

1176 Crumlin Sideroad

Tree Preservation Report

Project Location:

1176 Crumlin Sideroad, London, ON

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1.0 Introduction

MTE Consultants Inc. (MTE) was retained by Peter Drankowsky to complete the Tree Assessment Report for the proposed property severance at 1176 Crumlin Sideroad in London, ON [Figure 1.0].

The area of study and tree assessment details for the site are illustrated on the enclosed MTE drawing: Tree Inventory Plan TP1.1.

Figure 1.0 - Site Location



2.0 Criteria

This Tree Assessment Report has been prepared as a requirement for the Zoning By-Law Amendment approval process for the severance of the lot at 1176 Crumlin Sideroad into three parcels.

This report is intended to identify tree ownership within 3m of the site boundaries to anticipate potential impacts to off-site or boundary trees. In addition, the entire site was investigated for the presence of tree species protected under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*. The area of study for this report is shown on drawing TP1.1. The scope of this report was confirmed with the City of London prior to conducting field investigations.

3.0 Tree Inventory

On August 4, 2022 all trees ≥10cm DBH and within 3m of the existing and proposed property lines were tagged and inventoried. The 30 inventoried trees were surveyed by AGM Surveyors at a later date. No shrubs were found.

No tree species protected under the *Endangered Species Act* are present on the property based on the field assessment. Aside from Tree 16, a cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*) hedge of about 60 individual trees, the most dominant live species surveyed is Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*) (11). Other species inventoried include Manitoba Maple (*Acer negundo*) (2), Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) (3), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) (1), Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*) (2), Ornamental Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) (2), White Willow (*Salix alba*) (3), Emerald Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd') (2) and Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumilia*) (3).

Trees 9, 10, 11 and 12 are boundary trees as defined by the Forestry Act:

(2) Every tree whose trunk is growing on the boundary between adjoining lands is the common property of the owners of the adjoining lands. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 21

Boundary trees are protected by the Forestry Act:

(3) Every person who injures or destroys a tree growing on the boundary between adjoining lands without the consent of the landowners is guilty of an offence under this Act. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 21.

Table 3.1, below, summarizes the information collected for the boundary trees inventory. Metrics include species, height (ht.), canopy radius, health, tree structure, and other noted characteristics. Health was scored on a scale of 1 (healthy) to 6 (dead) based on percent (%) of live canopy. The assessment of structure was based on each tree's trunk, limb, and branch condition (ex: lean, asymmetry, poor development) and measured on a scale of 1 (excellent structure) to 5 (poor structure). A detailed outline of the health and structure metrics used is provided in Table 3.2.

Table 3.1 - Tree Inventory

Tree No.	DBH (cm)	Common Name	Botanical Name	Ht. (m)	Canopy (m)	Health	Struct.	Notes	Recommendation
1	90	WHITE WILLOW	Salix alba	16	8	3	4	ONE SIDED TO WEST	REMOVE
2	85	WHITE WILLOW	Salix alba	15	7	3	4	HALF BROKEN, ROTTEN, LOTS OF SUCKERS	REMOVE
3	100	WHITE WILLOW	Salix alba	14	7	3	4	HALF BROKEN, ROTTEN, LOTS OF SUCKERS	REMOVE
4	21	MANITOBA MAPