tree should be considered and any old growth trees should not be cut down unless unsafe.	6/16/2016 5:43 PM
85	too rigid, not enough flexibility	6/16/2016 5:39 PM
86	The size of tree should be involved. I.E, Should be a minimum of 3" diamiter	6/16/2016 5:34 PM
87	Existing, mature forest cannot be replaced and replanting should not be a viable technique to facilitate development.	6/16/2016 5:27 PM
88	I do agree with this number target, however there needs to be some kind of talk about tree size/diameter. Clearing an entire lot of mature trees and leaving 3 saplings is a lot different than clearing saplings and leaving 3 mature trees. Can you tie into the provincial tree replacement criteria that already exists from the Ministry of the Environment? See link: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/bmp/treereplcrit.pdf .	6/16/2016 4:47 PM
89	but if there are protected, 2nd or old growth trees on the lot/site there should be no allowance for clear cutting	6/16/2016 4:31 PM

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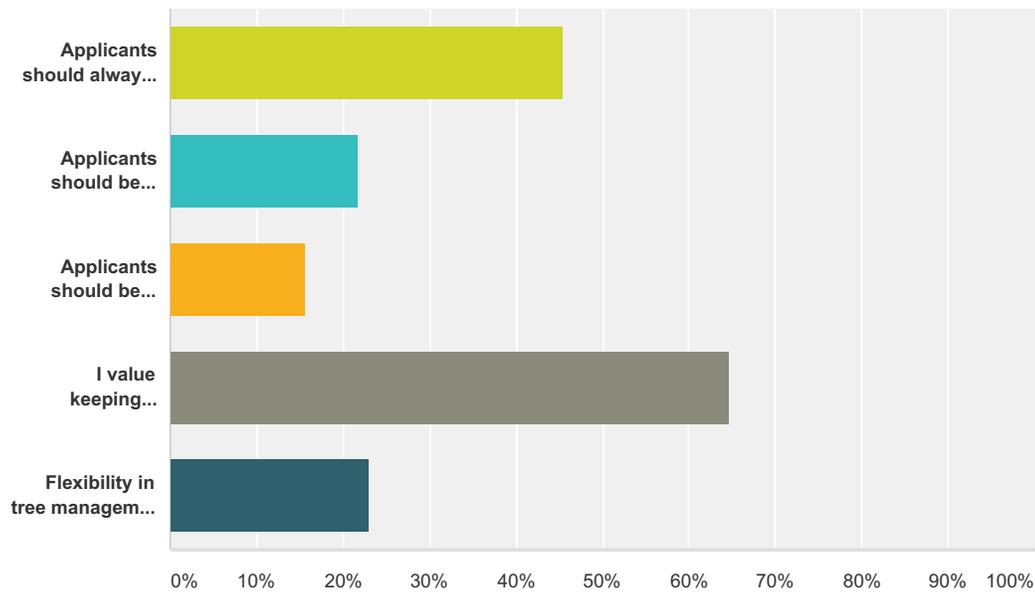
90	I support it but It depends on the type and size of the trees. 3 Small trees is nothing.	6/16/2016 4:29 PM
91	with qualifications, such as site, suitability, how likely is the tree to survive, planning so that remaining trees have a chance (exposure to wind, harm to roots etc)	6/16/2016 4:00 PM
92	I don't believe individual homeowners should be subject to a retention policy if they purchase property that has been scalped. Also, some trees are more suited to landscaping. These should be given consideration as opposed to just large freestanding trees.	6/16/2016 3:28 PM
93	I agree with target numbers for R-1, R-2, and RR-1 but not RR-5. As properties get larger there is less space occupied by building and 20 trees don't occupy much space at all. We live in area which is naturally a rainforest, it would be ideal if larger properties an acre and over had to retain over 50 trees per hectare, perhaps 75 per hectare, since there is more available space.	6/16/2016 3:20 PM
94	It should be up to the owner of the property, if not endangered species.	6/15/2016 8:57 PM
95	Too dictating. Do hedges count as a treer	6/15/2016 5:29 PM
96	should be up to owner	6/15/2016 2:26 PM
97	Not sure but 50 trees per ~2.5 acres seems too high.	6/15/2016 1:50 PM
98	It is important that it is not only a number of trees but which trees so that there are no issues with the trees that are left becoming unsafe or causing issues re erosion, run off etc.	6/15/2016 12:59 PM
99	Use a Percentage ie 50% on undeveloped lots	6/15/2016 11:26 AM
100	There should be some provision with regards to the listed protected trees to ensure that there a priority on native species and species that are drought resistant.	6/15/2016 10:31 AM
101	Let the property owner decide. Less government in people's lives.	6/15/2016 8:57 AM
102	Not sure	6/15/2016 8:56 AM
103	at the most one for one, an owner wanting a tree removed is most likley wanting light, and making them grow even more trees will just give them a bigger problem down the road	6/15/2016 8:20 AM
104	For existing urban forest areas, all the trees should be protected.	6/14/2016 8:17 PM
105	The layout of the property would have to also have some bearing on this as well as how the existing tree (s) being removed would impact the surrounding properties.	6/14/2016 6:34 PM
106	Leave it to the property owner	6/14/2016 5:40 PM
107	too many variables!	6/14/2016 3:28 PM
108	Should have the option to do it on a case by case basis, primarily to preserve solar access for passive and active solar	6/14/2016 9:39 AM
109	R1 and R2 zoning appears a touch high	6/13/2016 7:33 PM
110	Would required trees be ones from list? Would food producing fruit or nut trees count towards target numbers?	6/13/2016 6:17 PM
111	Four trees on a residential lot does not allow for a vegetable garden. This has to be re-thought.	6/13/2016 12:37 PM
112	On established lots, trees over a certain diameter should be protected. Should a property owner wish to remove a tree, either for safety or other reasons, the tree should be replaced, if is it possible to do so on the property. For a property that is being developed, less emphasis should be on the number of trees. Instead, the focus should be on the function and look of the property. It may be better to keep a fewer number of larger trees rather than a larger number of smaller trees, for example.	6/13/2016 12:17 PM
113	Should surrounding trees, like street trees, be considered?	6/12/2016 4:52 PM
114	I would prefer that a percentage of developable forested area be left intact on larger lot sizes to retain the maximum number of trees possible.	6/11/2016 3:59 PM
115	Pecentages of developable forested land would be preferable on larger lot sizes.	6/11/2016 3:47 PM
116	one per city lot is sufficient	6/11/2016 3:28 PM
117	the number of trees on my property is my business not governments unless government wants to pay for maintenance od	6/11/2016 7:04 AM
118	There should never be a specific number. The trees should be looked compared to the proposed development plan, decide if the new owner of developer wants to retain or plant trees. The City should not be dictating what trees are detained or what number or trees should be replanted. This is yet another example of more management required, leading to higher taxation.	6/11/2016 6:11 AM

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119	Thank you for provide a very good example of how the bylaw would be imposed and enforced.	6/9/2016 10:07 AM
120	Determining which trees should be retained is unclear. Health, size, height, age class, species??? If an owner of a small lot retains three juvenile alders they will be much less valuable than three mature conifers. How will the trees to be retained being managed?	6/9/2016 10:00 AM
121	this is not practical,& further only contributes more to the lack of housing affordability	6/9/2016 9:36 AM
122	I only support the target if it is based upon Island populations, upon rain forest environments, upon replacements of a necessary ingredient to our sustainability. We were a forestry resource! not every community was or is.	6/9/2016 9:06 AM
123	Yes as a guide but blanket by-laws will be worked around. Expect lots treed with desireable trees to be clear cut and a cheque for \$15,000. sent to the city. \$300.00 per tree is low for decentsize high quality trees.	6/8/2016 7:39 PM
124	This should be the choice of the property owner.	6/8/2016 7:14 PM
125	Use % values vs. #'s for retention of existing trees	6/8/2016 12:21 PM
126	Every property is different.	6/7/2016 1:21 PM
127	BUT - I live on a quarter acre lot and have 8 good sized trees in my front yard alone. I think there needs to be	6/7/2016 7:43 AM
128	The types of trees that exist, how the lot is shaped, where the trees are on the lot, etc., should be considered. Not just size of lot and # of trees.	6/6/2016 1:42 PM
129	I think we should have a percentage which is easier to monitor or the number should be higher as 20 trees on an acre seems really skimpy	6/5/2016 10:50 AM
130	Some people have homes that are so shaded that being forced to have a certain number of trees would keep them constantly in the shade. I don't believe cutting down trees to open a view is ever a valid point	6/3/2016 9:40 PM
131	I don't think it is up to the city to dictate how many trees should be retained on private city lot sizedproperty. I feel the property owners should be able to decide how they many trees they want on a city sized lot. Personally we love our trees on our tiny lot and since buying it we have planted 5!	6/3/2016 1:43 PM

Q11 For properties within existing neighbourhoods (this would include properties that already have a home or business on them), please indicate which statements describe the best approach to tree management in your view (select all that apply, and/or provide a new statement that describes your view):

Answered: 601 Skipped: 118



Answer Choices	Responses
Applicants should always be required to retain the target number of trees where it is safe to do so	45.59% 274
Applicants should be allowed to plant new trees on their property to achieve their target number of trees for their property, even if it means not retaining any existing trees on the property	21.63% 130
Applicants should be allowed to pay into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund to achieve the target number of trees for their property, which will be used to plant trees elsewhere	15.64% 94
I value keeping existing trees, but I also want flexibility. Retaining trees should always be the first choice, but there may be circumstances when replacing the tree or paying into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund are suitable options	64.73% 389
Flexibility in tree management is most important to me. Whether an applicant keeps a tree, replants a tree or pays into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund should be equal options to the applicant in all instances	22.96% 138
Total Respondents: 601	

#	If you would like to provide a different or another statement to describe how you feel about this question, please include it here.	Date
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1	Applicants should be required to plant new trees if they cannot save existing mature trees. Every effort should be made to save mature trees. I would like to see requirement to plan 2-3 new trees of value (not alder) for each mature tree regardless of species they remove. Trees planted should also be a reasonable size - not saplings that may not survive. Maybe the City should provide the trees that property owners will need to purchase. City should maybe plant them too - then control over location etc.	7/15/2016 11:34 AM
2	Applicants must plant new trees on their property if not enough target trees are retained	7/15/2016 11:27 AM
3	The above statements should also look at the kind of tree - firs, hemlocks and cedars grow to be huge, not suitable for small lots and topping is not good for them. My trees were small when I bought my property 25 years ago - now are very large and problematic	7/15/2016 11:25 AM
4	I feel existing healthy trees should always be saved if possible. We've lost a great number of Courtenay trees in the past 25 years. I been here and the skyline looks like it has shrunk. I think any tree that is all ready there should stay if at all possible because no one plants large trees to start with.	7/15/2016 10:55 AM
5	The last three statements would permit too many unnecessary removals. Some people can always pay rather than plant, but that's not equitable	7/15/2016 10:22 AM
6	Replacement is a poor substitutye for retention. Bylaw needs to make a preferential distinction that values retention over replacement!	7/14/2016 5:01 PM
7	Retention of 2nd growth existing forests should be target in existing riparian zones and dedicated parks with connectivity established via bike trails and greenways,.	7/14/2016 4:33 PM
8	Retention is best. It takes many years to grow a tree and that has not changed. Courtenay should have a policy for a No GE Trees included in this bylaw. This is easy to do NOW and this will deter any potential grafting of GE apple etc.	7/14/2016 3:10 PM
9	Trees that have been allowed to grow out of proportion to and are a danger to surrounding properties should be taken care of by pruning or cutting	7/14/2016 2:23 PM
10	Not every tree can be cut down especially healthy old trees should not be cut down and the design of the property development need to keep these trees in their planning	7/14/2016 2:19 PM
11	Trees are incredible part of our city's green infrastructure and as such provide myriad services, including benefits to health and wellbeing, and biodiversity as well as carbon sequestration. So clearly these assets are better delivered by mature and existing trees, and thus the benefits accrued should influence the priorities for retention vs replacement.	7/11/2016 1:03 PM
12	stick to existing bylaw	7/9/2016 11:32 PM
13	We need the strongest possible laws, including incentives, to retain the target number of trees.	7/9/2016 5:56 PM
14	Trees create value in every way so should be a priority to retain.	7/9/2016 9:16 AM
15	Replacing large existing native trees with small ornamentals defeats what should be the purpose of the bylaw. Even replacement with native trees can take a human lifetime before the landscape recovers its former beauty.	7/7/2016 2:02 PM
16	Flexibility in tree management is import to me. whether an applicant keeps a tree or plants a tree. scrap the tree planting fee, Its a money grab.	7/6/2016 4:45 PM
17	If developers are given an option, they will almost certainly fell existing trees; it takes more time (therefore more money) to work around a mature tree. We have only to look at the existing developments to see that 'shoe-box shape' is considered quite acceptable, and achieved by removing every living thing, then replanting with (often useless in terms of providing sustenance to birds, insects, etc.) greenery.	7/6/2016 4:23 PM
18	It should be no business whatsoever of the City in how property owners decide to deal with trees on THEIR property.	7/4/2016 10:49 PM
19	for the 2nd option above (which unchecked), a slight change in wording may clarify the qualification of 'even if...'. I would suggest "as long as every effort has been made to retain the existing trees"	7/4/2016 1:48 PM
20	If people are permitted to plant new trees they should be native species, for example if a person has cottonwood or red alder trees and do not wish to retain them as they are often viewed in a negative light, then they should replant native species conducive to the biogeoclimatic zone they reside in.	7/4/2016 11:16 AM
21	?	7/3/2016 3:37 PM
22	Height restrictions of existing trees should be in place !!	7/2/2016 4:11 PM
23	I do not agree that a fee should be required to remove common species in cases where the existing property tree count already exceeds the minimum target.	7/1/2016 5:04 PM
24	existing homes should be exempt from any new byl.	7/1/2016 11:50 AM

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25	I encourage someone drive on Suffolk Cres and see the trees that are being neglected by an absence of water and that those homeowners be warned that there will be consequences for that. They should pay for new trees or fined that amount.	6/30/2016 7:14 PM
26	Sounds like the tax paying land owner follows your dictate or can buy their way out...its all about the money.	6/30/2016 6:03 PM
27	Sometimes existing trees have been planted in inappropriate spots--eg. too close to a house, water lines, power lines; or too close together. Also I favour planting trees that have additional value--eg. fruit/nut production, nitrogen fixation. There are also instances where some idiot has topped a tree, causing it to grow in an unsafe manner.	6/30/2016 1:04 PM
28	I think a tree needs to be weighed by its age as well as species. Old trees that have been around for hundreds of years are being cut for very little reason. To replace them with a new tree is unacceptable.	6/29/2016 3:01 PM
29	Trees should only be cut when it is not safe to leave them alone.	6/29/2016 1:23 PM
30	the last two statements are too similar to me? redundant	6/29/2016 12:55 PM
31	the applicant must be given clear choice to pay and no requirement to study or provide reports should be required.	6/29/2016 12:47 PM
32	Make sure future developers keep as much of the existing greenspace and not strip off every tree.	6/29/2016 11:29 AM
33	There is already too many trees in this area.	6/28/2016 10:43 PM
34	Once again you must, you have to, and pay pay pay.	6/28/2016 9:32 PM
35	I urge using native species more often than not.	6/28/2016 1:46 PM
36	Replanting is fine but not when replacing an older, mature tree. It'll take half a lifetime to regrow to original size (if the seedling survives!).	6/28/2016 6:40 AM
37	We already have sufficient trees within our residential community	6/27/2016 2:23 PM
38	I would hope Wildlife management in involved in the approval process.	6/27/2016 11:15 AM
39	developments shouldn't be exempt. NO CLEAR CUTS	6/26/2016 9:27 PM
40	Applicant should be required to retain all trees where-ever possible. Any option to get around this will only give developers a loophole to exploit	6/26/2016 12:12 PM
41	Oh backhanded tax to punish - Why no option to say the ownere should determine what happens - some by-law guy??? HA	6/25/2016 7:46 AM
42	I think it is important for a homeowner to have some say in the landscape emvironment on their property. I don't think it is necessary to force them to retain all safely existing trees. At the same time I think it is innapropriate for a homeowner to be able to remove all existing trees for reasons other than hazards. I think exploring some balance between the two extremes is important. One example might be to allow a 50% reduction in the existing tree requirement if they replant the removed trees or pay into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund. I am not sure I saw it specifically addressed, but I am wondering about the allowances for species interchangeability when replanting. I think it reasonable to allow a homeowner, when replacing an existing tree, some leeway in variety selection, as long as the replacement tree selected will ultimately have similar characteristics in terms of height, spread, etc to the tree being removed. In otherwords, if someone wanted to remove a fir and replant a deciduous tree, there should be a mechanism for allowing that.	6/24/2016 5:31 PM
43	Keep all the old trees	6/24/2016 12:43 AM
44	Are you kidding? Pay into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund? Seriously!!!!	6/23/2016 11:15 PM
45	a home or land owner should be free to use their property as they see fit. if they want trees then they can have them. if they want to cut them down then they can. if the city want to keep trees then the city should buy the land the trees are on.	6/23/2016 10:19 PM
46	Applicants should be allowed to plant new Mature Trees on Their property to achieve target number of trees for their property. After trying to retain Target number of trees where it is safe to do so.	6/23/2016 7:41 PM
47	mind your own business	6/23/2016 2:41 PM
48	I feel like creative ways to maintain old trees need to he considered. it takes a long time for trees to mature.	6/23/2016 11:56 AM
49	retain existing trees wherever possible!! and make regulations for removing trees very stringent	6/23/2016 9:30 AM
50	I prefer positive incentives over limits, penalties & taxation.	6/22/2016 11:53 PM
51	we need trees of all ages and groups of trees retained ie, forest	6/22/2016 10:52 PM

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52	Flexibility is good but don't make it so loose that loop-holes can be found. Also, the removal of all those beautiful trees to allow construction of that mis-conceived hospital (placement) is a faux-pas our Community will live to regret. It belongs on the inland Isle Hwy. A real shame no-one had the fore-sight/power to stop the idiot decision-makers on that one. Shame on all responsible.	6/22/2016 5:03 PM
53	Planting a new tree does not compensate for the loss of a mature tree until a much later date in the future.	6/21/2016 12:29 PM
54	i think there should be room for Fruit trees in the equation	6/21/2016 7:58 AM
55	I value keeping existing trees, but I also want flexibility. Retaining trees should always be the first choice, but there may be circumstances when replacing the tree is a suitable option.	6/21/2016 7:47 AM
56	This question assumes the city will institute the new bylaw. This is way too bureaucratic & imposes unrealistic costs on both the city & property owner.	6/19/2016 10:32 AM
57	Keep all trees that are safe (use an arbourist to check safety) and don't replace a big old Df with some sapling.	6/18/2016 6:39 PM
58	The creation/retention of 'green space' should also be considered, especially for large developments. Trees occur naturally in these 'wild' spaces.	6/18/2016 5:19 PM
59	keeping existing trees is very important. if we are removing trees and replacing them we just set ourselves back in our goal.	6/18/2016 10:59 AM
60	Existing trees are equivalent in value to many more saplings. When replacing trees or paying into a planting fund this should be taken into account. A 100 year old tree is worth 20 tree 5 years old.	6/18/2016 8:39 AM
61	Many trees have been planted in existing neighbourhoods with little regard to the continued growth of the particular tree and it's impact on neighbours. These properties may have been bought and sold over the years, trees have been left in place when it really should have been removed as it is a tree unsuitable for a small residential lot. If someone wants to remove a tree and plant a more suitable variety they should be supported in this decision.	6/17/2016 6:39 PM
62	There is too much room for developers etc. to wiggle out of the obligation to retain trees. Also it should be connected to density bylaws that aim to reduce urban sprawl. P.e. lot sizes should be large enough for family to have a vegetable garden.	6/17/2016 2:40 PM
63	Retain existing trees. Paying into the Replacement Fund would be a good idea IF the monies from the fund were used to replant/plant trees where they were removed. Removal should only be after a certified arborist (not tree cutter) has examined the trees. The way the bylaw seem to read to me, is if a person wants to take down a tree because it blocks their view, or whatever, they can do so, pay into the 'fund' and the tree is not replanted on that persons property but elsewhere. This does not retain green spaces but allows people to take down trees, pay the 'fund', strip their land of trees by doing so. Penalties for cutting down trees w/o a certified arborist saying the tree was sick should be instituted. I see far too many trees chopped down in my area where properties are clear cut for a home. These trees are 60-80 yrs old or more. Tiny newly planted trees hardly compare. There should be minimum flexibility for developers/land owners. Take for example the development going in on Ryan Road near the Toyota dealership. Look at the trees already removed, to make room for yet more car dealerships. This is wrong! This greenspace is great for walking trails but will be destroyed. How many tiny new trees will take the place of these mature trees? How many years will it take to grow these nursery trees? Developers should pay a hefty fine for EACH tree removed.	6/17/2016 12:12 PM
64	Existing trees may be in the wrong location or the wrong species for the site	6/17/2016 9:54 AM
65	Replanted or replacement trees could be planted in corridors or in created park/ walking spaces (please keep them accessible)	6/17/2016 9:07 AM
66	Shade requirements for sustenance gardening need to be addressed, especially in the case of mature trees	6/17/2016 9:07 AM
67	I feel very strongly that existing healthy trees should be protected whenever and wherever possible. Too many groves and plantations of trees are being compromised and made unviable by careless regard for our environment. Take each case on its merits but please be stringent in protecting existing trees. They are our future and are so important in regulating our air, water and soil etc.	6/17/2016 1:37 AM
68	This is a tricky question. I highly value trees but would hate to have a property with a huge evergreen blocking the light. Rules need to maintain or improve the green character of a neighbourhood or undeveloped property.	6/17/2016 12:21 AM
69	We should protect intact forested areas from suburban development, rather than individual trees.	6/16/2016 9:04 PM
70	Retaining trees should always be the strongly preferenced first choice. Circumstances for replacing or paying to remove an existing tree should be scrupulously and strictly defined	6/16/2016 8:26 PM
71	It could happen that the city feels it is appropriate to plant a tree on the edged of a property where the present owner doesn't want it. The city should be able to do so.	6/16/2016 8:24 PM
72	We need the big trees for Eagles and Herons. Takes too long for new trees to grow.	6/16/2016 6:23 PM

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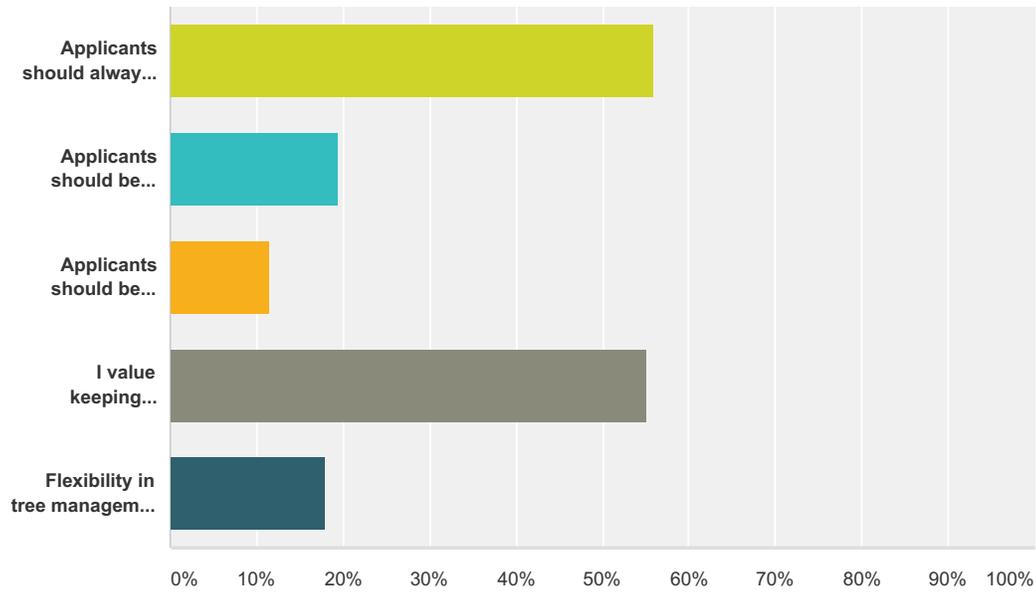
73	I think that there should be flexibility, but it should NOT include complete removal of all trees and there should not be an option to just pay into a fund. Too many developers would take this as the easy way out, and "cost of doing business."	6/16/2016 6:15 PM
74	old growth trees should not be taken down unless unsafe.	6/16/2016 5:43 PM
75	If new trees are planted they must be indigenous trees. This would reflect the tree types and numbers as above.	6/16/2016 4:54 PM
76	Can the tree planting fund also be used to buy more private land to be protected as forested parks? I can see the city quickly running out of space to plant these new trees on public land... I also want to stress once again the value of a forest cluster as opposed to single trees. Urban trees are important for very different reasons, but forest stands should be weighed differently.	6/16/2016 4:47 PM
77	So the rich folks and developers can pay to kill any tree in their way?	6/16/2016 4:29 PM
78	Existing trees, when safe, are always of higher value and least risk.	6/16/2016 4:12 PM
79	The goal would be to allow for dangerous trees to be removed, without creating a loophole that could be exploited in order to remove trees that don't pose any threat and should be retained.	6/16/2016 3:56 PM
80	the four unmarked statements allow the developer to wiggle out of protecting existing trees. Not satisfactory.	6/16/2016 2:03 PM
81	I strongly value keeping mature trees vs new when safe but flexibility is a must, if replacing with new trees it would be nice to see some of the protected species being suggested to be planted as the replacement trees	6/16/2016 12:40 PM
82	all existing trees should be retained unless is assessed unsafe.	6/16/2016 11:30 AM
83	I think it is VERY important to focus on tree retention, where possible, as replacement trees will not provide the same function until they mature after quite a number of years.	6/15/2016 10:26 PM
84	Green space with trees should be as or more important then a developer being able to squish as many houses onto as small a piece of property as he can. If there are not bylaws, most will do what benefits them the most, not what creates a healthy, livable community into the future.	6/15/2016 7:36 PM
85	Very old heritage trees should never be taken down under any circumstances	6/15/2016 5:42 PM
86	There are some cases where retaining may not make sense but it should not be allowed except in very rare situations where there is no real way to retain the target number and that reason should never be a business reason so someone can make a big profit or build condos or a seniors centre etc.	6/15/2016 12:59 PM
87	Fewer bylaws = fewer costs for City = less taxes on property owners	6/15/2016 8:57 AM
88	You can not replace the benefits of a mature tree with that of a newly planted one. With our already stressed water system and hotter weather patterns these mature trees play a vital role for us.	6/14/2016 6:34 PM
89	problem - are citizens that re more well off able to merely get rid of some or all trees because they simply can afford it? Should possible purchasers of a lot not know before had what the by laws are amd what they are expected to retain. This would eliminate buying of property and then applying to get tid of trees.	6/14/2016 11:34 AM
90	Important to keep grooves of exiting trees where already established for wildlife management. Helping with corridors, green spaces.	6/14/2016 11:12 AM
91	A significant number of mature trees should be retained where possible and practical. Some mature trees should ALWAYS be retained.	6/14/2016 9:00 AM
92	The size of the trunk should be considered when stating whether or not a tree should be protected. Older trees need be retained whenever possible.	6/13/2016 12:37 PM
93	The size of the trees is significant too.	6/12/2016 4:52 PM
94	New trees to be planted should reflect the historical/natural species of this area, i.e. Garry Oak, not English Oak. Property owners should not be able to replace mature trees with new species such as dwarf trees which would have much less replacement value when it comes to beauty and carbon capture.	6/12/2016 4:13 PM
95	I would like to see circumstances where tree replacement is allowed be very limited such as when the location of existing trees make development impractical.	6/11/2016 8:14 PM
96	Retention of trees should be favoured over replacement. A 5 year old sapling does not have the same value as a mature tree.	6/11/2016 3:59 PM
97	Retention is always preferable as mature trees provide higher values.	6/11/2016 3:47 PM
98	It's our property and we should not have to have trees around our house if we don't wish to. And, we should not have to pay to put in a tree or pay into any tree planting and replacement fund. we bought when this wasn't an issue. any new development when the by-law is in effect regulating # of trees on a lot buyers know going in, soOK	6/11/2016 3:28 PM

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99	Many trees have been planted in inappropriate locations. Douglas fir planted 3 feet apart as a hedge is something one can see throughout the City. Mostly these trees end up getting too large, overcrowded, unhealthy from topping, etc. In this type of situation removal should be allowed without having to replant the same number of trees.	6/11/2016 11:45 AM
100	enjoyment of property is the sole discretion of the property owner	6/11/2016 7:04 AM
101	Education piece? Value of trees for improving utility bills, mental health, air quality...help boost support for retention?	6/10/2016 9:47 AM
102	In existing neighbourhoods including both business and residential units....I don't think there should be any requirements on them to have a "target" or pay situation.	6/9/2016 2:57 PM
103	Removing all trees and replanting new trees is not a suitable option. If healthy mature trees are removed and replaced with saplings the ecological value is lost for the next 60 years. As well, in the increasing periods of drought we are experiencing the survival of planted saplings may be questionable if they are not maintained, whereas established mature trees will be more resilient under stress. The aesthetic value of mature trees far outweighs those of new plantings on a site by site basis as well as over a landscape scale.	6/9/2016 10:00 AM
104	Don't think it is the City's business to have such say on private property	6/9/2016 9:36 AM
105	i want the overview - the total of trees and diversity therein - that is sustainable for Courtenay and the Valley, not just a particular property or area.	6/9/2016 9:06 AM
106	A uni-focus bylaw won't suffice. Tree retention should consider location and condition as well as number. If you intend to let developers clear cut and plant. You need an approved species list. Numbers often provide a "work around" - e.g. - to maximize the building envelope - a developer on a well - treed lot can leave (and count) perimeter trees rather than select quality trees.	6/8/2016 7:39 PM
107	If you are growing another sustainable crop (not lawn) then tree retaining number can be lowered by planting native fruit crops	6/8/2016 7:14 PM
108	My concern is how this impacts families' gardens and their ability to grow food. I wouldn't want to require a family to plant trees when they are also trying to feed themselves from their garden.	6/8/2016 6:16 PM
109	Keeping trees on the property will help reduce soil degradation. No one should be able to just clear their land and replace with 'whatever'. Keep your trees!	6/8/2016 4:45 PM
110	When an applicant takes down a mature tree, especially on a large plot of land, they should have to replant for that tree AND also pay into the Tree fund because they have reduced the small tree will take years to sequester the same amount of CO2 as did the mature tree....Other small trees can be planted by the town to make up for this loss. Also, those using the fund should have to pay for the first 3 years of a newly planted tree's life instead of just one. With climate change, it will be increasingly difficult for young trees to survive and this should not be done at public cost.	6/8/2016 7:00 AM
111	If mature trees are to be replaced, I would like to see a requirement that replacement trees be of a comparable size to maximize carbon uptake. Also, I believe that the Replacement Fund needs to reflect the cost of large mature trees- it seems to me that \$300 is not sufficient.	6/7/2016 9:45 AM
112	I live on an R2 lot. 1 very big cedar in the back, 1 mature maple in the front 8-10M, 1 flowering crab mature ht 4.5 M presently 2.75M and a 7 tree emerald cedar hedge Ht. 3.5M . The emerald cedars on their own can grow to 15'. Are they counted as trees? Also have tall shrubs. We have an oversized garage/shop, built decades ago. Can't quite see room for another tree (target for R2 4 trees) Would a few large shrubs mature Ht. 10' do as substitution for 1 tree out of the 4 tree target? Considering the possibility of carriage houses, wonder about flexibility for number of trees.	6/6/2016 2:34 PM
113	It should be the to the landowner not the city	6/3/2016 11:16 AM

Q12 For new multi-lot subdivisions (this would include properties that are not previously developed, or have very little development on them), please indicate which statements describe the best approach to tree management in your view (select all that apply, and/or provide a new statement that describes your view):

Answered: 590 Skipped: 129



Answer Choices	Responses
Applicants should always be required to retain the target number of trees where it is safe to do so	55.93% 330
Applicants should be allowed to plant new trees on their property to achieve the target number of trees for their property, even if it means not retaining any existing trees on the property	19.32% 114
Applicants should be allowed to pay into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund to achieve the target number of trees for their property, which will be used to plant trees elsewhere	11.53% 68
I value keeping existing trees, but I also want flexibility. Retaining trees should always be the first choice, but there may be circumstances when replacing the tree or paying into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund are suitable options	55.08% 325
Flexibility in tree management is most important to me. Whether an applicant keeps a tree, replants a tree or pays into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund should be equal options to the applicant in all instances	17.97% 106
Total Respondents: 590	

#	If you would like to provide a different or another statement to describe how you feel about this question, please include it here.	Date
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1	See comments on previous page - they apply here too. Such a loss to see the lovely mature walnut trees on Old House property cut down in the name of development! In my opinion at least one could have been saved. Is \$300 per tree adequate? Who is going to police how many trees go into the dump bin? What constitutes a tree? 2 years, 2 years, 10 years of growth. Maybe a sliding scale. \$100 for trees less than 5 years old, \$500 for trees over 10 years and \$1000 for the really big mature trees. What is City of Courtenay doing to increase shade trees on our streets, traffic calming boulevards etc? Would love to see mature trees along our major roadways like Cliffe Ave, Cumberland, Ryan roads and Fitzgerald Ave	7/15/2016 11:34 AM
2	I hate clear cut subdivision as I hate clearcut forests. But safety is also important - maybe buffer of mature trees could be maintained at edges or between streets	7/15/2016 11:25 AM
3	I'm opposed to clear cuts no matter where they are. It destroys the soil and interrupts the water cycle not to mention the habitat loss for all kinds of life forms.	7/15/2016 10:55 AM
4	One big tree does not equal even 5 smaller ones	7/15/2016 10:45 AM
5	See street tree comment in No. 10 also	7/15/2016 10:43 AM
6	We live in Crown Isle - Hampton Gate - and feel that far too many trees have been removed and too many are marked currently (pink ribbons) for removal. Critical loss of shade and habitat. we have come to know that you can always find an arborist who will recommend removal - and that needs to change. So... stricter criteria for removal.	7/15/2016 10:22 AM
7	Tree retention on greenfield development sites needs to be science-based and calculated as a percentage of "developable area!"	7/14/2016 5:01 PM
8	In larger developments the City and developer should assess the age and health of the existing tree cover. The healthiest areas should be given priority to be retained especially if they are adjacent to other forested areas to maximize the acreage of retained trees.	7/14/2016 4:26 PM
9	"safety" is a blurry concept. Some developers might claim that retaining trees would lead to blow down, endangering buildings and people. But north island college is a good example of stand retention without appreciable blowdown being experienced. Liability issues have led to the RD (and perhaps the City) removing 'Danger Trees' even when seemingly sound. It is way too easy for developers to level lots, removing all trees. The new Thrifty's complex at ryan and lenwick is a good example. Sure makes it simpler for the developer! to the detriment of the landscape	7/14/2016 3:29 PM
10	Funds is not equivalent to a living tree. New trees might not take, to the giving back the money right away (1 year at least) is a minimum. Also include a clause that the new trees are there for the next 5 years.	7/14/2016 3:10 PM
11	I agree with the idea that large new developments need to do a tree assessment before and part of initial planning	7/14/2016 2:23 PM
12	No healthy big old tree should be cut down	7/14/2016 2:19 PM
13	New "multi-lot subdivisions" will pave over the last remaining greenfield sites in this jurisdiction, so I believe it is especially important to retain these last most productive and beautiful stands of intact maturing second growth forest.	7/11/2016 1:03 PM
14	If replacement trees are to be planted on public land – for instance school grounds, which are often in dire need of shade trees - there should be some sort of covenant registered so that if these public lands are ever sold, the trees on them must be left intact in new development, or be replaced appropriately for size and species. In new developments, from an aesthetic point of view alone, the retention of substantial numbers of trees, ideally in a greenbelt that runs around or through the property and links to other natural areas, is desirable in keeping property values in an area stable, and will help alleviate the 'oven' effect of large-scale parking lots and buildings. Both staff and customers appreciate attractive landscaping that will provide summer shade, particularly as climate change increases temperatures. The Home Depot – Crown Isle Plaza intersection is unbearably hot and bright on a warm summer's day; one longs to pass under a row of shady trees (like the Thrifty parking lot on 6th Street in Courtenay) and to have the eye drawn to leafy green trees in those areas. Development plans must give careful thought to replacing the carbon sequestering ability of the trees that must be removed. Everyone, including developers and corporations, prospers in well-planned, naturally scenic communities, where property values remain stable or increase as a result of good community planning. In large new developments, there is an opportunity to create significant greenbelts that will benefit both wildlife and the community. There is only one opportunity to do development well, and the City must insist on high standards, as the decisions made by Council determine how the City will look and interact for hundreds of years.	7/10/2016 4:49 PM
15	stick to existing bylaw	7/9/2016 11:32 PM
16	Minimum amount of trees removed depending on what is being built.	7/9/2016 9:16 AM
17	Applicants should be allowed to have as many or as few trees that they want within a reasonable amount it should not be forced on them or a cost to them. Fruit trees should be on the list especially on town properties.	7/8/2016 2:19 PM
18	Replacement cannot be equated with retention, in terms of aesthetics and environment.	7/7/2016 2:02 PM
19	Same answer as above	7/4/2016 10:49 PM

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20	For greenfield sites, 40% of existing canopy should be retained, private lots should meet the 50 trees per ha standard, street trees should be planted on all streets (this is also a requirement under the proposed subdivision regulations) and all other public lands should achieve a 40% canopy coverage. Canopy coverage to be calculated on the basis of mature tree sizes	7/4/2016 8:32 PM
21	Same as #11	7/4/2016 11:16 AM
22	With new subdivisions removing existing trees the excuse of liability is often used to justify removing larger trees. e.g.. Crown Isle...not acceptable it's too easy to justify removing trees	7/3/2016 4:10 PM
23	?	7/3/2016 3:37 PM
24	This would prevent developers from "Scalping" their land by bulldozing everything off of it until there is nothing but dust on the earth. Such acts, which happen far too often in our area, are a travesty to our local ecosystems.	7/3/2016 12:01 AM
25	tree planting fund is a cash cow for administration.!	7/1/2016 11:50 AM
26	All these requirements are too subjective....where do you get these ideas.	6/30/2016 6:03 PM
27	Do not allow construction/development companies to cut timber for ease of construction. Only foundation footprint (plus a safety zone) shld be allowed a cut permit.	6/30/2016 1:21 PM
28	(1) In my "dream world" new developments would include greenbelts (or else clusters) between rows of lots where woodland vegetation/ecosystems (inc. douglas firs, red huckleberries, salal, oregon grape etc. could be allowed to flourish. Douglas firs become vulnerable to winter storms when isolated. If these greenbelts ran in a N-S direction then everyone would get some sunlight in their yards. (2) On individual lots I believe a certain amount of native vegetation should be saved, and topsoil retained. Thus something other than a water-guzzling carpet of sod can be planted!	6/30/2016 1:04 PM
29	Existing trees have much deeper roots that stabilize the ground where there is water (such as an underground spring) and should be kept standing rather than taking down and planting new trees.This is especially evident on sloped land when we have heavy rain. It affects properties below the slope.	6/30/2016 10:05 AM
30	It is important that if new trees are planted, they should be native, not exotic specie	6/29/2016 9:53 PM
31	We currently live in the regional district, but have been looking to move into the City of Courtenay. We are disappointed in new subdivisions that have been clear cut and small, identical trees planted throughout the new subdivision. This is not a pleasing neighbourhood, but looks like an easy cash grab for developers. Identical or similar homes built in the new subdivision are also unattractive.	6/29/2016 5:30 PM
32	I think a tree needs to be weighed by its age as well as species. Old trees that have been around for hundreds of years are being cut for very little reason. To replace them with a new tree is unacceptable.	6/29/2016 3:01 PM
33	Trees should only be cut when safety is an issue.	6/29/2016 1:23 PM
34	ensure no new studies or expanded reports are required. simply set the target # and allow the owner to remove all trees, then plant and/or pay to achieve the target.	6/29/2016 12:47 PM
35	As much as is safe and possible, retention should be the priority.	6/29/2016 12:26 PM
36	Keep as much of the existence greenspace as possible	6/29/2016 11:29 AM
37	HOW the trees are left is important. What purpose is achieved by leaving a clump of trees that the developer has had to leave for number purposes and then piled dirt over roots, or removed necessary windbreak trees to leave "speciman" tree that will ultimately become a dangers	6/29/2016 11:13 AM
38	Developers should be required to make every effort to retain a minimum of 50% of the existing trees.	6/29/2016 9:37 AM
39	Money paid into the fund should reflect the size of trees, not just number; trees above a certain diameter should be more valued	6/28/2016 7:23 PM
40	No removal of protected trees unless necessary/unsafe	6/28/2016 8:35 AM
41	I do not agree with any of these statements	6/27/2016 2:23 PM
42	Again, it is these large developments which have the greatest impact on our environment. They replace the soil. They remove tracts of forest. Replanting or paying a fund does not help our biodiversity or quality/age of our forests.	6/27/2016 11:15 AM
43	NO CLEARCUTS	6/26/2016 9:27 PM
44	NO TAX FOR POLITICIANS TO DIVERT TO MORE "PRESSING" Priorities	6/25/2016 7:46 AM
45	For developers, I think the rules should vbe a bit stricter. I think flexibility should be allowed, however I also think the default first option should be to retain as many existing trees as practical. Again, I think it is important to close any loophole that allows a developer to cut all trees and pay for replanting elsewhere. Once the home is purchased, then I feel the slightly more lenient rules should apply as I describe in the previous question.	6/24/2016 5:31 PM

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46	young and old growth need to be maintained..	6/24/2016 12:08 AM
47	Again, seriously!!!	6/23/2016 11:15 PM
48	a home or land owner should be free to use their property as they see fit. if they want trees then they can have them. if they want to cut them down then they can. if the city want to keep trees then the city should buy the land the trees are on.	6/23/2016 10:19 PM
49	It absolutely breaks my heart that all of the forests that I used to play in as a child in Courtenay are gone. I am 25! I feel that it is not respectful of the residents of courtenay, of future generations, of birds and other wildlife, or of the trees to destroy them all. furthermore, it builds a lot of resentment towards the people who live in new subdivisions when long term residents see the trails and forests they love completely disappearing to house new residents who dont even know it was recently a forest.	6/23/2016 11:56 AM
50	the minimum number of trees on new subdivisions should be increased substantially	6/23/2016 9:51 AM
51	retain existing trees wherever possible!! and make regulations for removing trees very stringent	6/23/2016 9:30 AM
52	I prefer positive incentives over limits, penalties & taxation.	6/22/2016 11:53 PM
53	developers should include existing trees in design plans and incorporate them into development and not clearcut and replace with small standard landscaping	6/22/2016 10:52 PM
54	I believe I'd change it from "retain the target number" to, retain existing trees unless impossible to do so.	6/22/2016 2:58 PM
55	Please refer back to Question #10	6/22/2016 1:26 PM
56	An existing tree such as a 30 foot douglas fir has far more beneficial capacity than a replanted 2 year old shrub	6/21/2016 2:54 PM
57	fruit trees should be considered as replacement trees	6/21/2016 7:58 AM
58	I value keeping existing trees, but I also want flexibility. Retaining trees should always be the first choice, but there may be circumstances when replacing the tree is a suitable option.	6/21/2016 7:47 AM
59	See answer to #11 above. You're assuming fait accompli. The consultation process seems to mean nothing to you.	6/19/2016 10:32 AM
60	Bare lot development should retain as many trees as possible.	6/18/2016 6:39 PM
61	Please see my comments above re: green space!	6/18/2016 5:19 PM
62	a new subdivision in my mind should be planned around the existing older trees instead of being planned on a clean slate aka, a clearcut lot. this would create a much more pleasant and ecstasically pleasing neighborhood and would keep a property within the tree requirements	6/18/2016 10:59 AM
63	Developers should not be allowed to use land that has not been previously developed.	6/18/2016 8:39 AM
64	If existing trees are unsuitable, poorly situated or could become a problem, then I see no reason why a development should be required to keep them.	6/17/2016 6:39 PM
65	There is too much wiggle room in this proposal for developers.	6/17/2016 2:40 PM
66	I think large-scale developments that clearcut entire areas for development should not be permitted	6/17/2016 12:43 PM
67	My answer here would be the same as for #11 as it applies to existing neighborhoods and new developments. I don't agree that flexibility should be considered. The trees were there first, they are likely mature trees and should be kept. Only removed if, as I said, a certified arborist (not tree cutter) agrees that the tree(s) are sick. This would be rare to find that many trees are sick. Homeowners and developers should pay a hefty fine, not pay into tree fund, for removing trees that are not examined by an arborist. This would, in my opinion, discourage unnecessary tree cutting and encourage green spaces. No one wants to see a multi lot subdivision anyway, but if we have to have them at least leave the trees and plant the houses around them. We do not want to look like Nanaimo here!	6/17/2016 12:12 PM
68	Especially in new-lot subdivisions, planting an oriental plum is not the same as retaining a native tree species such fir, hemlock or cedar.	6/17/2016 10:24 AM
69	And the ideal would be to replace removed trees with ones on the protected list.	6/17/2016 9:50 AM
70	The priority in NEW developments must be in retaining as many viable trees as possible.	6/17/2016 9:07 AM
71	Paying into a fund to cut down all or most trees would only become the cost of development. It would not save trees.	6/17/2016 12:21 AM
72	Stop the sprawl. Do not allow any more development that destroys forests. Or at least maintain a large buffer of forest around the development.	6/16/2016 8:54 PM
73	see previous question & response for wording	6/16/2016 8:26 PM

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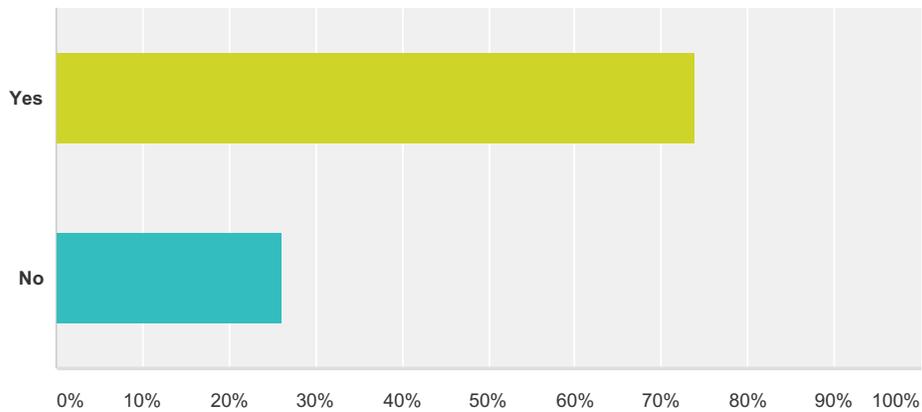
74	As above, there should be done flexibility, with possible replanting, but NOT complete removal, and NOT paying into a fund	6/16/2016 6:15 PM
75	New multi-lot subdivisions, where the lots are currently forested should be treated different than already developed lots. You cannot replant a forest... this would take over 100 years. Therefore valuing replanting of trees the same as retaining mature trees seems very ineffective. This is also a case where retaining clusters of trees is much more valuable than the same number of trees spread out over the whole development. This way we can protect the forest ecosystem as a whole, and the clusters would hold up better to increased wind exposure etc.	6/16/2016 4:47 PM
76	See my comment above. You are not differentiating between small and big trees. Surely a 50-year-old oak has more value than a handful of little ones.	6/16/2016 4:29 PM
77	If it is unsafe to keep any tree and that tree is removed another tree should be planted - regardless of reason for removal of the original tree. A more suitable tree could replace the removed tree. I would consider fruit bearing trees as suitable.	6/16/2016 4:06 PM
78	Again, people shouldn't be allowed to 'buy' their way into developing land rather than preserving trees	6/16/2016 4:01 PM
79	Again the goal would be to allow enough flexibility for removal of dangerous trees (too close to buildings, dead, dying, etc) without providing a loophole for the removal of trees that are undesired by the developer but not actually dangerous in anyway. 'No' to the removal of "inconvenient" established trees.	6/16/2016 3:56 PM
80	Trees in a stand rely on each other for support and stability. Removal of some trees makes a stand susceptible to windthrow, bark and limb damage, root disease and insect damage. Each site needs to be evaluated on its merit and ability to sustain itself. A requirement to maintain a target number may not be reasonable based on just a target number.	6/16/2016 3:28 PM
81	same comment as before	6/16/2016 2:03 PM
82	all existing trees should be retained unless is assessed unsafe.	6/16/2016 11:30 AM
83	New developments should not be allowed to pay into the fund in lieu of planting or retaining trees.	6/16/2016 11:05 AM
84	I think it is VERY important to focus on tree retention, where possible, as replacement trees will not provide the same function until they mature after quite a number of years.	6/15/2016 10:26 PM
85	Perhaps existing protected trees should have priority over existing other species.	6/15/2016 1:50 PM
86	there should be a target percentage of trees retained	6/15/2016 11:26 AM
87	It matters what kind of tree. Oaks or healthy old trees should always be kept if at all possible	6/15/2016 8:56 AM
88	there should be no clear cutting at all	6/15/2016 8:24 AM
89	should be up to the owners of the new homes to plant some or none as they desire	6/15/2016 8:20 AM
90	Environmental assessments should be mandatory on any developmental properties prior to removal of any trees. Any property with tributaries to our water shed should also be better protected from tree removal that could have a negative effect.	6/14/2016 6:34 PM
91	Developers should never be allowed to remove all existing trees!	6/14/2016 9:00 AM
92	The city might encourage developers to plant appropriate trees to the development. Too many Red maples, other common name Swamp maple. Maybe suggesting planting more Garry oaks or other more drought tolerant trees.	6/13/2016 6:39 PM
93	new, subdivisions should retain big trees, depending on the size of the trunk.	6/13/2016 12:37 PM
94	Not in favour of 'pays into the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund... this is the easy way out and might mean that new developments have absolutely no trees and/or minimal landscaping, and decreasing the carbon capture and beauty potential.	6/12/2016 4:13 PM
95	Same as question 11.	6/11/2016 8:14 PM
96	How can the urban forest be protected with only 50 trees per hectare being retained? When mature trees are cut, payment should be made to the tree replacement fund to reflect their value.	6/11/2016 3:59 PM
97	The target of 50 trees on developable greenfield sites is far too low and does nothing to protect the urban forest which is stated as being a policy goal of the City.	6/11/2016 3:47 PM
98	There needs to consultation with an Arborist when developing subdivisions and Enforcement of recommendations. It doesn't matter how many trees are retained if the developer destroys root systems, changes grades and water flow and mechanically damages the trees left behind. These trees will fail eventually unless they are properly cared for during the development process.	6/11/2016 11:45 AM

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99	There is no option for not paying or replanting. A bit of a trick question although I do agree on paying into a fund to plant trees elsewhere, if the development doesn't warrant replanting onsite. But, the developer or land owner should be given options, not dictated them by the City	6/11/2016 6:11 AM
100	Dependant on development type, for example, developer may have contributed nature park lands thereby retaining a target coverage across the whole site. Also, planting new trees is not always successful due to survival. Where possible, retain existing (if fragmented) ecosystems	6/10/2016 9:47 AM
101	Same rationale as previous question except with more emphasis on ecological and aesthetic function on landscape or regional scale.	6/9/2016 10:00 AM
102	as in #11	6/9/2016 9:36 AM
103	I repeat: the larger "picture" and values need to be part of the decision, not just an individual development or property. We cannot denude any street, park, or subdivision without serious consequences to our watershed, drainage, air quality, and enjoyment of life - for all species.	6/9/2016 9:06 AM
104	Do not be afraid to develop a comprehensive by-law which can even include a pre-construction tree retention report prior to any clearing. Tree "clumps" are more stable than single individual trees. Leaving perimeter trees tends to create new edge blow down.	6/8/2016 7:39 PM
105	I strongly value keeping the existing trees where possible but the act of property development may damage/ change the ecosystem to the point that the mature trees are not viable and would have to be replaced.	6/8/2016 6:48 PM
106	A reward for keeping and/or planting trees would be more effective. ie property tax reduction or water fee reduction etc.	6/7/2016 1:21 PM
107	If mature trees are to be replaced, I would like to see a requirement that replacement trees be of a comparable size to maximize carbon uptake. Also, I believe that the Replacement Fund needs to reflect the cost of large mature trees- it seems to me that \$300 is not sufficient.	6/7/2016 9:45 AM
108	The inspection and management process to ensure applicants meet the targets is much more onerous than dealing with retention during application. Retention at the onset also establishes a practice of conservation.	6/7/2016 7:43 AM
109	Some of the trees set aside in a greenway/park could be included to meet the target. If the target is 90 trees, would not want to see all 90 just be in the greenspace (avoid having a greenspace and the rest of the areas with no trees)	6/6/2016 2:34 PM
110	Target of 50 trees on undeveloped greenfield sites is much too low as second growth forests typically have several hundred trees per hectare. So a higher target based on an assessment of the existing forest or % target of retaining forests should be used.	6/3/2016 4:12 PM
111	NO TREE PLANNING FUND	6/3/2016 11:16 AM

Q13 Do you support the proposed sliding scale of tree permit application fees?

Answered: 557 Skipped: 162



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	73.97% 412
No	26.03% 145
Total	557

#	If not, please describe what changes you would make	Date
1	If the replacement fee is \$300 why is the cutting permit so low? The protected tree fee needs to be much higher. \$1000 is no disincentive to a developer or homeowner who 'accidentally' damages or removes a tree that is blocking their view on a million dollar property	7/15/2016 11:37 AM
2	I think hedges need to be included for some in town are old and large and are trees.	7/15/2016 10:56 AM
3	But permit amounts should be higher	7/15/2016 10:22 AM
4	Fees for large-scale tree removal on forested subdivisions are extremely too low (would just be considered cost of doing business and our urban forest will continue to disappear) Fees must be effective in helping to retain trees!	7/14/2016 5:02 PM
5	But the proposed fees seem low - a reflection of what is doable and acceptable?	7/14/2016 3:30 PM
6	With regard to the fees, a developer would always be able to argue for the lowest fee, unless the wording in the bylaw is tightened up. I had experience in a salary negotiation contract and am aware of how the correct words are necessary!!	7/14/2016 2:32 PM
7	No fee, this is a function of government	7/14/2016 2:24 PM
8	I do not want any tree cutting of a maturing second growth forest	7/14/2016 2:19 PM
9	This scheme looks like it gives priority discounts to developers who want to clear large sections of land, since their rates could translate to cost as little as \$1/tree which is outrageous and violates the goal of tree protection and preservation. Please do not give priority to land clearing through your payment schemes. I want to see strong protections to save what remains of forested areas within the city of Courtenay because these provide the most green infrastructure services as well as biodiversity, human health and wellbeing, and carbon sequestration. I'm not a policy specialist but I suggest a much higher fee for clearing entire acres of land, perhaps flexible to account for whether this is wetland/mature forest/sensitive habitats that should not be developed and thus disincentivized NOT financially encouraged.	7/11/2016 3:19 PM

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10	I think this is penalizing individual home owners while incentivizing mass tree removal and land clearing by development corporations. This is the reverse of tree protection and retention, therefore I am offended by this proposed sliding scale and do not believe it has been developed with natural assets in mind. I believe it shows a conflict of interest at the city level where councillors and the mayor are subject to intense lobbying and possible misinformation from pro-development, pro-sprawl interests who operate in silos while forcing costs of externalities and unfunded infrastructure liabilities back onto the city and taxpayers.	7/11/2016 1:09 PM
11	\$250/acre fee for tree removal for larger lots and new multi-lot subdivisions is much too low. Does this mean a developer can 'log' an acre, making huge amounts of money on the logs, and pay only \$250 acre into the tree replacement fund? Am I understanding this correctly? Surely even at the paltry \$5 a log previous rate, most development would come to far more than \$250. On the Thrifty's site at the Crown Isle plaza, 654 trees were logged, at \$5 each came to \$3270, and even that was a painfully inadequate amount. When trees come down, cities lose significant economic assets. Google the value of urban trees and find numbers that range as high as a hundred thousand dollars per tree over a century, as trees blunt climate change, protect soil and water quality, help prevent flooding and increase property values: • "According to 'Growing Greener Cities', a book published in 1992 by the American Forestry Association ... a single tree provides \$73 worth of air conditioning, \$75 worth of erosion control, \$75 worth of wildlife shelter, and \$50 worth of air pollution reduction. Compounding this total of \$273 for fifty years at 5% interest results in a tree value of \$57,151." (Utah State University Forestry Co-operative Extension website – What is a Tree Worth?) • Neighbourhood street trees increased the combined value of homes within 100 feet by \$12,828. (Pacific Northwest Research Station Science Findings, September 2010). The fee for tree removal for new large development sites needs to be significantly higher. A low \$250 acre must surely encourages wholesale logging rather than innovative planning.	7/10/2016 5:12 PM
12	Fees are far too low to protect trees especially in new subdivisions	7/7/2016 9:07 PM
13	The multi-lot subdivision fee is far too low.	7/7/2016 2:04 PM
14	there shouldn't be any fees.	7/6/2016 4:47 PM
15	Scrap the whole idea, this is CANADA not Nazi Germany.	7/4/2016 10:51 PM
16	Does \$250 per acre equal \$ 625 per ha?	7/4/2016 8:34 PM
17	I am not able to comment on this aspect.	7/4/2016 1:52 PM
18	I think the fees are too low and the money should be put back into an urban forestry program to plant more native species.	7/4/2016 11:21 AM
19	price not high enough for multi-lot subdivisions	7/3/2016 4:14 PM
20	no money period	7/3/2016 3:39 PM
21	Hopefully this will prevent developers from "accidentally" killing trees, so they can "justifiably" remove them.	7/3/2016 12:06 AM
22	Permits should be costly so that developers give due consideration to eye removal	7/2/2016 2:32 PM
23	another cash cow!	7/1/2016 11:54 AM
24	I think \$50 to much for a small lot owner, maybe \$10 per tree	7/1/2016 7:36 AM
25	Please address the home owners that, in essence, are deliberately killing their trees.	6/30/2016 7:17 PM
26	All about the money!	6/30/2016 6:04 PM
27	permit fees are too low	6/30/2016 3:55 PM
28	not enough of a fee to be a deterrent to cutting the trees.	6/30/2016 8:55 AM
29	Fees are too low.	6/29/2016 8:38 PM
30	I don't believe a permit should be required.	6/29/2016 7:38 PM
31	Not sure \$250/acre would be adequate to cover multi-lot subdivisions - what would an arborist charge to assess? The size/quality/location of the trees to remain should be considered rather than just a number. Three small trees in the far corner of a lot would not likely be asthetically pleasing to a neighbourhood, but easy for a developer to work around.	6/29/2016 5:35 PM
32	Whole permit things seems stupid! I guess when you are one of the good guys you don't want or need regulations!	6/29/2016 1:17 PM
33	keep it the same	6/29/2016 12:49 PM
34	Developers do not need the sliding scale. They need to be charged high rate so they do not completely clear the trees off land as they have/and are presently.	6/29/2016 12:37 PM
35	The multi-lot sub division fee should be a higher cost per acre with a fee per tree removed.	6/29/2016 9:41 AM

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36	I don't think there should be any cost for permits...certainly not that high of an amount!	6/29/2016 8:42 AM
37	not sure. The variety of ages, size, species, etc complicates this issue	6/29/2016 8:26 AM
38	I just had one taken down that was sick and that cost me enough without having to pay the city on top	6/28/2016 9:35 PM
39	permit should be \$100, and \$100 per 10cm cumulative diameter	6/28/2016 7:26 PM
40	The scale should reflect costs to the city. Fees should cover the city's costs.	6/28/2016 1:48 PM
41	lot size does not reflect person's ability to pay, use a sliding scale based on income	6/28/2016 8:37 AM
42	sounds alright	6/28/2016 6:45 AM
43	There shouldn't be any fees or permit required. It is expensive enough to have trees removed.	6/27/2016 4:09 PM
44	this is again a 2h job for a home owner, while the developer just has to pay the city about a grand to cut at will.	6/27/2016 11:19 AM
45	Old growth cannot be replaced protect old growth healthy trees.	6/26/2016 9:31 PM
46	It should be alot more, and the money can be used to beautify other parts of the city	6/26/2016 12:13 PM
47	As a property owner, I should be allowed to remove any trees that I wish removed.	6/25/2016 4:32 PM
48	For individuals a permit should be required, but no fee. For developers a much larger fee should be required.	6/25/2016 2:56 PM
49	Needs to be more for large areas; \$250 for an acre of trees that can never be replaced?!	6/24/2016 7:31 PM
50	As long as the fees cover the costs of adequately evaluating any given situation with an eye to retaining trees appropriately.	6/24/2016 5:47 PM
51	Not sure	6/24/2016 10:47 AM
52	Needs to be more affordable to the rules applied	6/24/2016 9:30 AM
53	I have no thoughts on this question.	6/23/2016 11:34 PM
54	Did you pay for my lot and home? Do you pay my taxes!?	6/23/2016 11:18 PM
55	should be a flat 50 dollar fee regardless of lot size. you are unfairly charging someone who bought a bigger lot.	6/23/2016 10:24 PM
56	I tend to think the lower limit is too high. Are there tree size considerations? If I plant an apple tree and then decide I don't want it do I have to get a permit to take it down?	6/23/2016 12:35 PM
57	The fees are nowhere near the actual amount required to plant and maintain a tree to maturity	6/23/2016 12:00 PM
58	make it sliding scale, but charge more to developers, since they make a lot of money by logging trees and this will not deter them.	6/23/2016 11:59 AM
59	increase charge per tree (without a sliding scale) to deter tree removal	6/23/2016 9:32 AM
60	Is the property owner responsible for an independent assessment to determine if the tree is hazardous?	6/23/2016 9:23 AM
61	Sliding scale but perhaps more expensive. Also I only have three trees on my 1/4 acre. So would that mean I could take out 2 of the 3 trees. Seems like to many.	6/23/2016 2:39 AM
62	I would rather the owner be required to hire a tree service contractor in support of policy goals than have to pay a permit fee.	6/22/2016 11:58 PM
63	Just more government imposed fees? Is that really the best we can do? Come on, team! Let's find an alternative that isn't going to gut my wallet. How about shooting the offending party in the face with a paint gun? That would make them think twice before chopping down trees. Am I right?!	6/22/2016 6:17 PM
64	Am not sure that the fee is what is important to me	6/22/2016 5:27 PM
65	Monitor the trees being removed! Look what happened one weekend in Comox on the bluff above Curtis Rd. Heavy fines/jail time for unlawful tree removal.	6/22/2016 5:11 PM
66	Because this is not clear to me. How many trees does \$100 fee apply to? How many on an acre?	6/22/2016 3:05 PM
67	The cost for new multi-lot subdivisions and larger lots is not equal to the cost for smaller lots. Why not?	6/22/2016 1:33 PM
68	There should only be a permit required when removing a protected tree.	6/21/2016 8:43 PM
69	Fees should be more, should actually be a deterrent not just another tax form.	6/21/2016 2:57 PM
70	you are not going to call any tree hazardous.	6/21/2016 2:30 PM

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71	Under the proposed fee structure a home owner who has 4 trees on their lot would require to pay a \$50 fee to cut one tree and \$300 to replace it. A landowner on a 10 hectare forested Greenfield site could remove 5000 trees and still meet the 50 tree per hectare target and not be required to replace any trees. The cost of the fee would be \$250/ acre. This works out to less than \$1 per tree. Why is the cost per tree for cutting a maturing second growth forest so low? Why is there not a requirement to pay into a replacement tree fund for the mature trees being cut down?	6/21/2016 12:32 PM
72	This scale of permits makes it too easy for trees to be cut - higher fees are needed	6/20/2016 9:38 PM
73	Another tax grab this is the most expensive city I have ever seen in term of fees	6/19/2016 7:29 PM
74	No charges should be imposed. The owner should decide which/how many trees are on his/her property. This is supposed to be a democracy. The owner supposedly owns his/her land, not the city.	6/19/2016 10:36 AM
75	You need to charge a lot more for removal of large, old trees like those in the Vanier Grove.	6/18/2016 6:42 PM
76	I support a sliding scale, but the fees are not high enough, especially for large-scale developers with potential to make lots of money from the land they are using.	6/18/2016 5:23 PM
77	?	6/18/2016 1:53 PM
78	Multi lots should pay more	6/18/2016 11:21 AM
79	i feel like larger lots need to be charged more	6/18/2016 11:02 AM
80	Application fees \$500, and \$100 per tree	6/18/2016 9:05 AM
81	The permit costs should be much higher in order to retain as many mature trees as possible. Penalties for removing trees without a permit also need to be prohibitive.	6/18/2016 8:46 AM
82	The fee doesn't reflect the cost to the city that is involved to handle a tree cutting permit. It looks to much like another money grab.	6/17/2016 2:49 PM
83	...but such tree removal should not be permitted. Preserve green space!	6/17/2016 12:45 PM
84	It's a good idea except you need to charge more for each tree removed, have a certified arborist stating the tree is (1) danger, or (2) sick. This arborist would not be a 'tree cutter' since they advocate any tree needs to come down. Case in point - our property is 2.5 acres. We had a tree cutter come look at 3 sick maples. He wanted to take them all down. We then talked to an arborist. He suggested keeping the trees but taking limbs off certain trees that were 'sick' to improve their health. As well, he advocated keeping one maple with holes in it for owls or other birds who nest in trunks of trees. Had we taken the 1st tree cutters advice, we would have unnecessarily lost 3 good trees. So - owners/developers must obtain a certified tree arborist before any decisions are made.	6/17/2016 12:20 PM
85	Fees could be slightly higher in all categories	6/17/2016 12:00 PM
86	But they could be more expensive than the proposed fees	6/17/2016 11:04 AM
87	Don't know	6/17/2016 10:34 AM
88	Fees should only be levied for new multi-lot subdivisions	6/17/2016 9:58 AM
89	Higher fees and additionally the fee for replacement elsewhere.	6/17/2016 9:12 AM
90	No comment	6/17/2016 9:09 AM
91	No amount of money should give us the right to destroy	6/17/2016 7:23 AM
92	Seems too rigid to me. Also, the older method of charging \$5 per tree is insufficient. The message we should give to land-owners is to value trees far more than we do now. The token \$5 per tree after the permit application is made, is inadequate and devalues trees generally. Perhaps the permit app should cost less and the trees brought down should be valued far higher to make reckless land-owners rethink how many trees they will remove. The value of each tree should increase as they number of proposed fellings increases.	6/17/2016 1:43 AM
93	\$250/acre + \$5 is WAY too cheap. This scale penalizes the single family at the expense of the wealthy. IF we wish to retain forested areas we need greater restrictions, not allowing the rich to buy their way out.	6/17/2016 12:03 AM
94	Some people have the money to do what they want and cost is not a factor - leave lights on all the time, run water no matter the cost, cut trees without regard to regulations	6/16/2016 9:45 PM
95	New multi-lot subdivisions should be paying considerably more per acre of clearing the forests. Bird/wildlife habitat loss must also be taken into consideration.	6/16/2016 9:00 PM
96	Not sure. It depends on many things e.g. tree size, age, species	6/16/2016 8:37 PM
97	I think the scale is too low. Charge more.	6/16/2016 6:25 PM

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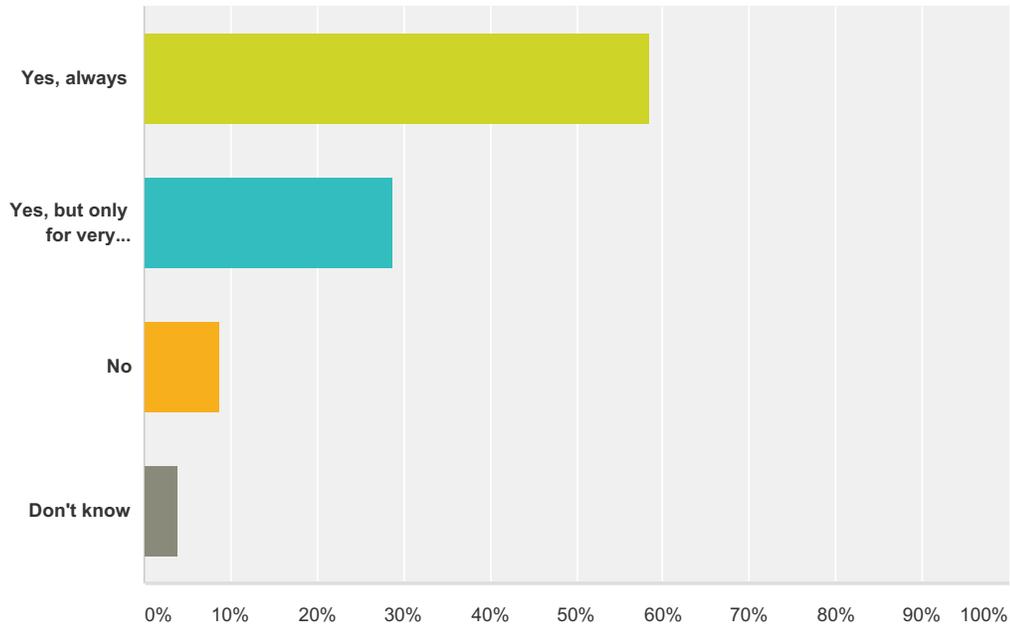
98	My biggest concern is the wholesale removal of all trees on a lot; I believe that leaving mature trees is preferable (for many reasons) to planting new trees after removal of mature trees. So the costs to the developer for removal of mature trees should reflect their true value to the environment	6/16/2016 5:57 PM
99	I don't agree with clear cutting the lot for development.	6/16/2016 5:45 PM
100	\$250 is expensive for trees on a single lot.	6/16/2016 5:42 PM
101	\$250. permit and \$100 per tree	6/16/2016 5:41 PM
102	I think fees should remain high for all cutting of trees.	6/16/2016 5:14 PM
103	If you remove more trees, you should have to pay more, especial on large lots	6/16/2016 4:33 PM
104	Fees should be a lot higher.	6/16/2016 4:30 PM
105	dont know enough	6/16/2016 4:18 PM
106	Flat rate per tree.	6/16/2016 3:30 PM
107	on larger development lots I do believe the per tree fee should remain in addition to the \$250 permit	6/16/2016 12:43 PM
108	all existing trees should be retained unless is assessed unsafe.	6/16/2016 11:32 AM
109	I think these costs are too low.	6/16/2016 11:28 AM
110	Higher fees for tree removal.	6/16/2016 11:02 AM
111	No fee	6/15/2016 9:00 PM
112	I like a sliding scale but feel new mulit lot divisions and large lots could afford to pay more, it seems they could save a lot of money under this new scale as there can be a lot of trees on an acre.	6/15/2016 1:03 PM
113	I'm sure that the time for city staff to review such requests etc. is much closer to \$250.	6/15/2016 12:26 PM
114	the sliding scale needs to be steeper ie cheaper for existing residents and more for large undeveloped sites (\$250/acre for developer much cheaper than \$100/ .25acre for residents)	6/15/2016 11:33 AM
115	I think the cost should be much higher. At the same time I dont understand why the city it profiting. I think the funding should go into helping buy up land that is endangered of being sold to developers.	6/15/2016 9:25 AM
116	I support ZERO fees for cutting trees.	6/15/2016 8:58 AM
117	Tree removal shouldn't be a money grab. It should be managed for best outcome.	6/15/2016 8:10 AM
118	I oppose this form of taxation. It is much preferable to have clear bylaws in place regulating the management of trees, and then enforce these laws properly.	6/14/2016 10:41 PM
119	Increase the fees	6/14/2016 6:53 PM
120	Where does this application fee go to?	6/14/2016 6:36 PM
121	Unclear how it would work for a large lot landowner who wants to expand garden space and build outbuildings	6/14/2016 6:04 PM
122	leave it to the developer..we don't need more bureaucracy	6/14/2016 5:42 PM
123	no "taxes" or fees; find a way to minimize admin costsd	6/14/2016 5:18 PM
124	\$250 is not enough for large developments.	6/14/2016 4:43 PM
125	Fees should be high enough to encourage keeping as many trees as possible. We are currently facing too many areas that are devoid of native trees - only small saplings that will never be large	6/14/2016 11:39 AM
126	\$5 per tree should be variable depending on what tree is being taken down. Protected trees should be more expensive than common ones.	6/13/2016 6:05 PM
127	If trees to be removed are significantly diseased there should be no permit fees at all. And by the way it's unclear whether this discussion is only about specific species or all trees	6/13/2016 3:59 PM
128	Larger lots for new subdivisions should pay a much larger fee and large trees should be retained permanently - especially if they are in good health.	6/13/2016 12:40 PM
129	too expensive	6/13/2016 12:15 PM
130	That's really expensive!	6/13/2016 11:46 AM
131	There shouldn't be any fee.	6/11/2016 8:06 PM

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132	The \$250/acre does not adequately reflect the value of the mature trees that are being lost to our urban forest.	6/11/2016 4:00 PM
133	The \$250/acre (non-metric??) fee is far too low to allow large-scale forest removal on greenfield developments.	6/11/2016 3:47 PM
134	The property owners should have the right to maintain their lot to suit them. If they don't want trees, they should be able to get rid of them	6/11/2016 3:30 PM
135	The \$250 per acre could become extremely expensive in a larger development.	6/11/2016 6:13 AM
136	Should be more expensive	6/10/2016 11:48 PM
137	Why change what is already in place. I believe that a \$250 permit is reasonable and a deterrent for home owners to just cut down trees for no good reason. In case of larger areas or corporate, make the permit more expensive. Why lower the prices? The revenue lost by lowering the price will ultimately need to come from another place, probably another increase in taxes.	6/10/2016 7:47 AM
138	BUT....by whose definition of hazardous??	6/9/2016 3:00 PM
139	another cost & public interference concerning private property	6/9/2016 9:38 AM
140	It is too low The fee should be based upon the age of the trees and their value - how long it takes for them to mature. We don't need alders, we do need diversity	6/9/2016 9:09 AM
141	If you base it on numbers, you will lose trees that really should be retained.	6/8/2016 7:46 PM
142	I would be more in favor for a \$250 fee for every tree whacked down. I am darn tired of folk moving into my neighborhood and indiscriminately removing trees.	6/8/2016 6:56 PM
143	I love the security fee idea.	6/8/2016 4:46 PM
144	my concern is that where all people had to pay 250 before, now only large lots pay that amount. I think that cutting down a mature needs to cost enough to give owners pause. So would charge 100, 200, and 400 on a sliding scale	6/8/2016 7:05 AM
145	No fees on private property under one halve acre.	6/7/2016 1:27 PM
146	I support the fees for single family small lots but feel that the single family larger lots and definitely the multi-lot subdivision fees need to better reflect the number of trees to be removed.	6/7/2016 9:51 AM
147	Just should not be able to cut trees?	6/7/2016 8:10 AM
148	such low fees would encourage tree removal so I would favour retaining the existing fee structure	6/5/2016 10:53 AM
149	There should not be a fee if it is our property	6/3/2016 11:02 PM
150	No fee for single family lots because people will not bother applying and will just cut down trees.	6/3/2016 4:22 PM
151	The \$250 fee for large lot greenfield sites would work out to a cost of less than \$1 per tree. The social, economic and environmental value of these trees is much higher. The the cost should act as an incentive to not cut trees.	6/3/2016 4:21 PM
152	I don't understand the need to pay for a permit.	6/3/2016 3:58 PM
153	It's our property so why do I have to pay to cut a tree down? That's just another tax grab!!!!	6/3/2016 1:44 PM
154	DONT YOU GET ENOUGH MONEY FROM US	6/3/2016 11:17 AM

Q14 Do you support the City requiring protection securities to provide financial incentive to adequately protect trees during adjacent development activity?

Answered: 606 Skipped: 113



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, always	58.42% 354
Yes, but only for very special trees such as protected species	28.88% 175
No	8.75% 53
Don't know	3.96% 24
Total	606

#	Comment	Date
1	See comments previous page	7/15/2016 11:37 AM
2	all adjacent trees	7/14/2016 3:30 PM
3	This will ensure developers are careful when working in and around protected species - not damaging root structure or scarring the protected species.	7/4/2016 11:21 AM
4	See the comment I made under question #13. Also, I think preserving more trees makes our area and any new developments more desirable to live in.	7/3/2016 12:06 AM
5	Security should be held for more than 2 years to ensure trees have survived development.	7/2/2016 2:32 PM
6	Security is a good way to ensure trees are protected during development.	7/2/2016 11:47 AM
7	\$1000 seems unreasonoable.	7/1/2016 7:36 AM
8	Citizens don't know. Let's rely on educated, urban developers who are environmentally knowledgeable city staff to help us best protect the land.	6/30/2016 10:12 AM

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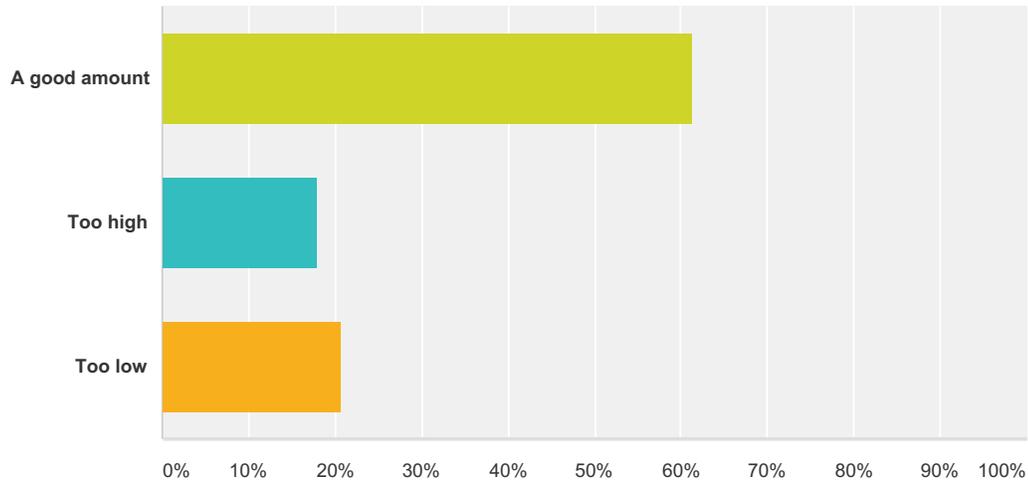
9	This needs to be a policy that is followed by everyone. No favors .	6/29/2016 12:37 PM
10	planting trees is great, but not cutting them down is best	6/28/2016 7:26 PM
11	Again a sliding scale based on income	6/28/2016 8:37 AM
12	This is a prime example of bureaucracy run amok	6/27/2016 4:09 PM
13	Whatever it takes to 'encourage' the developer to protect trees, specifically mature trees.	6/26/2016 8:14 AM
14	When considering a high value/high return residential development. I feel that the developer would take the hit and remove protected trees. The amount is way too low.	6/24/2016 9:21 AM
15	if the land owner does not want a tree. let him remove it. if the city want a fancy tree in the city they can buy the land the tree is on	6/23/2016 10:24 PM
16	This might be costly if retaining a buffer such as along a riparian area. Special rates might apply when protecting multiple trees.	6/23/2016 9:30 PM
17	Not sure how this would apply to groups of trees.	6/22/2016 8:26 PM
18	Yes, there are a few trees left on the new hospital site. It will be interesting to see how long it takes before they die or are deemed 'dangerous' due to the removal of their neighbours and disturbed root systems.	6/22/2016 5:11 PM
19	I feel that the security fee should be increased. Losing \$1000 security may well be considered " a cost of doing business" by a developer.	6/19/2016 3:19 PM
20	Ridiculous amount. Again assumes the proposal will go through.	6/19/2016 10:36 AM
21	I have seen old growth and mature second growth trees cut in parks and protected areas because of lack of supervision and enforcement of regulations.	6/19/2016 9:16 AM
22	You need a significant incentive to protect existing trees.	6/18/2016 6:42 PM
23	As I said earlier, an owner should not be forced either with threatening legal action or fines to determent what he does with his own property. We are governed enough and should appeal to reason rather than forcing more laws down tax paying citizen's throats.	6/18/2016 4:46 PM
24	Trees are one of our most valuable commodities for air quality, bird and animal habitat, for our very souls with the beauty they provide.	6/18/2016 9:05 AM
25	It would be very difficult to guarantee the health of trees - too many variables. We need to build trust, not start from a position of distrust. Education and public will surely will encourage good ethics and values. For people with lots of money, putting \$1000 security would not stop unethical practices	6/17/2016 10:20 PM
26	Oh yes indeed!	6/17/2016 1:43 AM
27	A thousand dollars is nothing to developers.	6/17/2016 12:23 AM
28	So, if the tree gets killed, what does the City do with the cash??	6/17/2016 12:03 AM
29	Security fees should be retained for a few years because the damage to trees may not be evident for a few years after the development's completion.	6/16/2016 9:00 PM
30	Maybe some exceptions but usually I would agree.	6/16/2016 8:37 PM
31	Mature trees such as Douglas Fir provide great value to the ecosystem; these also need to be valued. Also, it's not enough to leave mature trees standing "on their own" - planning needs to be considered from a "corridor" basis, not just individual trees	6/16/2016 5:57 PM
32	I understand that direct damage to the tree would be obvious, but what about damage such as impacts to drainage or soil productivity that prevents the tree's ability to thrive. The decrease in tree health may not be evident right away.	6/16/2016 5:01 PM
33	\$1,000 to a developer is nothing!	6/16/2016 4:30 PM
34	charge more	6/16/2016 2:04 PM
35	all existing trees should be retained unless is assessed unsafe.	6/16/2016 11:32 AM
36	I've witnessed the clear cutting of Puntledge Park years ago just behind my home and it was terrible carnage...hardly any trees were left.	6/15/2016 12:26 PM
37	We can't buy our air back...	6/15/2016 9:25 AM

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38	Generally speaking, I do not trust City administration to make intelligent decisions. They have history of foolish decisions related to parks and trees.....example: tall-growing trees planted under power lines on Lerwick, irrigation system in park between Lerwick and Crown Isle on Malahat.	6/15/2016 7:17 AM
39	Tree size is important	6/14/2016 6:53 PM
40	trees define our community. Few trees left standing mean problems for the environment as well as no connection to the Comox Valley environment	6/14/2016 11:39 AM
41	\$1,000 is an excessive deposit. Pre screen the development contractors and make them sign a letter of intent to protect the integrity of the land perhaps?	6/13/2016 6:05 PM
42	I think you would run into a problem in terms of determining whether damage was done to the tree or not. For example, the tree may look fine, but could be impacted by the development in future years, through changes to water access, sunlight, etc. Would this be considered 'damage'? If so, how long would the deposit be held for to ensure the tree was not impacted by the development activity?	6/13/2016 12:21 PM
43	until it can be ascertained that the tree should come down.	6/12/2016 4:56 PM
44	This deposit should avoid 'accidental' damage to existing trees of any size or species. It sounds like it could work. What about developers who would pay the deposit, and then cut down or damage trees anyway, as a cost of 'doing business'?	6/12/2016 4:20 PM
45	Damage may not show up quickly; provide a 2-3 year bond period that the tree has to stay alive	6/12/2016 8:56 AM
46	When mature healthy trees are damaged (ie. root plate is significantly disturbed) it can take several years to see the effects of the damage. How long would the fee be held for? Does the City have the resources to inspect/monitor all of these trees for several years after development?	6/11/2016 11:53 AM
47	That is ridiculous. What if there are 100 trees? Totally unnecessary	6/11/2016 6:13 AM
48	Nesting trees need to be included too.	6/10/2016 4:58 PM
49	To maintain consistency and eliminate any openings for misunderstandings.	6/10/2016 9:48 AM
50	The dollar amount sounds rather exorbitant!!! What happens if I have 20 Garry Oaks on my property.....	6/9/2016 10:09 AM
51	ridiculous	6/9/2016 9:38 AM
52	Trees are the lungs of the planet. They are part of the sustainable quality of life in the Valley. We need them as much as human development.	6/9/2016 9:09 AM
53	But more importantly the city needs to direct which trees are to be retained and what protection requirements are required. Protection or retention DURING construction is an oxymoron unless there is an iron-clad protection plan in place. \$1,000 per tree once they have been specified to be retained and protected is inadequate - More like \$5,000 per tree and held for 3-4 years.	6/8/2016 7:46 PM
54	Do not accept the concept of "protected" trees.	6/7/2016 1:27 PM
55	Again, this may act as an incentive to cut trees. Better to pay the \$250/ acre and get rid of as many trees as possible so that you can avoid protection securities on trees left standing adjacent to development activity	6/3/2016 4:21 PM

Q15 If you answered 'Yes' to question 13, do you think the proposed protection security amount of \$1000 per protected tree is:

Answered: 493 Skipped: 226



Answer Choices	Responses	
A good amount	61.46%	303
Too high	17.85%	88
Too low	20.69%	102
Total		493

#	If you answered too high or too low, how much do you think it should be?	Date
1	Way too low! Protected and mature trees - \$10,000 per tree. How is this going to be policed and enforced? Van and West Van has had some court cases where homeowners removed trees that were blocking views. I doubt the City ever got adequately reimbursed for costs related and the trees were cut down anyway. City could do nothing to prevent before hand but a big find would be disincenive! \$25,000 per tree for eg.	7/15/2016 11:37 AM
2	it could be too high for some households. Perhaps a sliding scale especially if there was multiple protected trees on the property.	7/15/2016 11:28 AM
3	Should be twice that to ensure extra care	7/15/2016 11:06 AM
4	should depend on income	7/15/2016 10:49 AM
5	If a developer really wants to remove trees, it can be just the cost of doing business and worth the profit in the end. \$1,000 to a developer is nothing!	7/15/2016 10:46 AM
6	Anything less than \$1,000 will see trees being removed and a lower security amount as part of the cost of removal	7/15/2016 10:44 AM
7	\$1500-2000	7/15/2016 10:22 AM
8	Maybe low if considered 'just the cost of doing business'	7/14/2016 3:30 PM
9	I do not have enough inside knowledge of city finances to quantify my 'too low' response	7/14/2016 2:32 PM
10	I do not know what it costs to put protective fencing around trees and whatever other measures might be necessary. So if it costs more to adequately ensure tree protection, then please do so. More context would be helpful.	7/11/2016 1:09 PM
11	Unsure. If a tree is 'unwanted', will it be 'accidentally' damaged and then be removed?	7/10/2016 5:12 PM

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12	an amount that is sufficiently high enough to act as a disincentive to developers to remove trees	7/9/2016 6:00 PM
13	0.00 you are already asking for money to have a tree taken down and this maybe out of people's reach..so they get denied on their own property?	7/9/2016 11:36 AM
14	Amount should be replacement value.	7/9/2016 9:18 AM
15	\$500	7/7/2016 7:02 PM
16	At least \$3000 per tree for commercial developers and subdivision developers.	7/7/2016 2:04 PM
17	again, my experience is too limited to make a comment here	7/4/2016 1:52 PM
18	Could be higher	7/4/2016 11:29 AM
19	It should be increased over time to keep up with inflation - review every 5-10 years and adjust as necessary.	7/4/2016 11:21 AM
20	\$5000 then they will try harder to protect the tree	7/3/2016 4:14 PM
21	nomamount	7/3/2016 3:39 PM
22	\$500	7/1/2016 7:32 PM
23	Uncertain. As a property owner with mature trees close to the house on a 1/4 acre city lot, I need freedom to manage the growth & number of trees on the property - I shouldn't be penalized for managing protected species if required.	7/1/2016 5:10 PM
24	the estimated age of the tree multiplied by 100	6/30/2016 10:18 PM
25	\$5000	6/30/2016 10:09 AM
26	\$ 500	6/30/2016 9:45 AM
27	\$250	6/29/2016 7:38 PM
28	0	6/29/2016 6:10 PM
29	There should be heavy fines for not getting a permit.	6/29/2016 1:24 PM
30	More meaningful penalties would work better than security. Take down a protected tree - lose an arm. 2 trees, both arms. 3 trees both arms and a leg, etc.	6/29/2016 1:17 PM
31	it really depends on the developer and the development size as to whether this fee is the "Right" amount	6/29/2016 12:58 PM
32	no protection fee required	6/29/2016 12:49 PM
33	What's a tree worth in the greater scheme of things these days? It's hard to put a price on.	6/29/2016 12:40 PM
34	\$500 per tree to a maximum of \$1000	6/29/2016 12:27 PM
35	None	6/28/2016 10:47 PM
36	Once again money money money. And just who benefits from this	6/28/2016 9:35 PM
37	should with rarity and lot size (more room to build elsewhere)	6/28/2016 7:26 PM
38	I don't know. Seems low.	6/28/2016 1:48 PM
39	sliding scale,based on ability to pay	6/28/2016 8:37 AM
40	Nothing.	6/27/2016 4:09 PM
41	too low as it is easy to ignore and simply sell the tree for lumber	6/27/2016 3:11 PM
42	5000	6/26/2016 12:13 PM
43	No my area of expertise but \$1000 is a pretty minor amount when a multi million dollar developement is going in!	6/26/2016 8:14 AM
44	I'm not sure	6/26/2016 6:26 AM
45	\$4,000 which is the approximate cost of having a damaged mature tree safely removed from an existing property.	6/25/2016 6:15 PM
46	I'm more interested in maintenance of trees in general	6/24/2016 7:31 PM

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47	Depends on the situation. All too often we see entities with a financial interest in a project moving forward in a specific manner, that often public interest considerations go by the wayside and associated fines simply become a way of doing business. If it is more lucrative for someone to remove the protected tree and pay the penalty then to adhere to the rules, then a small fine won't mean much. The retainer and resulting fine for removing a designated protected tree should be high enough to actually provide a deterrent effect, but not so high that it represents a significant impediment to progress of a project. In our current housing, fast paced housing market, there is going to be more pressure to cut corners and get things done quickly which increases the likelihood of less than completely ethical practices. How much is a standing 100 year old Garry oak worth to a community? I would argue it may be priceless.	6/24/2016 5:47 PM
48	Should depend on the total value of the development.	6/24/2016 9:21 AM
49	too high for residents.. about right for developers..	6/24/2016 12:10 AM
50	Something that would hurt....maybe up to \$5000 if the offence is considered to be flagrant.	6/23/2016 11:34 PM
51	See comment in #14	6/23/2016 9:30 PM
52	the 1000 is another tax to person buying a home NO	6/23/2016 8:51 PM
53	\$300	6/23/2016 1:28 PM
54	perhaps a bond of up to \$5000 might be appropriate.	6/23/2016 12:35 PM
55	The cost of an appropriate replacement plus the maintenance cost for a minimum of 10 years	6/23/2016 12:00 PM
56	\$600 double the cost of replacing fee.	6/23/2016 2:39 AM
57	Perhaps \$700.00 would be better for some people.	6/22/2016 8:26 PM
58	Depends on how big the company is that is doing the developing? They may just factor it in as the cost of doing business.....(woops, sorry, I guess the backhoe got too close to the roots). How important are the trees to the developer? Heavy fines for unobserved tree protection laws.	6/22/2016 5:11 PM
59	OK for development companies but too steep for private residents, maybe \$500 would be more reasonable for them.	6/22/2016 4:37 PM
60	\$500-\$1000. I think it should vary to the size/age of the tree	6/22/2016 4:33 PM
61	500	6/22/2016 4:25 PM
62	Not sure	6/22/2016 3:11 PM
63	If only for protected species the fee is fine. For other trees perhaps it could be a sliding scale depending on the number?	6/22/2016 3:05 PM
64	What is the value of a protected tree over its life span? Surely, the amount should be higher than \$1000, if you really want to deter people from knowingly cutting a protected tree. I would suggest that a minimum of \$5000 is a stronger deterrent.	6/22/2016 1:33 PM
65	Depends on the circumstance and number and AGE of trees involved	6/21/2016 2:57 PM
66	\$5000	6/20/2016 9:38 PM
67	At least double, to \$2000. + Trees are very important.	6/19/2016 3:19 PM
68	5000	6/19/2016 2:32 PM
69	\$500. And re: comment about \$ returned after proof that tree is not damaged. Who would be hired(qualification), type of proof? Root damage? And who pays this bill,? To obtain this proof?	6/19/2016 3:21 AM
70	Make it \$100,000 so that on a property worth \$1.5 million there is an actual impact if they cut down a substantial tree.	6/18/2016 6:42 PM
71	It is too low for large-scale developers; probably OK for average homeowner/small scale development.	6/18/2016 5:23 PM
72	If the amount isn't high then there wouldn't be the same incentive to be careful.	6/18/2016 2:29 PM
73	5,000	6/18/2016 11:21 AM
74	The security deposits should be based on the value of the development. Otherwise it just becomes another cost on the balance sheet.	6/18/2016 8:46 AM
75	\$1500	6/17/2016 10:24 PM
76	\$500	6/17/2016 10:02 PM
77	I guess we are talking about question 14 here. There should be additional penalties for when a developer violates the by laws. up to losing or freezing the developers permits.	6/17/2016 2:49 PM

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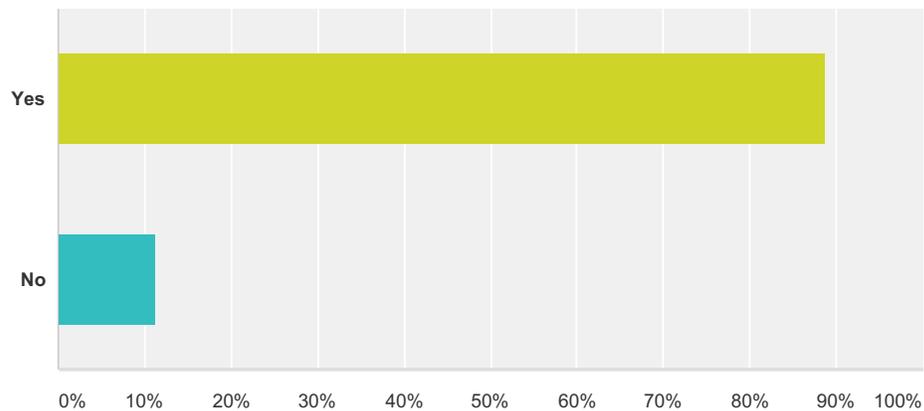
78	\$500/tree	6/17/2016 1:30 PM
79	Base the amount on the age of the tree	6/17/2016 1:21 PM
80	\$5000 security or even \$3500 would be a deterrent. Since the money would be returned once the tree(s) are determined to be undamaged this amount should pose no hardship. Make it enough to encourage them to think about what they are doing.	6/17/2016 12:20 PM
81	\$500 for saplings and young trees with trunks up to 6 inches in diameter ; then a scale starting at \$1000 and increasing \$1000 per every foot in diameter of the trunk at a height of 4 feet from the ground, so that more mature trees are better protected. Or as an alternative, a similar scale based on the age of the tree as determined by a certified arbourist.	6/17/2016 10:17 AM
82	A sum equivalent to replacement of the tree damaged, including the installation of a viable replacement tree.	6/17/2016 9:12 AM
83	\$500.00	6/17/2016 9:01 AM
84	Do you mean the answer to Qtn 14?	6/17/2016 1:43 AM
85	If removal and/or replacement (which often cannot be) is a result of impact...the amount should be more of an incentive to take care...\$3500	6/16/2016 6:49 PM
86	I think the security amount should be higher for rare/protected species (pacific yew, Garry oak, dogwood etc)	6/16/2016 5:01 PM
87	There should be range, lower for residential owners, higher for developers	6/16/2016 4:36 PM
88	\$10,000 at least.	6/16/2016 4:30 PM
89	I would propose a sliding scale that reflects the age and species of tree as well as the nature of the development. Large developments may think nothing of losing a \$1000 deposit and adequate mitigation may cost more than that. Are there also fined for damage to protected trees?	6/16/2016 4:17 PM
90	5000.00 most developers wouldn't blink at possibly loosing 1000.00	6/16/2016 4:09 PM
91	possibly - how is this handled in other jurisdictions? What do environmental protection organizations suggest?	6/16/2016 4:03 PM
92	It should be swpecies based. The more trees of the species; the lower the fee.	6/16/2016 3:30 PM
93	Old Growth Trees are very rare now in the city and should have a much higher protection security amount but the city doesn't need to hold that amount in cash, if the tree is taken down then the amount should be extremely high as a enviromental fine that should be paid before they can proceed with building.	6/16/2016 2:32 PM
94	all existing trees should be retained unless is assessed unsafe.	6/16/2016 11:32 AM
95	Double that amount	6/15/2016 10:28 PM
96	I think the amount needs to be significantly higher for protected trees AND significantly lower for average non-protected trees (i.e. two amounts)	6/15/2016 10:27 PM
97	Whatever amount will cause maximum care to be taken by the developers.	6/15/2016 7:39 PM
98	For a protected old growth tree the amount should be higher and if the tree is purposefully taken down the amount should go up to \$50,000 because some people will pay \$1000 penalty to get rid of the tree	6/15/2016 5:50 PM
99	0	6/15/2016 2:30 PM
100	I think in some cases big businesses or those with deep pockets would gladly pay that or any fine to get what they want if it meant a good view or more money in their pockets. I think if it is against the law to damage it a fine should not be the only consequence. They should be charged as well as that would be a greater deterrent.	6/15/2016 1:03 PM
101	I'm assuming that there will also be a financial penalty if they damage any tree? Look at what's happening in the Lower Mainland. Cutting down trees to 'get views' is completely affordable to wealthy people.	6/15/2016 12:26 PM
102	This question assumes a specific answer to question 14 (leading question)	6/15/2016 11:33 AM
103	It sounds high to me, but I'm not a developer.	6/15/2016 10:32 AM
104	Not sure. Only time will tell if a tree was damaged, especially root system and supporting trees that may have been removed	6/15/2016 9:01 AM
105	ZERO	6/15/2016 8:58 AM
106	500	6/15/2016 8:10 AM
107	\$2000	6/15/2016 7:46 AM
108	This should reflect the type of tree, if one of the protected species, should be more, say \$5000	6/15/2016 7:04 AM

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109	\$500	6/14/2016 10:50 PM
110	\$500	6/14/2016 7:09 PM
111	For a development property yes.	6/14/2016 6:36 PM
112	Needs to only apply to protected species and be at least double	6/14/2016 6:04 PM
113	0	6/14/2016 5:42 PM
114	Should be way higher for intentional cutting on developed lots (e.g. the oaks on Comox shore).	6/14/2016 4:43 PM
115	Too low for multi million/thousand dollar developments	6/14/2016 11:39 AM
116	750	6/14/2016 8:39 AM
117	linked to the commercial value of the tree	6/13/2016 7:34 PM
118	This depends. For a builder who doesn't want a tree, this could be a very low fee. It might be enough, but should include high penalties in the event tree is killed.	6/13/2016 6:19 PM
119	Trees our are most valuable resource. After the flood in high river they chopped down our 100 year old cotton woods. There's no shade now! Said they were written but they weren't just a scare of liability from the town!	6/13/2016 11:46 AM
120	Is this the standard amount country-wide?	6/12/2016 4:56 PM
121	It might be too low in view of my above comment about the 'cost of doing business' being worth \$1,000 per tree, especially if only a few trees are involved.	6/12/2016 4:20 PM
122	I answered no but way too high	6/11/2016 6:13 AM
123	\$2500	6/9/2016 4:02 PM
124	Again....only protected species	6/9/2016 3:00 PM
125	That number could get high very quickly if for instance the development occurred next to a small grove or stand of protected trees.	6/9/2016 10:50 AM
126	\$50 per tree	6/9/2016 10:09 AM
127	This is suitable for multi-lot developments while individual lots might be better suited at \$500. If a tree is damaged or removed where will the deposit go? Will it be used to restore the property?	6/9/2016 10:03 AM
128	Should slide with tree spp and size	6/8/2016 10:01 PM
129	I think it should again depend on if it is a home owner doing a small reno compared to a developer. What is the value the person themselves places on the tree. A 1000.00 for someone is like a million for someone else it is the cost of doing business.	6/8/2016 8:24 PM
130	Depending on age, location and condition- at least \$5,000 per tree held for 3-4 years. Some highly desirable species should be even more.	6/8/2016 7:46 PM
131	As the fee will be returned to the developer if it's not damaged, I think something higher would act as a stronger deterrent, perhaps \$5000 per tree.	6/7/2016 9:51 AM
132	500-750	6/6/2016 2:37 PM
133	\$500	6/4/2016 10:44 AM
134	Single family homes should cost less.	6/3/2016 4:22 PM
135	Again, the higher the security amount compared with the low cost for removing trees will result in more trees being cut.	6/3/2016 4:21 PM
136	\$250	6/3/2016 12:50 PM

Q16 Do you support the inclusion of a heritage or significant tree list to the bylaw, possibly at a later date? The list would include individual trees of unique cultural value to the community. Trees on this list would be treated similar to protected species in that only in very rare circumstances could they be removed.

Answered: 595 Skipped: 124



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	88.74% 528
No	11.26% 67
Total	595

#	If yes, do you know of any trees you would like to see added to that list? Please provide an address or description of location if possible.	Date
1	Maple trees beside City Hall	7/15/2016 11:40 AM
2	The trees running down the back property lines in many areas of Courtenay. The Old Orchard trees along the boulevard and the trees at City Hall. The 2 African pea trees on McPhee between 6th and Cumberland rd. The pink dogwoods on 4th between fitzgerald and harmston. The white dogwoods on 17th between cliffe and fitzgerald.	7/15/2016 10:58 AM
3	Old growth Doug Fir trees in Sandwich Park	7/14/2016 4:34 PM
4	there are several stands surrounding downtown which are crucial visual resources	7/14/2016 3:31 PM
5	Include NO genetically engineered tree on this list	7/14/2016 3:11 PM
6	Old Orchard	7/14/2016 2:26 PM
7	Tulip tree. Corner Douglas place and 2nd St	7/14/2016 2:24 PM
8	Douglas Fir	7/14/2016 2:20 PM
9	old fir trees	7/11/2016 8:10 PM
10	Heritage trees may overlap with last remaining greenfield sites so I think you need to include heritage greenspaces option, not just individual trees.	7/11/2016 2:20 PM
11	Yes - but added now not later	7/9/2016 6:06 PM

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12	all dogwoods	7/9/2016 11:42 AM
13	All heritage trees that are healthy in the city.	7/9/2016 9:33 AM
14	no	7/8/2016 3:00 PM
15	heritage apple tree in rear yard of 370 First	7/8/2016 2:16 PM
16	"Bean trees' corner of McPhee and 8th	7/6/2016 4:39 PM
17	All remaining Garry oaks	7/6/2016 12:10 PM
18	I don't know any	7/5/2016 6:42 PM
19	Large walnut and sequoia tree at the bottom of lake trail rd across from lake trail school on empty lot	7/4/2016 8:31 PM
20	the property familiar to me is that previously owned and occupied by DR. G. I. Theal which had been the family residence. It is now a business/residence combined on Cliffe Avenue with the SW intersection of 14th or 15th (?) ...when I'm in Courtenay tomorrow, will verify the several trees of concern.	7/4/2016 2:07 PM
21	Western red cedar is very important to First Nations and should be considered.	7/4/2016 11:29 AM
22	Old fruit trees in old orchard area,	7/4/2016 11:16 AM
23	Old orchard fruit trees	7/2/2016 8:52 PM
24	all trees shading parking lots, streets, sidewalks and parks should be added.	7/1/2016 10:30 AM
25	20th block Plercy Avenue -3 Redwood trees and the Sycamore trees on 2nd avenue	7/1/2016 7:39 AM
26	nesting trees for wildlife, there was one on the property behind mine that has been removed .	6/30/2016 9:02 AM
27	Oak next to RCMP on Ryan Rd.	6/29/2016 8:39 PM
28	Or bigger replacement efforts. Take down a heritage tree, then plant a forest someplace else.	6/29/2016 1:20 PM
29	only on public property	6/29/2016 12:54 PM
30	The only tree I would liked to have saved was a very old and large tree out front and the natural gas pipe line ruined it, at no cost to them.	6/29/2016 12:42 PM
31	At whose decision would a rare circumstance be	6/28/2016 9:37 PM
32	all trees over 60cm diameter	6/28/2016 7:31 PM
33	Garry Oak	6/28/2016 1:49 PM
34	old growth fir in Kitty Coleman Park	6/28/2016 8:40 AM
35	I trust the city to retain trees when possible. this would just provide individuals the opportunity to 'fight' each other through applications.	6/27/2016 11:22 AM
36	Not specifically but protection of groves of mature trees as opposed to individual trees makes the most sense for both habitat and tree survival	6/26/2016 8:20 AM
37	Only on public land.	6/25/2016 4:41 PM
38	holey tree at puntledge park elementary	6/24/2016 9:08 AM
39	A Garry Oak tree on 522 Lazo Road in the town of Comox.	6/23/2016 11:36 PM
40	if the city wants these trees they can buy the land the tree is on	6/23/2016 10:29 PM
41	I might also suggest old growth trees (>1 m in diameter) also be protected.	6/23/2016 9:34 PM
42	large trees. Trees that are in a greenspace to provide shade. Heritage trees in a town.	6/23/2016 7:48 PM
43	all of the cedars and maples	6/23/2016 12:06 PM
44	There's a magnificent walnut tree adjacent to the church on Mission Hill.	6/23/2016 12:00 PM
45	this should be implemented IMMEDIATELY	6/23/2016 9:35 AM
46	but how is this decided?	6/23/2016 9:27 AM
47	I miss the huge trees in Lewis Park and think a few more trees should be planted there	6/22/2016 11:02 PM
48	Not sure in Courtenay	6/22/2016 8:37 PM

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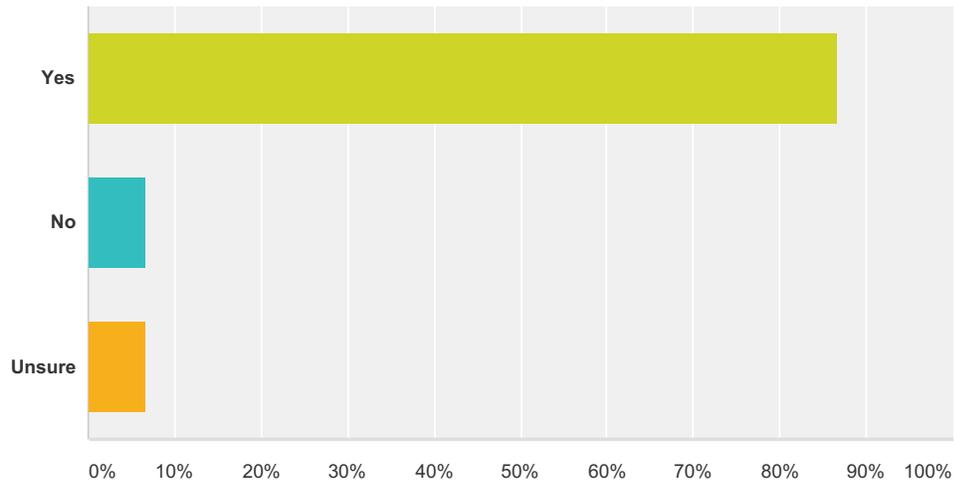
49	Every tree is sacred. Every tree is good. Every tree is needed in our neighbourhood.	6/22/2016 6:20 PM
50	Giant Sequoia on SW corner of 1975 Stewart Ave, Courtenay. Was planted by an early landowner as one of six marking original property boundaries.	6/22/2016 4:44 PM
51	I live in the 3rd and Pidcock neighbourhood and there are many trees in our area that should be protected.	6/22/2016 1:39 PM
52	Black hawthorn, Heritage fruit trees.	6/21/2016 12:41 PM
53	Gary Oak, Douglas Fir, Douglas Maple	6/21/2016 8:53 AM
54	There are a number of large old Garry Oak trees that need protection.	6/18/2016 6:48 PM
55	Other people (more knowledgeable than me about trees) should have input here	6/18/2016 5:30 PM
56	Large Sequoia- on the upper side of the Back Road, just on the Comox side of the large s curve	6/18/2016 2:38 PM
57	old walnut trees like the ones on the Lake trail property that habitat is going to be building houses on	6/18/2016 1:56 PM
58	what defines it?	6/17/2016 2:02 PM
59	Cedars, firs and spruce trees. They have suffered much wind damage (Stanley Park) as well as in the Courtenay area. Many are quite large and irreplaceable. First Nations used these trees for making canoes, hats, etc. I advocate putting these species on a heritage list as there were many of these trees on Van Island before deveopment and tree harvesting took most of the huge ones. Let's keep the ones we have and encourage growth.	6/17/2016 12:32 PM
60	The horse chestnuts by common ground	6/17/2016 7:52 AM
61	Lewis Park Trees should gain protected status if they don't have it already. We've lost too many of them due to flooding and high winds, already. Let's also replant more "water-logged soil tolerant or appropriate" species in the park to recover what is lost. :)	6/17/2016 1:50 AM
62	Garry Oak, Vanier Sports Centre parking lot	6/17/2016 12:09 AM
63	No I do not.	6/16/2016 10:57 PM
64	any street with very large, mature trees on existing properties, provided they are healthy/safe	6/16/2016 10:44 PM
65	mountain ash and blue elderberry	6/16/2016 9:53 PM
66	1. Christmas Tree corner of 5th St & England	6/16/2016 9:51 PM
67	Puntledge park Elementary School.. "the big tree" has a gorgeous arch at the base for peeking through!	6/16/2016 7:01 PM
68	Any heritage trees should be protected as soon as possible.	6/16/2016 5:50 PM
69	Large Monkey Tail tree on 1st Ave at Urquhart	6/16/2016 4:42 PM
70	"Later date" is suspiciously vague. The very large and beautiful oak next to the RCMP at Ryan Road.	6/16/2016 4:36 PM
71	Eagle nest trees. Culturally altered trees. But not if the pose a danger to stuctures. Things happen in wind storms to even the best of trees. A cracked or leaning tree might need to be removed.	6/16/2016 4:12 PM
72	the tree at the corner of 5th and england	6/16/2016 3:27 PM
73	Because of the rarity of heritage trees, there should be no reason for it to be removed unless it is rotten and poses danger.	6/16/2016 2:38 PM
74	Heritage tress in the Old Orchard.	6/16/2016 11:07 AM
75	English Oak at Cenotaph Memorial just off Back Road at Old Island hwy	6/15/2016 10:41 PM
76	There are some larger trees in Courtenay that my husband and I notice the birds roost in every night, I'm not sure what would happen if they were removed?	6/15/2016 5:56 PM
77	Lewis Park Trees	6/15/2016 1:55 PM
78	There is a beautiful tree on the Court House property right beside Cumberland Road.	6/15/2016 12:32 PM
79	Are the protected "cork elms" in Pt. Holmes healthy? Looks to me as if they have Dutch elm disease.....	6/15/2016 9:04 AM
80	Really any old growth trees that are healthy should be on this list. Cedars for sure.	6/14/2016 6:49 PM
81	There is an arbutus tree on the railway right of way near the end of 14th. street	6/14/2016 12:20 PM
82	any gary oak tres	6/14/2016 11:42 AM
83	Old fruit trees in the Old Orchard? Do these date back to the original planting?	6/14/2016 7:41 AM

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84	Any tree unique to a particular property or one that is 100 years old or more	6/13/2016 6:11 PM
85	Pink dogwood at the corner of Harmston and 5th. Large tree across from Lake Trail school on Lake Trail road.	6/13/2016 12:47 PM
86	Cha tal pha trees, giant cherry on corner by bus stop up Cumberland road and 14th. Any silk tree	6/13/2016 11:48 AM
87	sycamores on 900/1000 blocks of 2nd. St.	6/12/2016 5:01 PM
88	On the right hand side of Ryan Road near the bottom of the hill (driving downhill), there is a large, beautiful deciduous tree - behind the 'old' Canadian Tire store on the southwest ? corner of the lot. This would be sore missed by me if it were to 'disappear'. I'm sure that I could find a few more with a mindful driving around the city. This is a good question.	6/12/2016 4:32 PM
89	Sequoia	6/12/2016 9:01 AM
90	mature Douglas fir and Sitka spruce.	6/11/2016 4:01 PM
91	Mature Douglas fir and Sitka spruce should be on this list.	6/11/2016 3:58 PM
92	Cherry tree on City property at the corner of 14th Street and Cumberland Rd	6/11/2016 12:01 PM
93	Why are we spending more resources on this? We live in BC where trees are abundant. This idea is a total waste of tax dollars	6/11/2016 6:19 AM
94	Heritage committe members are a good resource!! They can list properties where trees exist or used to exist, from memory. Also, refer to heritage register, these properties may also include trees, ie. the Queens Oaks off Back Road(?)/Old Island Highway.	6/10/2016 9:56 AM
95	Living on 2nd St in COurtenay, there are a number of Sycamores that are magnificent. They are very old and it would be great if they could be protected under this bylaw.	6/10/2016 7:58 AM
96	selection of such trees should not be random	6/10/2016 7:15 AM
97	maybe....	6/9/2016 3:05 PM
98	As long as this requirement is effectively managed. As I answer these questions I'm becoming very concerned that someone is going well beyond the original intent of this initiative. KISS - Keep IT SIMPLE.....please!!	6/9/2016 10:19 AM
99	WE need biodiversity. a particular species might have mroe value in a particular site - to maintain a shoreline or shade for animals.	6/9/2016 9:15 AM
100	I think some of the older fruit trees should be considered. They do have a shelf life so to speak, but then I think grafts should taken to keep them going.	6/8/2016 8:31 PM
101	BUT - If the city is going to designate "significant" or "heritage" trees, the city needs to set aside an average of \$1,000. per tree per year to maintain them.	6/8/2016 7:55 PM
102	The cherry tree at the corner of Cumberland road and 14th street. Plus the trees by the school district office.	6/8/2016 7:03 PM
103	On 2nd street (pidcock)	6/8/2016 6:20 PM
104	Of course!	6/8/2016 4:48 PM
105	Large Douglas firs along Willemar Ave	6/7/2016 8:31 PM
106	There should be very high penalties for cutting our damaging these trees. The recent example in Comox where 30 garry oaks were cut is an example	6/3/2016 4:28 PM
107	do not know	6/3/2016 12:51 PM
108	i do not know any at this point	6/3/2016 9:35 AM

Q17 As the city grows trees will be cut when development occurs. Urban Forest Strategies implemented in other cities in B.C. help to monitor the existing urban forest and identify areas on public and private lands where trees can be planted. Do you support the undertaking of an Urban forest Strategy in order to maintain and protect the City's urban forest?

Answered: 602 Skipped: 117



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	86.71% 522
No	6.64% 40
Unsure	6.64% 40
Total	602

Q18 Do you have any ideas of what the City could do to promote tree retention and planting on private property?

Answered: 300 Skipped: 419

Beautiful Reduced DCC Financial Incentives
 Landscaping Cost Future Home Owners
 Think the City Value of Trees
 Watering Restrictions Development
 Seedlings Property Big Planting
 Climate Change Education Ensure Public
 Tree
 Fees Retention River Benefits
 Local Papers Urban Forest Good Idea Money
 Native Species

#	Responses	Date
1	Fines for removal, education info with taxes and other City mailouts as well as info in Rec Reporter	7/15/2016 11:40 AM
2	When I lived in Vancouver, I discovered a brochure/map showing names and locations of rare, interesting, exotic, etc. trees throughout the city. the more people can get to know, and view rarer trees in Courtenay the more worthwhile the effort and money expended	7/15/2016 11:29 AM
3	Education - send out info with tax notices	7/15/2016 11:26 AM
4	not just cedar	7/15/2016 11:06 AM
5	Have a contest of photos of the most beautiful trees in your garden with a nice prize.	7/15/2016 10:58 AM
6	private is private	7/15/2016 10:52 AM
7	Let people plant trees they like and want on their property	7/15/2016 10:50 AM
8	Educate the public on the value of trees in urban settings	7/15/2016 10:44 AM
9	Sponsor an annual 'tree day' (a la mile of flowers) and provide native tree saplings to homeowners for planting	7/14/2016 5:04 PM
10	The City could list tree species that are best suited to specific areas, lots or developments and have an annual tree planting day	7/14/2016 4:27 PM
11	Incentive/reduction in fees to clear land if tree retention is planned	7/14/2016 4:24 PM
12	education. maybe consider property tax credits for plantings on private property (up to a maximum number of trees)	7/14/2016 3:31 PM
13	educating	7/14/2016 3:25 PM

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14	Increase penalties in situations where tree retention bylaws are broken. Trees are all important and destruction of trees in the city should be heavily penalized!	7/14/2016 3:05 PM
15	Tax incentive, community propagation/tree course	7/14/2016 2:29 PM
16	Availability of these trees at reduced cost	7/14/2016 2:24 PM
17	Development on private land with mature second growth tree need to be using a plan to protect those trees	7/14/2016 2:20 PM
18	- information/education on the benefits of an urban forest (broadly and in creating micro-climates); information on site-appropriate species and watering requirements/care. Careful to balance against regulations on trees otherwise people will not be encouraged to plant trees, being afraid of additional hurdles/requirements down the road.	7/11/2016 9:01 PM
19	encourage people on private property to topping the trees rather cutting them	7/11/2016 8:10 PM
20	Help homeowners with simple and encouraging information that demystifies common concerns (i.e., my neighbours always telling me to cut down trees that "make a mess" dropping pine cones on the driveway and this is terrible misconception as I constantly must explain that TREES are the reason I have such nice shade, noise buffer from road, birdsong, healthy natural and protected gardens etc). I think people need help from the city understanding why trees are so valuable, and then simple suggestions how to help keep one's trees in the healthiest condition. Trees on one's land should be a point of pride!	7/11/2016 3:36 PM
21	I think a public information campaign promoting tree benefits, providing adequate and inspiring information to homeowners as well as school districts where there is lots of land that could support more trees. If you get youth and children involved that is your best bet because it is such a win-win investment in terms of education, empowerment, leadership, civic awareness, ecological literacy, democracy and much more. Partner with the many existing groups that aim to protect natural spaces here.	7/11/2016 2:20 PM
22	Education about public value of trees and how to keep trees healthy; look into the cost of making an arborist available to homeowners at reduced cost if trees need attention. Possible tax benefits due to extra maintenance from needles, leaves, etc. Make residents feel that street trees are 'their' trees, encourage street tree planting by City. Bring children into idea of planting trees to combat climate change, which will affect them most profoundly. School contests?	7/10/2016 5:14 PM
23	Young trees soon become large. Make is easy to remove the large trees before they cause a problem. New landscaping with shrubs is much saver.	7/9/2016 11:50 PM
24	Develop a strong, clear science-based plan to protect and enhance Courtenay's urban forest.	7/9/2016 6:06 PM
25	Aerial Mapping or goggle images to keep track and have accountability. Large fines big enough to serve as an actual deterrent. Enough to replant the largest tree possible ie replacement value. Infringements listed in the paper ie public accountability. Education of the increase to overall value economically socially culturally environmentally.	7/9/2016 9:33 AM
26	reduce onsite parking requirement reduced DCC charges for new subdivisions that retain trees relaxation on setbacks for structures developments proposing tree retention get to jump the queue to receive approval more quickly review developments using the "Greenmodes" site development guidelines developed by the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers	7/8/2016 2:16 PM
27	Require a windthrow prevention consideration by an arborist before issuing any permit to cut down large existing trees. Far too often older trees are cut, only to have nearby large trees on neighboring properties blown down in the first big windstorm.	7/7/2016 2:13 PM
28	Its private property stay off no more telling us what to do!	7/6/2016 4:49 PM
29	Make it prestigious to have trees - photos, articles in the paper, anything to shift focus from profits and money to beauty, nature and support for wild-life.	7/6/2016 4:39 PM
30	more public information regarding the ecosystem services and especially the health benefits provided by trees. Shinrin-yoku or forest bathing: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2793347/	7/6/2016 12:10 PM
31	Public education regarding the benefits of trees - e.g. health, social, ecological, etc. Perhaps a series of articles in one of the local papers would be one idea.	7/5/2016 6:51 PM
32	If the city of Courtenay or Comox Valley selected a specific tree to represent the area and had it at the visitors center for example, the Pacific Dogwood could be our Valley's representative tree and maybe it would influence people into planting them more often. Or the city could every so often have a draw and give away a gift card to the Lewis center for person who have a certain number or specific trees planted on their property. The city could hand out some of the protected species seedlings on Earth Day or something.	7/5/2016 6:42 PM
33	Education programs	7/5/2016 12:26 PM
34	Let property owners retain rights to decide what to do with trees on THEIR property. They are paying taxes on it. Is that the ONLY 'privilege' they're going to have left?	7/4/2016 10:54 PM

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35	Property tax incentives or credits	7/4/2016 8:31 PM
36	yes, a tree education program (Lewis Center, VIRL, Continuing Education at NIC, Elder College ?) on tree identification, maintenance and ecological values. Coordinated with assistance from CV Nature and any retired arbourists, foresters, tree lovers who are knowledgeable and willingly enthusiastic about contributing time, energy, intellectual property...	7/4/2016 2:07 PM
37	short video explaining why trees are important, what they do, and their potential value.	7/4/2016 11:31 AM
38	Educate the public and developers about the importance of urban forestry. Talk to forest companies who often have surplus trees at the end of the planting season in the spring and see if the City can get trees for low cost/free and offer them to the public in partnership with the forest companies.	7/4/2016 11:29 AM
39	Resources on the best species to plant in our areas with info on how tall they grow, care, uses (fruits, wildlife habitat), etc.	7/4/2016 11:16 AM
40	The city can do more promotion regarding the environmental and aesthetic benefits of trees, they are a significant natural resource, which many among us take for granted.	7/4/2016 10:48 AM
41	More input from the citizens who live in an area less input from the profit seekers who will leave the area after the development is finished.	7/3/2016 5:11 PM
42	nothing	7/3/2016 3:40 PM
43	Stress how important trees are to mitigating the effects of global warming by ingesting green-house gases and cooling the areas that they shade. Educate people about how much money they can save on heating and cooling bills by planting/saving trees. Also, show people that by having fruit and nut trees on their properties, they are increasing local food security, and saving money on groceries.	7/3/2016 12:13 AM
44	Affordable tree sale and education.	7/2/2016 8:52 PM
45	Flexibility with building design/ hard landscaping will allow more trees to be retained and survive construction.	7/2/2016 2:34 PM
46	would need to have a way to ensure that bylaws are followed by all and maybe find a way to penalize those that do not follow the rules	7/2/2016 12:13 PM
47	A property tax incentive should be in place where landowners and developers go above and beyond the tree protection target. Especially on larger lots where the developer protects trees in excess of what is required and not just individual trees but urban forest areas thereby provide benefits for all City residents.	7/2/2016 11:54 AM
48	Requiring low cost permits & registered removal for all existing trees on private property would seem sufficient	7/1/2016 5:16 PM
49	leave to the discretion of the property owner!	7/1/2016 12:02 PM
50	in vancouver and victoria entire streets are lined with blossoming trees. i would love to see this in courtenay. it's beautiful and you know spring is here. it also provides important shade on walkways and encourages foot traffic. i would like to see tax \$ spent over the next few years on planting trees on all streets without shade. homeowners may be encouraged to do the planting and maintenance if the city provides the trees and perhaps a small tax break. or maybe a small campaign to beautify and cool our city and the free tree for those who participate (or any other type of incentive you may come up with). i would like to see this happen on business properties and parking lots as well. parking lots need tree groves between every 2 rows of cars. people prefer to park in the shade whenever possible and large areas of pavement/asphalt in the sun increase atmospheric heat. mountain ash would be beautiful and practical, as the fall leaves are insignificant and do not require raking. also the berries encourage birds. in addition, there are not enough shade trees in most city parks. strategically planted shade trees, even in ballparks, would encourage more use of the parks and protect the grass from drying out so in the summer. btw, we need more park benches in our parks. many have none. the city should also campaign to raise money to buy the vacant "theatre" lot downtown in order to reclaim this decrepit wasted space for a much needed park. there are enough people with real money in the valley to make this happen.	7/1/2016 10:30 AM
51	promotion of inexpensive trees ie. a row of dogwoods along a street to encourage beauty in a neighbourhood and promote BC	7/1/2016 7:39 AM
52	Education. The only solution to today's social ignorance. Education	6/30/2016 10:19 PM
53	Property tax credits for significant trees.	6/30/2016 8:13 PM
54	Education and stated expectations about the responsibility of citizens followed by action	6/30/2016 7:18 PM
55	Ensure continuous overview of the individual housing lots by a "Tree Inspector" to ensure private tree cutting does not go unsupervised or controlled. Start an anonymous "tree protection" report page on the city website.	6/30/2016 1:28 PM

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56	(1) Let developers know that not everyone wants a moonscaped lot with a thin carpet of sod laid over the destroyed remnants of soil. (2) Try to promote the difference trees make to air temperature and quality, and the benefits of leaves to soil health. (3) Perhaps a list of nurseries selling native species could be developed--eg. Streamside Native Plants. (4) Get info. on Naturescaping--from Streamside or the Ministry of Ag.	6/30/2016 1:10 PM
57	Actively promote WHY we want trees. Is it climate change mitigation, habitat, aesthetics, all of the above...	6/30/2016 11:36 AM
58	Make it mandatory for all new buyers to read and sign a set of rules and regulations regarding tree retention and planting on their purchased property. Send all homeowners in Courtenay, the regulations in the mail yearly with their garbage pickup schedule. Help to make all citizens aware of the importance of trees.	6/30/2016 10:19 AM
59	Education campaign on value of trees	6/30/2016 10:10 AM
60	Same rules for everyone , including developers, who presently are allowed to clear cut large properties. Old growth is important to retain, planting doesn't replace the significant old trees.	6/30/2016 9:02 AM
61	More education for property owners about the importance of retaining/planting trees and native plants on their properties would be helpful.	6/29/2016 9:59 PM
62	Be sure that there are green spaces & wooded areas that are protected from development in all areas but don't micromanage what people do on their own property.	6/29/2016 7:40 PM
63	Offer a Discount at a local nursery for tree purchase	6/29/2016 6:14 PM
64	Public promo with information of value of trees to our health and environment, i.e. newspaper and info posters	6/29/2016 4:22 PM
65	Not at this time	6/29/2016 3:12 PM
66	Some sort of financial incentive.	6/29/2016 2:15 PM
67	Educate the people as to what role trees play in our environment.	6/29/2016 1:36 PM
68	Develop an incentive to retain more trees than the bylaw requires by perhaps giving a small discount in the property taxes.	6/29/2016 1:27 PM
69	network sessions and collaboration with staff and developers and landscapers New homeowner/developer booklet on do's and don'ts when application permits for development are received	6/29/2016 1:00 PM
70	The city should focus on public property until all city owned lands are fully planted based on third party, professionals. The City should use a positive approach to encouraging tree planting such as reforest London and incent property owners to plant vs a penalizing approach that seems to be prevalent within the survey questions. Endangered tree species can be a focus of the City to explore in how they can contract nurseries to support regeneration/re planting on public lands and parks.	6/29/2016 12:54 PM
71	A public relations campaign pointing out the long term benefits of trees of all sorts in all situations in and surrounding our community. There are sometimes cultural aversions to trees in one's yard that need to be addressed by an educational campaign of this sort, for the good of the larger community. Retaining and adding more trees is a critical component in addressing climate chaos.	6/29/2016 12:45 PM
72	Make sure people understand how important our forests and trees are. make sure they know the wildlife was here long before they moved from other parts of Canada to become citizens of our city.	6/29/2016 12:42 PM
73	Would be nice to have good information of the placement, type and future growth patterns of trees which would work well in our environment.	6/29/2016 12:28 PM
74	How about incentives to retain/replant trees in excess of any target for the area. Reductions in other fees for good behavior.	6/29/2016 12:25 PM
75	Point out to people that tree retention increases biodiversity. Urban development tends to destroy habitat for many species of song birds, squirrels etc. I think our communities are richer with them than without them.	6/29/2016 10:54 AM
76	Fine for unwarranted removal of trees...big fine.	6/29/2016 10:49 AM
77	Incentives to the home owners. For example, you can receive a rebate when you install a low flow toilet.	6/29/2016 9:44 AM
78	Give a credit to the home owner/developer. There is no incentive in place for the retention of trees.	6/29/2016 8:43 AM
79	no	6/29/2016 8:27 AM
80	public awareness and celebrating our trees with plaques, information, school projects	6/29/2016 8:07 AM
81	Publicity in newspapers. Include brochure with property tax assessment. Include brochure with annual garbage removal schedule.	6/29/2016 7:26 AM
82	Perhaps a grant of some sort when planting a particular number of trees or higher (and based on lot size).	6/28/2016 7:51 PM

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83	property tax reduction for trees retained/growing on property (increased credit for being above min number)	6/28/2016 7:31 PM
84	More public education about the benefits of tree shade with regard to water usage and wildlife benefits.	6/28/2016 2:44 PM
85	Education, information especially about environment and aesthetics.	6/28/2016 1:49 PM
86	Partnership with local nurseries? Discounts? Have Urban Tree development rep at local nurseries to provide education.	6/28/2016 8:40 AM
87	Media...get the word out locally. Also provide residents/citizens access to free seedlings at City works yard or other location(s)	6/28/2016 6:49 AM
88	Their is not need for tree retention. Developers will find that if they don't do it on their own they won't be able to sell the properties due to the barrenness . The market will let them know. As an owner of land in the city I find it reprehensible that I have to come to you and pay you so I can take a tree down on my property.	6/27/2016 4:13 PM
89	My neighbors trimmed the city tree on their property and in doing so killed the tree. Removed by city workers at tax payers expense. We have English Hawthorns and they drop berries in the fall and make a mess . We clean it up and do not touch the tree on our property. We KNOW not to trim the tree ourselves.....they did and got rid of the horrible thing because they trimmed it too much. Now they happy not have to put up with the mess the rest of us do...no new Hawthorn was replanted..everyone else on the block has the Hawthorn....it's like they were rewarded for killing a city tree.	6/27/2016 12:52 PM
90	award fewer permits.	6/27/2016 11:22 AM
91	plant exchanges.	6/26/2016 9:33 PM
92	Monitor from the air. Educate that trees are essential for mental health.	6/26/2016 5:24 PM
93	Incentives such as a discount on property tax.	6/26/2016 12:14 PM
94	Perhaps there could be consideration of more mature trees to be 'heritage trees' and a person could get a small tax break for keeping the heritage trees or keeping greater number of trees than the suggested number for their property size.	6/26/2016 8:20 AM
95	I do not believe that tree retention is a problem in Courtenay.	6/25/2016 4:41 PM
96	Don't sell land to Albertans.	6/25/2016 2:57 PM
97	1) Allow homeowners flexibility in the species of trees they can plant in place of existing trees to more closely match their particular interests. Subsidize the purchase of desirable tree species which may help to avoid planting of species inappropriate to a particular situation	6/24/2016 5:56 PM
98	It's a slippery slope when municipalities dictate what can and can't be done on private property in ways other than zoning. I would prefer mandated green areas in new developments as part of any new residential development permit application.	6/24/2016 2:12 PM
99	Talk about cities with lots of trees and how beautiful it is!	6/24/2016 10:48 AM
100	Tree planting party, involve schools	6/24/2016 9:32 AM
101	Could there be a cash incentive? Education, education, education.	6/23/2016 11:36 PM
102	Do the words PRIVATE PROPERTY mean anything to you!!!	6/23/2016 11:20 PM
103	the city can buy lots at fair market value and rent them out for low income housing. as the city would then be the owner they can cut or keep as many trees as they want	6/23/2016 10:29 PM
104	Perhaps walking or biking tours to see valuable trees in different neighborhoods. Kind of like the Watershed Walks (Tree treks).	6/23/2016 9:34 PM
105	Get schools involved in the education of tree retention and the value of such.	6/23/2016 8:50 PM
106	have a tree awareness weekend.. and give out small trees to plant in their yard.. various kinds.. even fruit baring ones. People like to pick up free things and they will find a place to plant them in their own yard.	6/23/2016 7:48 PM
107	Have a cut in the cost of building permits determined by the least trees removed.	6/23/2016 6:57 PM
108	Make it a service to plant trees on peoples property, including friut trees, for a reasonable fee. one day on earth day the city/ town of comox handed out free seedlings like the ones tree planters get. My family took and planted about 30 of these and in about ten years, our backyard looked a lot more like a forest.	6/23/2016 12:06 PM
109	Educate the public on the value of a tree in terms of water and soil retention, recycling of gases etc. How much water does a Garry oak absorb etc.	6/23/2016 12:00 PM

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110	Increase and enforce tree protection regulations. Significantly increase cost of tree removal permits and cost per tree	6/23/2016 9:35 AM
111	Lead by example. Enforce bylaw. Only allow low density low impact development practices in new multi family developments.	6/23/2016 2:42 AM
112	Education and positive financial incentives rather than limits, fees, penalties and taxes.	6/23/2016 12:01 AM
113	thinking about it	6/22/2016 11:02 PM
114	Incentive for property owners to retain existing trees and plant new ones on their property and/or other property within the city.	6/22/2016 9:31 PM
115	Broad public education about the role of trees in maintaining human health and comfort. A knowledgeable Bylaw Officer would be good.	6/22/2016 8:37 PM
116	Produce an animated short or fun comic book to help inform citizens. (On the condition that you hire me to do it.)	6/22/2016 6:20 PM
117	Try building the downtown higher. 10 storey's max. Culture will thrive. Help us get away from the urban sprawl. The new hospital intersection will look like any intersection in Richmond, B.C. Remember, there is no shortage of humans most of whom consume unconsciously. Can we please help encourage an evolution of the species ? Thank-you, A. Gillespie, Little River, Comox.	6/22/2016 5:16 PM
118	Ensure that someone from Bylaw enforcement is available to contact on a 7 day per week basis. People around here are clever enough to wait until weekends and statutory holidays to do their anti-regulations activities, knowing that no official municipal bylaw person will be working those days and therefore cannot catch them in the act.	6/22/2016 4:44 PM
119	Yes, yoga and meditation. Yes, I'm serious	6/22/2016 4:36 PM
120	Give a tax rebate when planting a new tree	6/22/2016 4:26 PM
121	Many people don't realize the value of trees. i.e. carbon sequesters, watershed protection, landslide protections, etc. Perhaps the city could have some kind of event to inform the public of their value. Maybe even through the schools?	6/22/2016 3:11 PM
122	Home owners need to be made aware of any changes to the tree protection bylaw. They also need to know if other specific trees on their property have been protected. They need to know the consequences of cutting down protected trees.	6/22/2016 1:39 PM
123	Assess trees before a development plan is started	6/22/2016 9:21 AM
124	Tree planting would be encouraged with a subside to local nurseries for trees..	6/21/2016 8:43 PM
125	No	6/21/2016 5:02 PM
126	Public Recognition for one, tax incentive even if only minor. Part of the process is changing peoples perception of trees'value.	6/21/2016 3:00 PM
127	plant a tree save \$500 on your taxes for that year	6/21/2016 2:34 PM
128	Provide annual and/or frequent maintenance assistance to home owners to help them maintain trees. ie city workers bring cherry picker and help prune high branches. Offer workshops on pruning and maintenance.	6/21/2016 1:17 PM
129	Education! Private landowners will only protect trees if they truly understand their value to the community as a whole. Reduction of property taxes for tree retention! Financial incentives usually work, and you can calculate the ecological value provided by a tree - mature trees should be more valuable than those recently planted.	6/21/2016 12:41 PM
130	Start a green umbrella campaign, encourage each homeowner to plant 1 full size tree in their yard. Such as when you fly over some other cities, you see nothing but green. Also habitat for song birds.	6/21/2016 8:53 AM
131	Very public commitment by the City to RETAINING trees.	6/20/2016 9:39 PM
132	Stop allowing developers to remove all trees when developing land.	6/20/2016 7:06 PM
133	public education and outreach	6/20/2016 9:43 AM
134	make horticultural advise freely available to property owners who wish advise on selection of new trees and or improving the health of existing trees.	6/19/2016 11:17 PM
135	Along with legislation acknowledging the value of trees to our community, education would be important for existing residents and those to come.	6/19/2016 3:25 PM
136	Instead of using the stick as you do now (& as you propose to expand the size of the stick in future), use the carrot. Reduce peoples' taxes for preserving heritage or significant trees.	6/19/2016 10:40 AM
137	Require new multihome developers to retain a line (at least 10-20 feet wide or wide enough to ensure root stability) of trees around its borders.	6/19/2016 6:45 AM

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138	Give a tax break incentive. The cost of maintaining large trees to the landowner can be significant. Consider project of creating a booklet for tourist centre on heritage trees- locations as tourist activity. Possibly create a "find the tree"- event on special days such as July 1st or other memorial city days thus creating tree awareness/ prouddness	6/19/2016 3:31 AM
139	no	6/18/2016 7:09 PM
140	Replacement of a 50 cm dbh Df with a seedling is outrageous. You need to keep all of the trees you have and not let developers cut them down except where they are within the footprint of the development. Do not replace a forest with a lawn! Enact laws that make it very tough to cut trees. Where folks have lawns, provide an incentive (\$\$\$) to restore the forest cover and provide the restoration treatment.	6/18/2016 6:48 PM
141	Identifying the protection/retention of trees as a priority for the City of Courtenay will help public awareness of the importance of trees for a healthy city. These goals should be highlighted at city events, such as Canada Day celebrations and perhaps small advertisements/notices should be put in the local papers once the bylaws are in place to celebrate, and to inform.	6/18/2016 5:30 PM
142	Appeal to reason with the owner and consultation with surrounding property owners to determine their views. We have bylaws that control how a person's property should appear (car parts, strewn garbage) and the like (at least I hope we do). Ultimately, I believe it is the owners responsibility to respect and protect the trees on their property however, I also support those same owners rights to develop what they own with little government interference.	6/18/2016 4:54 PM
143	No	6/18/2016 4:42 PM
144	Replacing power lines with underground lines to limit one of the more common hazards with trees and our stormy seasons.	6/18/2016 3:33 PM
145	Would it be possible to have tax incentives linked to tree retention and planting?	6/18/2016 2:38 PM
146	provide subsidy or some kind of incentive to people that purchase and plant trees on their property.	6/18/2016 11:06 AM
147	public education so citizens are on side with the bylaw and the need for it	6/18/2016 10:24 AM
148	Provide free or low cost trees to new home owners.	6/18/2016 9:07 AM
149	Provide property tax credits.	6/18/2016 8:52 AM
150	Assist with surveying the health of the trees. public education on benefits of urban greenery/forests. tips on what works in different soils/for different purposes. recogniton and incentives. Write articles for the paper about the history of particular trees in courtenay. raise the status of old trees as historical artifacts.	6/18/2016 8:20 AM
151	There will always be people who do not see the value of trees and who do not want the 'work' of raking leaves....why not have tree free zones for those people to live in!	6/17/2016 10:21 PM
152	I have lots of ideas, to many to pen down here.	6/17/2016 2:54 PM
153	...some sort of property tax credit?	6/17/2016 1:35 PM
154	Strong financial penalties for properties that are completely clearcut for any other reason than hazardous tree removal.	6/17/2016 1:24 PM
155	Incentives/sapplings provided to homeowners. Have a green space bylaw. Stop clear cutting.	6/17/2016 12:47 PM
156	Fine people hefty amounts who do not retain trees. Get arborists to determine if a tree should come down. Work with Building Dept to scope out the property in question to see if building(s) could be located differently to retain trees. Have arborists in on discussion. I think working with other depts and arborists would promote tree retention.	6/17/2016 12:32 PM
157	newspaper articles with photos, regulations, and the benefits of trees; easy access to purchasing species, as done previously.	6/17/2016 12:29 PM
158	Raising public awareness on the value of trees including the ecological services they provide	6/17/2016 12:02 PM
159	Urban tree forests provide a long list of values to the city and its occupants. Perhaps, as such, persons who choose to protect and promote urban forest retention should be given some kind of rebate or tax break.	6/17/2016 10:46 AM
160	Education about the value of trees	6/17/2016 10:35 AM
161	Develop a brochure illustrating and indicating which trees are protected and how to determine if you have one of these trees on your property! Once a list of heritage trees is compiled, a brochure providing this information could be developed, and even walking tours developed, so that other residents and tourists come to know the city values them.	6/17/2016 10:23 AM
162	Continue to educate citizens about the benefits of our urban trees - without creating a tree bureaucracy.	6/17/2016 10:23 AM
163	City could provide professional advice on desirable species for the specific site since soil conditions, microclimate, and existing structures all have an impact	6/17/2016 10:01 AM
164	Yes. Heavy fines to property owners who surreptitiously cut down protected species on their own property.	6/17/2016 9:54 AM

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165	I agree with having a required number of trees on a property. But the lot size and projected tree size should be taken into account.	6/17/2016 9:40 AM
166	Identify none invasive lower height trees (coniferous and deciduous) that the owner could pick to plant on their land. Encourage and teach in schools... the kids will bring the idea home.	6/17/2016 9:15 AM
167	Education about what tree varieties are most suitable and where and how to plant them and care for them.	6/17/2016 8:07 AM
168	Education on benefits - shade, oxygen, wildlife and privacy.	6/17/2016 7:52 AM
169	Yes, reward home or land-owners with an incentive tax break annually for maintaining and retaining the trees on their lots. Maybe award a bonus rebate for planting safely up to and over the base requirements per lot? I'm sure the funds can be creatively diverted from somewhere less vital/important? :)	6/17/2016 1:50 AM
170	Developments would need to have some winding green space through them which is public.	6/17/2016 12:25 AM
171	Offer incentives. Negotiate funding to help plant more trees. Promote Hugelkultur.	6/17/2016 12:09 AM
172	no	6/16/2016 10:57 PM
173	Public education about the many critical 'services' trees provide - produce oxygen & absorb CO2, provide shade & habitat, mitigate air pollution (especially on busy streets, important for human/child health) etc. Let people know that this goes far beyond the 'hassle' for developers.	6/16/2016 10:44 PM
174	mitigate climate change, songbird migration, uniqueness of indigenous trees, importance of Garry oak in Indigenous culture. Difficult of arbutus to establish, Dogwood	6/16/2016 9:53 PM
175	Educate. Make people aware of the value of trees. Newspaper articles, shaw tv, radio. Have a tree festival, July 1 parade float....	6/16/2016 8:56 PM
176	Include some information that highlights the benefits of tree retention/planting when annual property tax assessments are sent out.	6/16/2016 8:15 PM
177	How about campaigning in favor of tree retention? This would be extremely useful when considering that forest fires are so devastating. Immediate action would be in our best interest.	6/16/2016 8:10 PM
178	Keep development out!	6/16/2016 7:52 PM
179	Not sure about private property.. However the city could lead by example and try more meridian tree plantings on busier streets like Fitzgerald Ave (the gateway to downtown ;-)	6/16/2016 7:01 PM
180	Remind them the reason they moved here was for the nature and our birds are disappearing fast. Educate them.	6/16/2016 6:29 PM
181	Getting nurseries to offer discounts...a promotional coupon annually?	6/16/2016 6:09 PM
182	Create an Urban Forest Master Plan that allows for citizen input, allowing for wildlife corridors as well as pathways through urban forests within the city.	6/16/2016 5:59 PM
183	Implement laws as soon as possible to stop clear-cut of lots for development. Any heritage trees should be tagged and saved from being cut down immediately.	6/16/2016 5:50 PM
184	Lower land taxes for those who promote the retention and planting of trees.	6/16/2016 5:42 PM
185	Offer a rebate programme for the purchase/planting of specific trees.	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
186	Disincentivizing removal of existing forest and making reckless development more costly. Counter pressure on plan approval to push a greener agenda.	6/16/2016 5:32 PM
187	Maybe the city could have information sessions on the benefits of trees for wildlife (songbirds, pollinators) and talk about declines in species numbers and how having trees on their property can be really important for supporting species whose habitat is constantly being reduced.	6/16/2016 5:25 PM
188	Offer free trees to be planted and cared for by the property owners.	6/16/2016 5:24 PM
189	Education and awareness on the protected trees and why they are protected, the value of retaining forest, the increased property value with properties with mature trees, etc.	6/16/2016 4:59 PM
190	Maybe a version of the "Tidy Towns" competition that Ireland uses. Trees are an important part of what makes a successful "Tidy Town". Maybe it could be expanded all over Vancouver Island.	6/16/2016 4:59 PM
191	Provide workshops, online access to information, booths at exhibitions, farmers markets etc. Also introduce higher penalties for non-compliance in conjunction with expanded education	6/16/2016 4:42 PM
192	Re: 17 - Is this just passing the buck? We would need to know the details. How about subsidising the cost of new trees on new properties?	6/16/2016 4:36 PM

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193	Public education programs	6/16/2016 4:24 PM
194	Education. Tax incentives.	6/16/2016 4:19 PM
195	Tax incentives - tax receipts or say 10 to 20 % of the trees purchase price when a person buys and plants a tree.	6/16/2016 4:12 PM
196	Actually impose the necessary fines & publicise offenders	6/16/2016 4:03 PM
197	Annually provide a source of trees to the public. these trees could be ones on the list; however, a general variety of trees native to the community should be included.	6/16/2016 3:33 PM
198	Tax benefits to those who plant trees in excess to the minimum required amount.	6/16/2016 3:27 PM
199	There needs to be a city wide promotion every year.	6/16/2016 2:38 PM
200	tree giveaways	6/16/2016 2:05 PM
201	Education, newspaper articles,	6/16/2016 12:12 PM
202	Make it very difficult to cut any tree	6/16/2016 11:33 AM
203	The city could provide trees to owners at reduced costs or offer tax credits to do so.	6/16/2016 11:31 AM
204	Subsidizing tree Canada green streets programs allowing residents to plant trees on city boulevards	6/16/2016 11:04 AM
205	Host native tree info sessions and discuss the importance of their role in the community and natural environment.	6/16/2016 11:03 AM
206	partner with community organizations for education about benefits of urban forests, and tours of significant urban trees, pay interest on the security deposit, invest in the machinery that can safely move/replant large trees and rent it out at nominal rates.	6/16/2016 7:56 AM
207	City could offer limited free saplings (ie: Garry Oak, Arbutus) for planting by homeowners, school children in school yards and/or parks, annually, for example.	6/15/2016 10:41 PM
208	conduct a tree survey / census develop & distribute educational resources select suitable replacement trees so less are removed in future	6/15/2016 10:29 PM
209	Get the public involved on a volunteer basis.	6/15/2016 5:56 PM
210	Give out trees to plant	6/15/2016 5:34 PM
211	Financial support or incentive to plant more trees	6/15/2016 2:39 PM
212	give out trees free	6/15/2016 2:34 PM
213	Don't make using payments to the Tree Planting & Replacement Fund as an alternative to retention/planting too easy or inexpensive. It should be easier to retain or plant than to simply buy one's way out of it.	6/15/2016 2:01 PM
214	Consider relaxing watering restrictions for properties with significant number of trees. Offer free seedlings of native tree species.	6/15/2016 1:03 PM
215	Create green corridors for wild animals to travel safely.	6/15/2016 12:21 PM
216	Some education and promotion to help owners understand the importance of trees. Also perhaps some type of incentive....subsidized buying and planting of trees?	6/15/2016 11:52 AM
217	Mandate a percentage of retained trees in new development. Give financial incentive to property owners to plant new trees that is contingent on those trees living surviving a certain period of time.	6/15/2016 11:41 AM
218	Pamphlet explaining positives of tree retention and planing could be included in Property Tax notice or Assessments	6/15/2016 11:12 AM
219	Provide financial assistance in cases where large trees could be topped instead of felled. There is a significant price jump between the two services. More education for kids and adults on why retaining trees on your property is important for the health of the community and the ecosystem.	6/15/2016 10:34 AM
220	Reduce property taxes on people who retain or plant trees.	6/15/2016 9:01 AM
221	Trees are fantastic, I love them, but our part of the world receives an huge number of grey dark days, I would like to retain as an owner of my property the right to remove a tree that may grow into a problem blocking light to my home. We do need to protect the endangered trees, but I believe the city is going to far in this regard.	6/15/2016 8:32 AM
222	provide the trees and a planting service	6/15/2016 8:28 AM
223	Lighten the water restrictions to allow nurturing of new trees. Add maintenance requirements to tree planting requirements. Example of trees allowed to die through neglect -Superstore, Value Village, Pool at NIC.	6/15/2016 8:14 AM
224	perhaps tax deductions as incentives	6/15/2016 7:50 AM

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225	Make education about the benefits of trees part of a program to inform people about how to deal with the effects of climate change individually, as part of our community.	6/15/2016 7:38 AM
226	End arbitrary and unnecessary watering restrictions. We live in a rainforest area, not a desert.	6/15/2016 7:30 AM
227	Plant trees that are native to the area so they have a better chance to flourish. Our street was planted with black locust, more than half died. There was absolutely no follow up after they were planted. I support planting either more native trees, or a flowering variety such as kwantzen cherry which do well here.	6/15/2016 7:10 AM
228	Set aside funds for education of the public as to the city's tree preservation plan. Dedicate an expert to coordinate this educational thrust.	6/14/2016 10:45 PM
229	increase education of the value of trees for the urban environment, micro-climate amelioration, and the health of the citizens as well as the aesthetic attraction	6/14/2016 10:01 PM
230	Strict enforcement through Parks & Recreation	6/14/2016 6:55 PM
231	More environmental assessments. Automatic fee for any removal of healthy trees.	6/14/2016 6:49 PM
232	If trees are involved then you would not be able to allow densification. Completely clearing lots for subdivision should not be allowed. If more trees are left then reduce DCC.	6/14/2016 6:06 PM
233	Nothing would be a good idea, the city is meddling as far as I can see...and it will be bound to add to the cost in taxes as more bureaucracy always does.	6/14/2016 5:45 PM
234	explain the benefits to citizens.	6/14/2016 4:44 PM
235	define tree! also, info regarding needs, benefits, limitations of each native species as well as introduced types	6/14/2016 3:48 PM
236	Could provide saplings or a subsidy for saplings for individual homeowners	6/14/2016 3:07 PM
237	demand that trees not be cut from lots until final details of development are set and developers can assure that funds are secure. This would prevent lots from being clear cut and then left for years(eg. lot in Comos where Comox Rd. meets Back Road	6/14/2016 11:42 AM
238	Maybe a flyer in the local papers at the time of some "environment day" noting various points I have mentioned below plus what you have already outlined in your introduction . Connect this info. with perhaps health practitioners and recreation center information leaflets, trade shows etc.	6/14/2016 11:25 AM
239	Supply seedling trees. - volunteer growing of such	6/14/2016 10:10 AM
240	Institute a special annual levy for lawns, based on the area of lawn per residence beyond a certain minimum size (say, 100m2)	6/14/2016 9:48 AM
241	Education, Arbour Day Celebration	6/14/2016 7:46 AM
242	Publicity. Celebrate the city as an urban forest. Some kind of public recognition for tree-friendly developments. Tree awareness program in the schools.	6/14/2016 7:41 AM
243	Vancouver has a free or discounted fit tree program is ensentivise planting of trees	6/13/2016 7:35 PM
244	Starting a list of heritage and/or significant trees is a good idea.	6/13/2016 6:46 PM
245	Hire someone with experience in urban development and a person or persons who know what tricks new developers might use to circumvent the new bylaws. Developers are crafty but we also don't want a prohibitive amount of red tape.	6/13/2016 6:11 PM
246	Property tax breaks to property owners who retain trees on a property rather than logging levelling and grassing?	6/13/2016 5:40 PM
247	Think very carefully about the water requirements for trees. How compatible are current restrictive watering requirements with retention and planting of trees?	6/13/2016 4:05 PM
248	No trees should be planted between private property lines. Fir hedges are a big problem. The health and size of the tree should be considered. Private property owners should be encouraged to plant native species but consideration must be given to invasive roots.	6/13/2016 12:47 PM
249	Give the bureaucrats a shovel and tell them to start earning their money. Get your hands dirty!!	6/13/2016 12:17 PM
250	Make an example of it by doing that on City owned property	6/13/2016 10:49 AM
251	keep existing trees	6/13/2016 8:58 AM
252	Brochure on the value of trees in urban areas when new housing is developed and for new acquisition of homes through real estate sales.	6/12/2016 8:43 PM
253	Aren't the fees already mentioned enough incentive/deterrent?	6/12/2016 5:01 PM

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254	Include the by-law and reasons for tree retention and planting in documents received by homeowners when first purchasing in Courtenay... include in each year's assessment notice so that people see this information over and over.	6/12/2016 4:32 PM
255	Publicize summary of the revised bylaw.	6/11/2016 8:19 PM
256	Give tax incentives for planting trees. Reduce property taxes by \$300 for every tree that is planted on private property	6/11/2016 8:08 PM
257	Public forums (like the ones that will be held this month), and newspaper articles to tell people the importance of trees. Information on which trees are good to plant in an urban setting. Many people have no idea and just wander into a nursery and buy something that looks good, even though it may not be appropriate for their lot size.	6/11/2016 5:03 PM
258	There needs to be a clear goal on canopy cover in the City. More public education around the value of trees.	6/11/2016 4:01 PM
259	A strategy to attain a science-based canopy cover for the city and better public (and City) education on the value of trees.	6/11/2016 3:58 PM
260	Don't think the city should have any say about trees on private city lots.	6/11/2016 3:32 PM
261	Events that focus on getting people, especially young people, interested in trees. Arbor Day is a big deal in other locals, lets make it big here.	6/11/2016 12:01 PM
262	Limit tree heights to protect views. Allow tree topping to protect views and prevent tree falling during major storms	6/11/2016 7:07 AM
263	Perhaps development cost credits to larger developments when they promote replanting. In most instances retention is very difficult with larger trees. Most new homeowners don't want a massive tree overshadowing their new house. Perhaps some sort of payback system such as what is mentioned earlier in the survey and promote planting of new trees with the new homeowners.	6/11/2016 6:19 AM
264	Have professionals available for suggestions on what to plant where and a rebate on the purchase of the trees bought to meet the minimal requirements.	6/10/2016 6:07 PM
265	Financial incentives always work best. Perhaps a credit per tree kept towards permit cost or some other expense. Money given at completion of project.	6/10/2016 5:52 PM
266	A fund similar to the Commercial Toilet Rebate program, where a refund is provided to people as an incentive, and tree watering bags and a tree care pamphlet are provided. Possibly a partnership with Home Depot or Art Knapp or River Meadows Farm? Bring in Urban Forestry pioneers from other municipalities on Earth Day or something?	6/10/2016 9:56 AM
267	implementing and enforcing a hefty fine for those that cut down trees without the permission of the City. New homes may receive a coupon or gift certificate from a local nursery for a tree, or the City could plant one on the boulevard to beautify the city at no charge.	6/10/2016 7:58 AM
268	Encourage the use of native trees and scrubs in landscaping, particularly endangered species. Using local seedlings would help the genetic diversity.	6/10/2016 7:15 AM
269	Awareness. City of Campbell River is looking at a tree valuation tool to add to their website so property owners can see the monetary value of their trees and calculate cost savings for A/C, storm runoff, etc. Consider informative signage showing true value of significant trees around the city.	6/9/2016 10:58 AM
270	Provide information to landowners about the ecosystem benefits (for wildlife and humans) that trees provide, including shade which is so critical for gardening and water conservation.	6/9/2016 10:33 AM
271	1. Examples from other municipalities 2. Community Charrette's that provide community consultation and discussions AND the opportunity to develop strategies and enhance learning 3. Newsletters 4. Effective communication plan for Mayor and Council to help promote 5. Partnerships with other organizations such as North Island College ie. do they have an arborist program that you could partner with 6. Coordinating workshops or speaking events where specialists could be brought in to speak on certain trees, initiatives, etc associated with urban planning, urban forests, managing trees in an urban environment, etc 7. You Tube videos that provide insight for those interested in learning more 8. Helpful hints to assist developers and home owners who will be dealing with this new bylaw 9. An open, community based initiative whose underlying theme is to retain and enhance tree and forest stewardship in Courtenay. 10. Interpretive signs placed in key public areas that provide background information about a specific tree AND some of the requirements associated with managing that tree	6/9/2016 10:19 AM
272	Incentives for purchasing & planting trees, especially protected, rare or fruit bearing species for all land owners, not just new developments.	6/9/2016 10:07 AM
273	Leave it to the individual property owners to make those sorts of decisions. The past shows that no interference resulted in reasonable results	6/9/2016 9:42 AM
274	We have the Mile of Flowers, Some Cities have memorial tree programs. We could develop a legacy planting program and possibly offer a tax credit for those who do so. ie plant a tree on a property to celebrate a 50th Anniversary or new birth, a 90th birthday. This program could be either on private or public property, wherever there is a need.	6/9/2016 9:15 AM

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275	incentives, acknowledgment to owners of appreciation, education why the City values the retention of trees and how the owners are helping their community today and in the future.	6/9/2016 8:55 AM
276	Arbor day plantings/education programs with students	6/8/2016 10:03 PM
277	involve the schools	6/8/2016 9:49 PM
278	I think you need to keep an open mind and when you meet with people who may want to do something different than the bylaw, and I agree we need bylaws or the beauty that is fast disappearing in the city will continue to disappear, but I also think individual home owners who pay the taxes and want to live in the city should be HONESTLY listened to. I sometimes here how people think city workers meet with individuals but have already made their mind up to say no without really hearing and thinking about what is being proposed. Courtenay already has bylaws that make things more difficult than other communities on the island and it discourages people from buying older homes here and trying to renovate them and keep all parts of the city thriving.	6/8/2016 8:31 PM
279	Be aware that other municipalities, even with UFS in place are losing canopy cover. The city needs to purchase and provide trees for residents to plant on private property and provide tax rebates if the tree is retained and maintained. e.g. buy a \$300. tree for \$100. - Plant it -with city input - receive a tax rebate of \$100. in years 3, 4, and 5 if the tree is maintained and in good health.	6/8/2016 7:55 PM
280	instead of punishing people for not planting trees on their property, reward them. People pay a lot of money to purchase properties, they should be able to maintain some sort of control.	6/8/2016 7:29 PM
281	Perhaps give a wee bit of a break on water utility costs so we can help our trees through the dry summers.	6/8/2016 7:03 PM
282	public outreach and education. Arbor Day. Schools etc..	6/8/2016 6:25 PM
283	More expensive penalties for removal of trees not permitted.	6/8/2016 4:48 PM
284	Use conservation incentives as well as minimum regulation standards e.g. reduced DCC costs for subdivisions and/or dev. density incentives	6/8/2016 12:30 PM
285	Have a flyer that goes out with tax notices each year, on the value of an urban forest. Go to schools and do presentations Have park walk brochure that points out unique trees in the town and heritage trees.	6/8/2016 7:11 AM
286	Provide more information to home owners. Maybe a pamphlet on the value of urban forests and the city's desire to retain forest values.	6/7/2016 8:31 PM
287	Positive financial incentives.	6/7/2016 1:31 PM
288	In the past I have been aware of grants from other levels of government to provide incentives to plant trees on private property. Perhaps these grants might be available to the city of Courtenay or they could come from the city's budget.	6/7/2016 9:58 AM
289	The rule in Richmond is that if a tree comes down, two must be planted.	6/7/2016 9:11 AM
290	How large undeveloped lots on the outskirts of the city are developed will determine the liveability of the city. The past sprawl oriented mistakes are already coming back to haunt us and many of those developments are recent. This should be seen as an opportunity to not only protect the existing services that existing trees provide but to guide the densification and greening of the city.	6/7/2016 7:49 AM
291	Education. Particularly the advantage of deciduous trees to provide shade to cool houses in the summer, reduce the need for watering lawns shrubs and still provide light in the winter. Lower limbs on tall conifers can be pruned to provide light. Tall conifers provide great wildlife habitat and have a long lifespan.	6/6/2016 2:44 PM
292	I planted additional trees when the City and River Meadows had a coupon to get them for less.	6/5/2016 10:58 AM
293	It should allow people to do what they want - if you want to control it - you pay for it and pay the property taxes!!!!	6/3/2016 11:03 PM
294	Developers will always want to cut down trees and the above #17 allows the to do it.	6/3/2016 9:42 PM
295	Incentives coupled with strong tree retention on greenfield sites. Urban Forest strategy would provide education and actions for landowners to participate in a overall strategy.	6/3/2016 4:28 PM
296	Give education on how to properly plant trees and tree placement. There are some really ugly "heritage" trees with ugly pruning in PowerLines. There are not an asset to the community and look terrible.	6/3/2016 4:27 PM
297	Sell trees cheap how they did in Vancouver...I think the city sold off trees for \$10.00 and everyone was allowed to purchase a maximum of 3 trees per family.	6/3/2016 1:46 PM
298	Possible rebates on tree purchases	6/3/2016 12:51 PM
299	CITY WANTS MORE TREES THEN YOU PAY FOR THEM. AND WATER THEM WHAT WITH OUR WATER RESTRICTIONS	6/3/2016 11:19 AM
300	Give them a list of trees they can plant. And let them decide from there. But they need to buy at lest 2 trees.	6/3/2016 9:35 AM

Q19 Do you have any other comments related to the proposed bylaw changes?

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 Development Good Luck Bylaw
 Initiative Live Deciduous Trees
 Climate Change Urban Forestry
 Comox Valley Review Parking Lots Present
 Properly Nice

#	Responses	Date
1	How are monitoring and enforcement aspects going to be implemented? Bylaws are a great idea but need to consider these other important aspects as well as suitability appropriate penalties and deterrents. Also, how are trees going to be identified, arborist, city employee or property owner? When the almighty dollar comes into play, developers level property as trees get in their way. its cheaper (at \$1,000 per tree) to cut and pay \$300 than to preserve a mature or protected tree. Big developers (i.e. commercial corporations etc) don't want to work around a tree or two - like the Old House developer cutting down two mature walnut trees!	7/15/2016 11:40 AM
2	Glad you are looking at issue	7/15/2016 11:26 AM
3	there are many one of a kind trees in our community and I think someone who knows which they are should map them for protection like the African pea trees on McPhee near the Apple Press - across the street. The two of them are huge and beautiful and very unusual.	7/15/2016 10:58 AM
4	scrap it	7/15/2016 10:52 AM
5	Liaise with Hydro on tree trimming. No logic in what they cut and they after cut too much	7/15/2016 10:46 AM
6	Anyone with a tree should worry	7/15/2016 9:57 AM
7	More must be done to educate the public on the myriad of values provided by trees. Your intro story board lays these values out quite well (and some depth to the values - i.e. cooling for fish streams as well as homes). Urban forest strategy need to be established asap! this bylaw is but one of the tools to support a strategy!	7/14/2016 5:04 PM
8	The intent of the bylaw is good. The complexity of the issue means it will be a tough sell.	7/14/2016 4:50 PM
9	Leave the homeowners alone!	7/14/2016 4:29 PM

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10	To save doing a review of fees in maybe 10 years, could an escalator clause be inserted, so that fees would increase annually to reflect the CPI (consumer price index)? Not crucial now with low inflation, but who knows what might happen in the coming years?	7/14/2016 3:31 PM
11	if in doubt, favour the trees not a developer	7/14/2016 3:25 PM
12	Tree quota - numbers only is not enough. The kind of trees planted is important	7/14/2016 3:11 PM
13	We have no problem in issuing building permits and collecting fees as well as policies building design and size. We should have no problem on determining number of trees per given area, (e.g. per acre), on all city land whether municipal or private land.	7/14/2016 3:05 PM
14	Thank you for making trees a priority!	7/14/2016 2:29 PM
15	About time! And - some lots are tiny (mine for example, 349A 2nd St)	7/14/2016 2:24 PM
16	Thank you for informing the public and please do more information in the local newspaper also	7/14/2016 2:20 PM
17	Planning for the urban forest should incorporate climate change considerations. What role does the urban forest play in carbon sequestration/air quality improvements in the region; in passive heating/cooling, etc.? What tree species are expected to be best adapted to our changing climate on eastern Vancouver Island? The tree strategy should also look at the broader picture related to wildfire as well in the urban/rural interface. I think an education/communication component and possibly an incentive program may be an important component of this work. Is there any interest in wildlife trees within city limits? If so, does the tree risk assessor certification include training on options for wildlife trees? I don't live in the city limits at this time, but if I was a land owner in the city, I would appreciate the efforts to clarify the existing bylaw. I can see some of the items in the proposed bylaw may be less palatable to landowners given the potential for restrictions/greater costs, but I do think the region needs to carefully consider goals/objectives for the urban forest and meeting those objectives will have some costs. Thanks.	7/11/2016 9:01 PM
18	if we make these laws are there anyway to enforce them. eg. I see trees cut down and or not replaced even in our park	7/11/2016 8:10 PM
19	I am constantly saddened when driving through sections of Courtenay to see the massive swathes of pavement and parking lots laid down, or areas cleared for no apparent reason when they could have been left intact. Is there not enough housing stock in this town? The growth rates are completely exaggerated and lots of housing is for sale. So why is there such a focus on "development" when really it is SPRAWL that costs us taxpayers way too much money in the long-run through unfunded infrastructure liability? How is it in the city's best interest to allow SPRAWL indefinitely, which devalues so many assets and creates more financial and ecological debt in the long run? Please consider my comments a strong endorsement of the need for an Urban Forest Strategy that is also integrated with the MANY OTHER STRATEGIES and OCPs etc. that are supposed to help us become more sustainable, resilient and cost-effective. Conservation and Sustainability strategies need follow-through not just lip service, and I struggle to see how some of these proposals which favour developers and land-clearing can possibly fit with these strategies we've already produced. Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you for standing up for trees which are the lynch pins of natural wealth! Let's make sure the future generations have enough left to actually derive benefits and not just "moonscapes" with a few new saplings plugged in.	7/11/2016 3:36 PM
20	Courtenay's tree bylaw needs to be strong and protect greenfield sites so that we have a baseline for a future urban forest strategy. The city must collect data (and save enough trees and forests) so it can set relevant Urban Forest targets. I request that the city proceed with a science-based urban forest plan that sets goals and identifies actions to protect and sustain Courtenay's urban forest. I also want you to know that when we talk about what to do with trees, land and water – we're also talking about what to do with ourselves. So necessarily this involves democracy, sustainable long-range economics and health and wellbeing. Particularly for younger generations. In my work in the Comox Valley, I'm often struck by how – after the environment – the youth mental health crisis here is one of the top issues affecting students and young people. One particularly engaged and inspiring high school student, who was personally affected by depression and had faced suicide within her peer group, told me that didn't know what she would do if she couldn't walk in the forest near her house. It was solace, refuge, a place of meaning and connection. This forest was beautiful and special to her because it could be intact in itself and not be harmed by human hands. So I want to impress the fact that caring for land is caring for people and our community. At the same time as it provides irreplaceable services, wealth and green infrastructure, the other-than-human world is also fundamentally what nourishes and inspires the human spirit. That's obviously beyond the scope of a tree bylaw; however, many people's spirits will be impacted by the ultimate outcome of whether we have any urban forest left to cherish in the long run.	7/11/2016 2:20 PM
21	Buying up land to create urban forest reserves (where replacement trees are planted) is very valuable. All the money previously collected from tree removals that have been going into general revenue should be now assembled and brought into a fund to buy sensitive land for this replacement tree planting. Maybe a fund-raising campaign to raise funds to buy lands, like Cumberland Forest Society. Organizations sponsor planting of trees in public parks, schools, etc. Contests, etc. Address the issue of a large, long-lived tree being removed and replaced by a small, shorter-lived tree. Consider climate change implications with carbon storage of larger trees if tree must be removed. How to replace that storage ability?	7/10/2016 5:14 PM

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22	Make no changes and keep the existing bylaw.	7/9/2016 11:50 PM
23	Courtenay should develop the strongest tree retention and planting policy possible as trees are crucial to combating climate change and producing cleaner air, promote walking (and in turn better health) by creating shaded corridors, and generally improve the aesthetics of our beautiful community.	7/9/2016 6:06 PM
24	how are you monitoring the taking down of trees on private property? what are you going to do when someone cuts all their trees down on the weekend? who cleans up the mess that is left by these weekend or after hours warriors? on another note 2:1 ratio on a city lot may be too high and should be regulated on an individual basis with the property owner. in a development instance yes they should be replanting at that ratio or higher but with appropriate trees	7/9/2016 11:42 AM
25	We should be looking at it from a completely different view point from the old way of exploitation and convenience for the profits of an individual or developer and should be creating a community as a whole living system. The whole waterway linking to the forest system should be a priority to all development. A high percentage of corridors of trees should be maintained throughout neighborhoods as well as personal property so as to not disrupt existing and protected waterways. All economic and developmental decisions should be based on the preservation and restoration of the estuary and the whole watershed. People move here because it is still pristine to some degree. This will continue to increase property values and value to the community.	7/9/2016 9:33 AM
26	land clearing and tree cutting should be sensitive to the March to July nesting season	7/8/2016 2:16 PM
27	Cutting down forest for new single-family lots needs to be far more strongly discouraged. We need to protect the environment before developers' profits. Some sort of environmental assessment should be required before any developer destroys forested lands.	7/7/2016 9:17 PM
28	Instituting a strong bylaw can't happen too soon. So many new residents are from the prairies, and don't seem to value our trees, and even see them as a potential threat to their property. We are losing trees and their environmental benefits at a disastrous rate. This must stop!	7/7/2016 2:13 PM
29	I'm glad some awareness is being raised and there are no doubt other communities we can learn from and lift their ideas that are working. Possibly 'grand firs' should also be protected; I tried to go back and add it in the appropriate place but failed in my attempt.	7/6/2016 4:39 PM
30	No.	7/5/2016 6:42 PM
31	Scrap the whole by-law. It's a stupid piece of legislation that has no place in a supposedly 'democratic' society.	7/4/2016 10:54 PM
32	Pruning should only be done without climbing spurs to minimize tree damage	7/4/2016 8:31 PM
33	not at present - I am very interested in the results of the survey.	7/4/2016 2:07 PM
34	It is extremely important to retain trees within urban environments they are an important asset socially, environmentally, and economically - with the onset of climate change trees play an important role in rainwater retention and habitat retention. Every municipality should have a urban forestry strategy and bylaws to uphold it.	7/4/2016 11:29 AM
35	Too little too late! Courtenay was special with the large treed areas which were destroyed for the new hospital and Crown Isle Shopping centre. Those special areas can never be replaced concrete jungles can survive in any area.	7/3/2016 5:11 PM
36	there non- importent	7/3/2016 3:40 PM
37	Courtenay has very few trees in a lot of neighbourhoods. Just by looking at them you'd think we were located either on the prairies or in the far north. This makes Courtenay a very ugly city to look at, and live in. Contrary to the local hype, because of this, our city is NOT the best place to live.	7/3/2016 12:13 AM
38	Only that tree height should be introduced and regulated !!	7/2/2016 4:15 PM
39	I live on the periphery of the City and trees are very important to my health and well-being. Thank you for working to strengthen tree protection in the City of Courtenay.	7/2/2016 11:54 AM
40	Thank you for this undertaking. Timely and key.	7/1/2016 7:33 PM
41	1. Let's continue to try not to get in each other's way.. and 2. Removal of a hazardous tree on a property line should Not require both properties to agree.	7/1/2016 5:16 PM
42	stop trying to copy other cities!	7/1/2016 12:02 PM
43	Large fir trees are a huge mess to the neighborhood. They block the winter sun and require ongoing cleanup by the City crew.	7/1/2016 11:41 AM

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44	please pass a bylaw that requires all parking lots to tree and maintain every row of parking with shade trees. at the very least, require this of all newly planned parking lots and offer incentive to the businesses of the current lots to do so. also, please pass a bylaw requiring all new developments, housing and otherwise, to plant and maintain boulevard groves. thank you for allowing our input in this matter. we're all facing a scorched future. to survive and enjoy, WE NEED MORE TREES!	7/1/2016 10:30 AM
45	It's time to review this issue	7/1/2016 10:13 AM
46	I think I have made my opinion clear.	6/30/2016 7:18 PM
47	I am very encouraged by the direction you are heading in. Among other aspects, I like the focus on protecting health of retained trees (incl. root protection zones) and of wildlife snags. Thank-you for all your hard work! I know it is a real balancing act!	6/30/2016 1:10 PM
48	I live in Bowser and would like to see this bylaw in my area. New residents are clearing their properties completely. They are removing beautiful old growth trees for no reason. It is heart breaking. What about the creatures that made their homes there? Where are they to go. Wildlife is getting pushed out and then residents become angry when they suddenly show up on their properties....or try to make a new home. Trees hold the soil, prevent flooding and bring needed shade. People need to be more informed about their necessity. A bylaw is a start and I am so glad to hear this possibility as it may follow to my neighborhood.	6/30/2016 12:17 PM
49	Hire properly trained urban planners who care about environmental issues affecting the land, water, air, animals, and people. Thank you!	6/30/2016 10:19 AM
50	No clear cutting for high density housing! Developers should be required to keep trees the same as private owners.	6/30/2016 9:02 AM
51	getting a permit to cut down a tree on our own property seems to be a money grab.	6/29/2016 6:14 PM
52	I understand that there are protected first nation areas on private property that have restriction; however, the information is not made public (it is only available to the Regional District staff). Any restrictions and bylaws should be made public...perhaps mandatory to provide with the sale of properties in the city?	6/29/2016 5:41 PM
53	Not at this time	6/29/2016 3:12 PM
54	Yes. Section #12 of the bylaw, putting the onus on the owner for removal of invasive species. This would pretty much bankrupt me and probably a lot of other homeowners. There is well established ivy here, both in the adjacent green belt and on my property. It was here well before I moved here 10 yrs ago. The house was built in 1947. I am a senior on income assistance, there is no way I could pay for this. There is also Asian Knotweed all along Menzies and 1st. Nobody has had any luck stopping it yet, so how could I? I also don't believe I should have to pay for the deterioration of an old tree that was already declining when I moved here. It is well beyond my budget, I am on a shoestring already. If it's deteriorating, let it go. All things must pass. I'm all for saving old trees where possible, but some of these rules are Draconian.	6/29/2016 2:15 PM
55	An annual award to the top properties with rare or large/old trees should be given out.	6/29/2016 1:27 PM
56	Are we looking at urban forestry and tree harvest? If we plant a d.fir as a street tree or similar every year, in 100 years we can harvest 1 significant D.fir. If we plant 100 d.firs every year, you get the picture?	6/29/2016 1:20 PM
57	none at this time	6/29/2016 1:00 PM
58	try and include saving and protecting our wildlife. Conservation is too quick to KILL and not any relocating or saving. The developers destroy too much of what we were to make it cement and fences.	6/29/2016 12:42 PM
59	I have a real concern re some of the cost implications of the bylaw, and its differential impact. Options and targets in developing a large tract are more easily accomplished and less restrictive than in dealing with the individual lot. That has to be recognized. For example, City should be prepared to provide on-site guidance/assessments for individual owners rather than forcing them to pay for professional evaluations. Leave those evaluations to an appeal process of some kind. Clear cut new developments of large tracts [Crown Isle/ the ridge above Comox Logging Rd] are offensive to me, but leaving isolated clumps of unprotected trees to meet number targets is long range stupidity. It's also a bit ironic that we look up at clear cuts all over the mountains from corporations [and the previously mentioned City developments], and then have individuals strive to maintain trees in the City.	6/29/2016 12:25 PM
60	Make sure the developers are strictly monitored .	6/29/2016 10:49 AM
61	Glad this is happening	6/29/2016 9:43 AM
62	Keeping the city green and environmentally thinking should be an important motivation and thinking behind every decision.	6/29/2016 9:12 AM
63	no	6/29/2016 8:27 AM
64	As long as your profiting from this it will never work.	6/28/2016 9:37 PM

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65	It seems important that if this bylaw goes ahead that extra ways are found to introduce the bylaw to the community.	6/28/2016 7:51 PM
66	Trees must be left growing until absolutely needed to be cut for approved development. Crown Isle development style (clear-cut) makes me sick; several acres near my house were logged 5+ years ago, and are still not developed. Habitat loss and increased erosion in the meantime for no good reason.	6/28/2016 7:31 PM
67	Good luck. Also I think the CVRD needs a public art policy which I would happily volunteer for and have already done hundred of hours of research	6/28/2016 8:40 AM
68	We all like trees eh!	6/28/2016 6:49 AM
69	There are enough trees in the forest around us. People will plant their own trees. Their is no need for further bureaucracy	6/27/2016 4:13 PM
70	Be more sensible.... When I look around my community there are more than enough planted trees. smaller trees planted on small city lots can create the same benefits as 150Ft species....easier to control , more manageable. Other than large tracks of land clearing for future development.....Leave the rest of the established community as is.....We have enough trees. I think more effort should be expended to control the trees we already have in our community. overly large leaning tall trees on vacant lots which nobody gives any thought too or accepted responsibility should and when they fall.	6/27/2016 2:46 PM
71	The Urban Forest Strategy should be part of the Community Plan	6/27/2016 12:08 PM
72	Monitor/work with Developers, less with Home owners	6/27/2016 11:22 AM
73	Where are questions 1 to 9??	6/26/2016 10:27 PM
74	Developers must be held accountable. NO MORE CLEARCUTS.	6/26/2016 9:33 PM
75	I appreciate it is difficult to get bylaws passed that seemingly tell property owners what they can and cannot do on their own property but sadly judging from recent history it is clearly a requirement. I would encourage the city and indeed the Comox Valley to get on board with tree retention and safeguarding. It will only become more important as time passes and once that 150 yr old tree is gone - we have lost so much more than just that wood!	6/26/2016 8:20 AM
76	I love our wilderness forest, but inviting a Douglas Fir to live in your backyard can be compared to inviting a bear to come live with you. The Fir will grow more rapidly eating human food (fertilizer and water) and will very quickly become an oversized monster creating a death zone in its rain shadow, plugging drains and gutters with it's needles and eventually becoming a windfall and fire hazard.	6/25/2016 4:41 PM
77	I grew up in the outskirts of Surrey and ran in the woods. There are no trees left and the kids play in parking lots or just don't play outside. PLEASE don't let that happen here!	6/24/2016 7:33 PM
78	As Bill Anglin used to like to say, be wary of the law of unintended consequences. I hope common sense can somehow be applied to this proposed bylaw	6/24/2016 2:12 PM
79	Every time a bylaw such as this is implemented we take a chip out of our so called Democracy. I believe in trees but I believe in our freedom to choose not to be dictated to - suggestion is one thing but dictatorship is quite another and we are on a precarious path with all the bylaws and rules and regulations for our and the trees so called protection.	6/24/2016 11:36 AM
80	I am very concerned about loss of habitat for wildlife. Your survey does not touch on this negative aspect of tree removal. Wildlife needs mature forests to survive. Planting replacement trees will not remedy this situation.	6/24/2016 9:26 AM
81	More restriction on new development on the edge of our city would help preserve trees. A permit and taxation scheme to encourage core development and detract from paving over new forests would do more for trees.	6/24/2016 9:08 AM
82	We rented a property with an old (see 80+ years) in Comox near the Filberg Park for a few months. The owner was a man abroad (aka property investor/developer) with no real connection to the community. After we left the lot was developed which included the removal of a very large fir tree with conspicuous Eagles' Nest. The birds would drop large sticks on our cars in the driveway, and we could see them clearly from the yard by looking up. It provided shade, atmosphere and habitat for an important breeding pair. GONE. Trees like that one should have been protected. The existing development footprint isn't even ovetop of where the tree stood. They should have worked around it, or created a development that was smaller and wouldn't have stood underneath it. It's a real shame.	6/24/2016 8:29 AM
83	trees are only part of an ecosystem.. ensure that all wildlife is factored in to decisions about future development..	6/24/2016 12:11 AM
84	Again, PRIVATE PROPERTY!!!	6/23/2016 11:20 PM
85	i like the recommenced number of trees per lot. i think it should be 50 percent less, the trees can all be planted after construction or replanted at anytime to facilitate changes in future development or design. if the city want to protect trees they do not own. they can buy the land the tree is on.	6/23/2016 10:29 PM
86	Good job!	6/23/2016 9:34 PM

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87	I live in regional district, so really don't have the right to comment, but am just trying to assist in this testy situation.	6/23/2016 7:01 PM
88	It is also emotionally important for trees to be present and retained, and studies have shown that crime rates are lower in places where, all other things being the same, people can see a tree out the window.	6/23/2016 12:06 PM
89	I believe it is urgent that we protect urban trees which are part of our local environment. The benefits of mature trees in a cityscape cannot be replicated by planting a few ornamental trees.	6/23/2016 12:00 PM
90	So often when land is developed all understory vegetation is removed. I would encourage the city to document natural and native plant communities and encourage some retention of existing understory vegetation. Lists of invasive plants to be discouraged should be easily available.	6/23/2016 10:38 AM
91	The proposed bylaw changes are NOT stringent enough to either deter tree removal or protect tree cover	6/23/2016 9:35 AM
92	If the bylaw is too onerous, people will cut down trees to avoid the potential future consequences of dealing with retention	6/23/2016 9:27 AM
93	People should receive a tax break if they plant protected trees that year.	6/23/2016 8:34 AM
94	Just because other cities are doing something doesn't make it right or justifiable. Look for creativity rather than moral justification.	6/23/2016 12:01 AM
95	we all need to protect more trees. They are being cut everywhere for all sorts of reasons. we need trees and forests of every age at any given time to protect and enhance our (including all creatures) environment. thank you for moving forward. I think \$1,000 per tree for security is fine for developers but may be too much for residents. 20 trees would require \$20,000- I guess that;s incentive not to hurt them	6/22/2016 11:02 PM
96	Thank you for this initiative. Best wishes for success in your endeavors,	6/22/2016 8:37 PM
97	All we are saying is give trees a chance.	6/22/2016 6:20 PM
98	Thanks for undertaking this important activity!	6/22/2016 4:44 PM
99	The campus at North Island College has retained a lot of large trees. This is a good example that I would like to see promoted/followed elsewhere. A lot of development has occurred in this area in the last few years and a lot of large trees have already been lost.	6/22/2016 3:15 PM
100	The sooner the better! We absolutely need to protect trees and replace them if they cannot be protected. Replacement should be required to take place within a limited period of time. The longer it takes the more likely it is that it won't ever happen.	6/22/2016 3:11 PM
101	After attending the evening information session, I came away thinking that enforcement of this bylaw cannot be left up to neighbours and concerned citizens. Any law or bylaw is only as good as the ability to enforce it.	6/22/2016 1:39 PM
102	Proposing this kind of bylaw will encourage people to remove their trees before the bylaw is passed. That is what I will do	6/21/2016 5:02 PM
103	Trees are great in the forest and parks but on city lots they can be trouble with services, as a city worker with a diploma in forestry I see both sides of it	6/21/2016 3:45 PM
104	So the city would like a certain number of trees to be planted on Private property. As trees require a substantial amount of water during the first few years is the city prepared to provide the water necessary to plant these trees in the first place? What about existing trees on private property. I have owned 2 homes in the past 6 years in a 7 year old neighborhood. They city required the developer to retain some trees. The city however has no idea what condition these trees are in nor what these trees life spans will be in the new environment. YET the long process of obtaining a tree removal permit/application, getting it approved and planting a tree is convoluted process when the tree really should of not been retained in the first place?	6/21/2016 3:18 PM
105	Good Luck	6/21/2016 3:00 PM
106	I know this is going to pass. but im very sad that it will. you should be talking to the people that build new houses and lots. not the 30 people that show up meeting because they have nothing to do.	6/21/2016 2:34 PM
107	No i strongly agree with it, i Come from a town where we use to have beautiful forest and natural space, but they were destroyed for profit.	6/21/2016 1:03 PM
108	Even if this tree bylaw isn't perfect - we really need to get something on the books as soon as possible - we are losing an alarming # of trees around the City. I really don't feel it does enough to protect trees on Greenfield sites - When applying the tree bylaw to development on forested Greenfield sites would it not be better to require that a percentage of the develop-able area be protected and left intact as a way to retain the maximum number of trees?	6/21/2016 12:41 PM
109	I appreciate the diligent work gone into this so far.	6/21/2016 8:53 AM

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110	This may be already covered but I think developers should be required to plant street trees for every new lot. Tree species should vary by street to protect against possible disease epidemics (eg: Dutch elm disease).	6/20/2016 1:49 PM
111	we need help to identify the types of trees around we don't all know a yew from a pine from a trembling whatever	6/19/2016 11:17 PM
112	Probably as soon as I send this off... thank you for the opportunity to comment.	6/19/2016 3:25 PM
113	I am concerned that existing trees on City of Courtenay property below 100 block Cliffe Ave are not maintained. They need a very good pruning of dead limbs.	6/19/2016 1:26 PM
114	The city of Courtenay's taxes are way too high & the current size of the bureaucracy is too large. Stop thinking up ways to increase both. Stick to basics.	6/19/2016 10:40 AM
115	It is very important to protect trees and pockets of existing forest from those that would raze them, it sounds like the proposed bylaw will just add another layer of bureacracy and costs for small homeowners who are trying to responsibly and sustainably manage their own gardens	6/19/2016 7:54 AM
116	no	6/18/2016 7:09 PM
117	I think in the next 25 years we are going to come to value our trees significantly so since it may take 100 years to grow a nice sized Df, you need to start by keeping all of the trees you have. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.	6/18/2016 6:48 PM
118	These changes are a step in the right direction for our city. Now if we only could do something about protecting our drinking water supply, I would really celebrate living here!	6/18/2016 5:30 PM
119	I just hope that the end result in this will not be that a one sided approach on the part of environmental groups, who do have an agenda of their own, does not restrict the rights of property owners but that a reasonable compromise can be achieved in most situations. Should it come down to who is right and who is wrong, I will generally side with the owner of the property in question in order to restrict government control of private property which I believe is becoming more and more intrusive upon individuals rights.	6/18/2016 4:54 PM
120	No	6/18/2016 4:42 PM
121	I don't want to see the cost of development increase to the point that business is prohibitive for local and community based entrepreneurs and enterprises leaving room only for the big developers. Perhaps grants or other support can be offered to smaller developers that wish to maintain the beauty of nature we have around us and the health of our wildlife.	6/18/2016 3:33 PM
122	We should do everything possible to retain and maintain our forests/trees. Prevention is always better than cure!	6/18/2016 2:38 PM
123	developers need to stop clearcutting and start retaining as much trees as possible. also large old trees on small city lots should be protected even if they are not on the significant or heritage tree list.	6/18/2016 11:06 AM
124	Protect our trees!!!	6/18/2016 9:07 AM
125	Planting trees as hedges should not be encouraged or counted in replanting schemes. Escaped hedges should be excluded from protection laws.	6/18/2016 8:52 AM
126	Courtenay should be proud of the number of forested and natural areas that are in their boundaries. Please do not let developers landscape by chainsaw.	6/18/2016 7:58 AM
127	Please ban leave blowers - the noise they make ruins our neighbourhoods (yes that includes city workers) Raking is a peaceful, healthy, physical activity.	6/17/2016 10:21 PM
128	This bylaw revision is focused mainly on retaining and protecting existing trees. I feel strongly that a tree planting guideline should be in place to restrict planting of trees that are unsuitable for smaller residential lots. Many people enthusiastically plant trees without considering that in this rainforest climate the trees grow much faster and much larger than other areas. Sequoias, Chestnuts, Lindens etc. are meant for large properties and acreages. I have seen many neighbours upset and frustrated, particularly in view corridors. Court cases and conflict would be reduced if there were bylaws restricting the type of trees planted in our increasingly urban areas. I am absolutely in favour of tree planting, but with judicious choices presented to the homeowners and developers.	6/17/2016 7:02 PM
129	Is is important that corporate lobbying in general and also in this particular case should be outlawed.	6/17/2016 2:54 PM
130	How is such a bylaw managed on the ground to make sure it is being implemented with proper intent; by whom? Thanks	6/17/2016 1:35 PM
131	They need to be stricter.	6/17/2016 12:47 PM
132	No. I'm glad these changes are being considered. I hope my responses were clear..I could not go back and see what I wrote!	6/17/2016 12:32 PM
133	Trees are so incredibly important for the planet and the well-being of all species. Please stay true to your knowing this.	6/17/2016 12:29 PM

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134	A good initiative from the City of Courtenay	6/17/2016 12:02 PM
135	In Europe, new buildings must first use what is called brown space...ie pulling down uninhabited buildings and building there, rather than destroying green space. There are so many vacant places here. Surely we could use those first.	6/17/2016 11:06 AM
136	I applaud your efforts to help protect urban forests. However, I don't feel the bylaw goes far enough. There are many upstanding individuals and firms who go above and beyond to ensure such forests are protected but then there will always be unscrupulous individuals or firms or will twist and spin doctor any situation to suit their own needs. Eighty per cent of the laws we have as a society are for the 20 per cent who choose to make self centered, selfish choices. We need to make sure those laws dissuade those 20 per cent from pursuing those choices.	6/17/2016 10:46 AM
137	May this pass and may the rest of Comox Valley follow this wonderful lead.	6/17/2016 9:15 AM
138	Thank you for getting this rolling!	6/17/2016 8:07 AM
139	We need to protect our established neighbourhoods and we really need to improve new subdivision and development areas. As urbanization increases, the vital benefit of trees seems to be underestimated.	6/17/2016 7:52 AM
140	Thankyou for this work. The U N Sustainable Development Goals and Canada's signing on to them mean that the City is a positive contributor to sustainability and in a measurable way. Appreciated.	6/17/2016 7:16 AM
141	As long as the bylaw changes are directly intended to protect trees and to encourage their planting, I wholeheartedly support it. We're considering moving back to Courtenay next year and we desperately want to see many more trees there as it is a large part of the charm and beauty of the place as well as making ecological good sense.	6/17/2016 1:50 AM
142	Let's protect what we've got. If you compare aerial photos from just 20 years ago to today, you will see the incredibly accelerated pace of urban deforestation. In Puntledge, Rod and Gun was the END OF THE ROAD not much more than 20 years ago. If the pace were to keep on unabated at this rate, we would look like anywhere else - a barren strip mall. So, this environmental self-examination is a good thing.	6/17/2016 12:09 AM
143	no	6/16/2016 10:57 PM
144	This proposed bylaw is an excellent & essential step to protect trees in our community due to their numerous benefits. However, the bylaw is insufficient to protect our undeveloped forested lands, which account for nearly 1/3 of Courtenay's remaining trees. These lands are under huge pressure across the Comox Valley as developers clear cut to build. Consider what happened to Lanan Forest as a horrific example: illegally clear cut by an unchecked developer who scornfully disregarded weak tree bylaws, because 'the city will annex it after I cut' (and, unbelievably, Courtenay did). This cut & run cycle can continue under the new bylaw which, as written, will still allow developers to remove all existing forest for a fee. Please, write the bylaw to ensure these forested areas are better protected, along with the great work you have done to preserve Courtenay's mature trees.	6/16/2016 10:44 PM
145	Encourage dark skies and importance to human and the flora and fauna health.	6/16/2016 9:53 PM
146	Buy a vacant lot. Mostly grass, a bench, simple playground equipment, and a few lovely trees of course. People might donate a tree, have a plaque to honour a special person. First one could be Randy W. A small park here and there would encourage young families and seniors to live in the city centre.	6/16/2016 8:56 PM
147	It is difficult to watch a small city where a large part of the appeal was it's lack of strip malls, box stores and franchises, be transformed into a deforested overbuilt community. I watched with disappointment as this happened in the community where I previously lived. There are many communities with these amenities if people desire them. I do wonder what percentage of our population really want this change that is called progress to continue in Courtenay.	6/16/2016 7:51 PM
148	I moved here for the lush valley and now it is fast disappearing. I feel like I was cheated....nobody told me this was the plan.	6/16/2016 6:29 PM
149	Value mature trees as well as the rare species identified	6/16/2016 5:59 PM
150	Ask an existing organization in Courtenay to manage some volunteers to find and tag trees that fit the heritage status.	6/16/2016 5:50 PM
151	I would like to see guidelines pertaining to new trees being planted outside a specified area of the neighbour's boundary as trees that become large planted close to the boundary can cause root problems in the neighbours property.	6/16/2016 5:42 PM
152	keep it simple	6/16/2016 5:42 PM
153	The city and commercial developers should be required to provide water to newly planted trees - see the dying trees at the foot of Ryan hill and the old Safeway lot. Fruit trees should be regularly pruned (17th Street and Cliffe Avenue).	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
154	Broader protection and maintenance of mature plants should be prioritized over replantation. Yearly increases in flooding is clearly the fault of large-scale cuts, and affects all of us.	6/16/2016 5:32 PM

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155	Are there any considerations for very large, old trees that are not rare or protected but have more ecosystem value due to their size? Cutting down a large cedar or spruce and being able to replace it with a small native or non- native tree doesn't really seem like a fair trade. Different tree species and sizes play different roles in the ecosystem. Is there any way there can be some sort of protocol that assigns the most ecologically beneficial tree replacement if someone cuts down a tree? How about a requirement that we have to replace the tree with a native species, or an incentive to replace the cut tree with a rare or endangered species (maybe the city could be responsible for checking in on those trees).	6/16/2016 5:25 PM
156	BC Hydro is out of control in its unnecessary mutilation of trees. The crew are unbelievably dumb and ignorant. Better rules should be established for them. Some tree cutter is going about convincing people their trees are dangerous, e.g. the lovely, healthy, tall cottonwoods at the daycare at Ryan/Back Rds. Every tree killed brings more noise and pollution to the neighbourhood, and more birds disappear. Another example is the cherry or plum trees that blossomed so beautifully at the post office but on the MRI's land. The reason was supposed to be that the roots would damage the parking lot. There has never been any evidence of such damage. This person is just out to make money with his fear-mongering. PO staff and neighbours were dismayed to see these trees go. This town is becoming uglier every year with loss of natural beauty and focus on big box and chain stores and eateries. What happened to the trees providing shade in parking lots? If birds sit in trees and crap on cars, that is life!!! A simple notice in a parking lot stating that the mall cannot be sued for such mishaps would solve the problem.	6/16/2016 4:36 PM
157	We hope Courtenay and other areas will pursue initiatives such as this one.	6/16/2016 4:24 PM
158	Thank you for asking.	6/16/2016 4:19 PM
159	Use any funds collected to protect/replace 'lost' trees. do not put this money into general revenue to be lost forever.	6/16/2016 3:33 PM
160	This bylaw should not be imposed upon anyone that does not want to get involved.	6/16/2016 2:38 PM
161	stick to your guns	6/16/2016 2:05 PM
162	So glad this is happening!	6/16/2016 1:21 PM
163	Currently the environmental protection laws are failing in regards to developers, they take the approach of "its worth it to just pay the fine" and log anyways, this needs to be curbed. Strict reforestation requirements should be implemented and any developer that breaches the laws should be documented, if they breach it repeatedly they should be unable to obtain development permits with the city.	6/16/2016 12:46 PM
164	all existing trees should be retained unless is assessed unsafe.	6/16/2016 11:33 AM
165	I think that the value of trees and other plants cannot be underestimated. They are the key to mitigating climate change and feeding the growing population of Canada. I would like to see public areas dedicated to fruit and nut trees that are then harvested for by the public or special interest groups like food banks.	6/16/2016 11:31 AM
166	Very happy this is being taken care of.	6/16/2016 11:07 AM
167	include and encourage fruit trees	6/16/2016 7:56 AM
168	Don't do what Comox just did, allowing mature Garry Oak trees to be cut down or severely topped ie: Berwick expansion and homeowner "view" improvement project near Comox Road. "HEAVY" fines should have been levied in those 2 cases.	6/15/2016 10:41 PM
169	I'm not opposed to development, but it should be easy for a city to keep its older trees with some common sense.	6/15/2016 5:56 PM
170	If there are options for difficult and/or hardship cases it would be good. Common sense and compassion should be somehow included. Once the bylaw is enacted, as the saying goes, "you can't fight city hall".	6/15/2016 2:01 PM
171	How will residents in riparian buffer zones be made aware of their responsibility to retain all trees on their properties?	6/15/2016 1:03 PM
172	Please change the past history of clear-cutting - I have lived here for about 35 years and I am sickened by the sprawl that we have created and the loss of trees which is so important for the livability and health of the community. Thank you....East Courtenay is a wasteland. I am so grateful to live in Puntledge Park although the more recent developments have been so disappointing with the exception of Morrison Commons which while being clear cut, still has a path through it with trees.	6/15/2016 12:32 PM
173	The city should be planting more trees up and down streets...streets lined with trees enhance a neighbourhood	6/15/2016 11:52 AM
174	Stop favouring developers in this bylaw. The burden of protecting existing trees should be placed on those removing the largest numer of trees (those developing new areas) not on individual property owner wanting to remove one tree for safety or aesthetic reasons.	6/15/2016 11:41 AM
175	The more trees the better!	6/15/2016 10:34 AM
176	The city should also invest more in trees by planting more trees on city owned land along roadways and sidewalks	6/15/2016 10:34 AM

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177	When local government continues to add to the already overwhelming bureaucracy they simply create more future costs for local ratepayers. Stop doing it. Less government = less taxes. The current 'system' and ways of doing things is not sustainable in the mid to long term.	6/15/2016 9:01 AM
178	Having lived in the valley for over 45 years, I feel we have an abundance of trees in our urban areas which is wonderful. I have not seen any great loss of urban trees over my 36 years of moving around our communities as a realtor. I feel that this expanded bylaw is another well meaning but not required city service, that will become ever more expensive for the tax payer to enforce.	6/15/2016 8:32 AM
179	its way past time to do this	6/15/2016 8:28 AM
180	Development opportunities should never take precedence over the interests of the community as a whole.	6/15/2016 7:50 AM
181	Courtenay and the Comox Valley have lost far too much forest land to development. The replacement of trees is no match for retaining a mature forest. I agree with the Dogwood Initiative's suggestion that we need to plan for a future where sensible development retains green space, habitat, and green infrastructure that cleans our air and protects our climate. And we need to do that for our children. Unless we take strong action to reduce our carbon emissions, they're facing a bleak future.	6/15/2016 7:38 AM
182	Focus on encouraging and rewarding good behaviour rather than controlling and punishing bad behaviour. Recognize private property rights, limit imposition of City administration or other lobby groups values on those who do not share those values.	6/15/2016 7:30 AM
183	I think the city should buy watering bags in bulk and sell them cheaply to residents for trees on homeowners property. If we can't manage our water supply adequately, at least give us a chance to save our trees.	6/15/2016 7:10 AM
184	Carbon sequestration as a means of assisting mitigation of anthropogenic climate change is not mentioned anywhere in this survey. This is a very important function of any forest, and would be a powerful tools to help explain and rationalize a tree management program to the public.Please incorporate this fact into your vision/program.	6/14/2016 10:45 PM
185	N/A	6/14/2016 6:55 PM
186	Greenspace is becoming rare throughout the valley and if we don't allow down the developing of these spaces and start protecting what we have left we are going to become like any other urban city. People want to come here because of those trees! Aswell as the other nature /animals that go along with them. I have been here 6 years and have seen "development" devastate large areas of forest more than once. I have also seen fish bearing tributaries to our water system dry right up so the trees that one protected then were cut down with no thought of the consequence. I don't have specific suggestions as to what changes to make our how to make them as I would need to spend some time researching but as a mom with young kids, I care deeply about this for myself and my kids. I actually have an email into the city of Courtenay right now regarding some developing going on and have yet to here back. I completely support stricter bylaws and look forward to seeing some changes!	6/14/2016 6:49 PM
187	Leave it alone.	6/14/2016 5:45 PM
188	sounds like new taxes, undue regulation and will result in significant admin. cost. Owners of land (and trees) have rights of ownership	6/14/2016 5:20 PM
189	The important part is that once the bylaw is adopted that it be monitored and that any 'flexibility' be not influenced by a developers personal contacts or deep pockets. It has to be fair and transparent.	6/14/2016 3:07 PM
190	Thank you for doing this; important to Courtenay as it is growing fast and developments are happening . We need the by-laws in place. We need to protect our corridors of green space/trees for the environment and wildlife (birds, animals) . For the health of our community members- walks in treed areas by some of our streams/rivers, the valley view greenway as an example are so good for stress release, health , etc.	6/14/2016 11:25 AM
191	I believe tree retention and planting is an effective carbon and climate change mitigation measure, the more the better, however the appropriate species mix is very important - should be fewer large conifers, more deciduous trees, more food trees. Solar access is going to be increasingly important, and this should also be reflected in the planning and layout of subdivisions.	6/14/2016 9:48 AM
192	Climate change may mean ideal tree species may change. Flexibility should allow for this.	6/14/2016 8:42 AM
193	Good job. Very timely. Keep up the good work. Thanks.	6/13/2016 6:46 PM
194	I like the intent of this, but perhaps it leans to much towards environmental protection and is not necessarily forward thinking when it comes to social progress and urban development.	6/13/2016 6:11 PM
195	Urban forest preservation policies should be extended to the CVRD areas that are subdivided into residential areas. Some property owners in the regional district have "logged" healthy trees from residential properties simply for the value of the cut wood,	6/13/2016 5:40 PM
196	would love to see similar incentives for Regional District lands	6/13/2016 5:24 PM

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197	Lots of people are going for huge areas of rock or bark mulch in residential and commercial lots. It's becoming too difficult to manage growing green things with highly restrictive watering rules. We need to keep the tremendous value of growing green things in our surroundings when watering rules are being set.	6/13/2016 4:05 PM
198	We need trees in the city to help produce shade. I favour deciduous trees in an urban setting because in the Summer they provide shade and in the Winter the leaves fall to provide light. Large evergreens need to be clustered for root support to prevent a wind fall.	6/13/2016 12:47 PM
199	no	6/13/2016 10:49 AM
200	Urban forests and green spaces should be protected for the public & environment.	6/12/2016 8:43 PM
201	They all support the "country in the city" ambience of Courtenay. The max.size of any tree in question is significant; they're not all created equal.	6/12/2016 5:01 PM
202	Once enacted, there should be no exceptions or overlooking of by-law infringement - fines should be applied to the maximum - no excuses, period.	6/12/2016 4:32 PM
203	No protection for Alder, except a 1 for 1 replacement policy, i.e. keep the number of trees, but reduce number of alders.	6/12/2016 9:01 AM
204	The by-law should state that retention of Courtenay's urban forest is a key objective.	6/11/2016 4:01 PM
205	An Urban Forest Strategy is long overdue. It should have been developed before a Tree Bylaw as the bylaw is but a tool to be used to achieve goals and objectives of a strategy. Bylaw needs to state tree retention as a Key Objective of the bylaw changes	6/11/2016 3:58 PM
206	Bylaws need to be flexible and economically viable so that they don't encourage people to cut trees themselves without proper skills or have "fly-by-night cowboys" doing so for money.	6/11/2016 12:01 PM
207	#17 is combining private and public urban reforestation. I support the City having a plan to plant on public property, but do not support forcing plantation on private property. This could potentially harm a private owners future use of their property. Remember, it's their property, not the City's	6/11/2016 6:19 AM
208	Love that trees are valued enough to be protected. They are so incredibly necessary for many reasons.	6/10/2016 5:52 PM
209	Finally! We stand to loose much of our canopy cover in a community already impacted by the effects of deforestation of storm water management. We NEED this, especially as an education piece to promote the re-greening of underutilized back yards in terms of mitigating wet weather flows, heating and cooling bills - climate change is real.	6/10/2016 9:56 AM
210	Without our trees our community loses its character. People come here for the serenity of a small town and the peaceful environment. The trees are the major contributing factor to this. They provide beauty, clean air, sound barriers, protection from the sun and much more. I for one am in agreement with saving our trees.	6/10/2016 7:58 AM
211	Good intents in the changes, let's not get it too enforcement orientated, include encouragement as well.	6/10/2016 7:15 AM
212	unless the City is willing to undertake damage costs to individuals and their properties....they may want to consider "mandatory" regulations on existing properties..with the exception of the "protected" species. For new residential and commercial development...there can never be any leniency or under the table deals (especially commercial) regarding the application of the rules!	6/9/2016 3:05 PM
213	I feel we should stop the mile long flowers and replace with trees along the streetline. This will make our street more attractive and with trees in the city. Victoria does this and is very successful.	6/9/2016 1:29 PM
214	Thanks for consulting with the community. Nice survey format!! Tom.	6/9/2016 10:19 AM
215	Consideration for the protection of food bearing trees should also be considered. Food security and urban sustainability are supported by fruit trees in our neighbourhoods and often included mature or heritage varieties. The value of these resources will become increasingly important and difficult to replace as urban expansion continues.	6/9/2016 10:07 AM
216	Eliminate it	6/9/2016 9:42 AM
217	This City should make tree planting a priority because of the human heritage (forestry industry); because of the location (fragile Island environment) and because it is a wise long term contribution to sustainable biodiversity in the Comox Valley.	6/9/2016 9:15 AM
218	Once set up in Courtenay and demonstrated that it is a best practice approach, collaborate with surrounding communities for a Comox Valley wide approach.	6/9/2016 8:55 AM
219	good luck	6/8/2016 9:49 PM
220	see above	6/8/2016 8:31 PM

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221	Be rigorous, and specific - avoid generalities. Invest the time and resources to make this work properly. Remind council that trees are the ONLY piece of municipal infrastructure that can increase in value over time.	6/8/2016 7:55 PM
222	I am all for protecting trees, but after reading this I must say that the only incentive I see for this 'plan' is for the City to punish home owners by bullying them into utilizing their property in accordance to the City's plan. Home owners own their property and should not be told what they have to plant on their land. Many areas have ridiculous rules like 'no laundry lines', 'no vegetable gardens in the front yard', 'no composting' and so on. Please don't add to the list. Reward people for planting these species, don't punish them for utilizing 'their' properties the way they want to.	6/8/2016 7:29 PM
223	I am pleased to see the City taking the initiative - perhaps they can prod the Regional District into following their example.	6/8/2016 7:03 PM
224	Thanks for the opportunity to complete survey even though I do not live presently live in the City	6/8/2016 3:45 PM
225	Distinguish min. tree retention standards from tree replacement minimums. Also, min. 50 trees/HA too low.	6/8/2016 12:30 PM
226	I want you to develop a strong, viable bylaw so that Comox and the regional district get on board and use it as a model.	6/8/2016 7:11 AM
227	Many developers have a "chop them all down" approach. There are many situations where heritage trees are located along lot margins that could be retained with a little care.	6/7/2016 8:31 PM
228	Simply increasing bureaucracy.	6/7/2016 1:31 PM
229	I would like to see an overall targeted increase in the amount of trees per acre in Courtenay. This would increase the amount of natural infrastructure and help deal with rising carbon levels as well as providing the benefits of more shade as our summers keep getting hotter. I'm happy to see Courtenay working towards these goals and providing leadership to the other communities in the Comox Valley. Thank you for doing this.	6/7/2016 9:58 AM
230	Just make sure all trees that can be protected are. We are living in a time of climate change and we all know how important trees are. Also trees help retain water which is going to become a larger issue as we move forward in generations to come. Thanks for this survey.	6/7/2016 8:10 AM
231	I am concerned that tree target for large lots is far too low and the default will be clear and replant. We need to retain forests that are only now just coming back into their prime.	6/7/2016 7:49 AM
232	As previous...Ornamental Cherry should be banned from use on city property..particularly as boulevard trees on private property.	6/4/2016 10:47 AM
233	I think the bylaw fails to achieve adequate tree protection on large greenfield sites. These areas have mature second growth forests with hundreds of trees per hectare and require different targets and regulations. We will continue to loose large parts of our urban forests over the next 10 years.	6/3/2016 4:28 PM
234	City should properly prune trees near powerlines and obstructions if they really want to keep the trees. Trees should be evaluated for wind hazards and safety. Dead and dying trees should be exempted from fees.	6/3/2016 4:27 PM
235	Some cities are implementing edible parks, it would be nice to provide free food to those in need.	6/3/2016 4:01 PM
236	no	6/3/2016 12:51 PM
237	No ty	6/3/2016 9:35 AM
238	I think any opportunity to protect the trees that we have is a good thing. Developers too often go in and remove all trees because that is the easy thing to do for construction but it would be nice to see some of those trees protected.	6/3/2016 9:34 AM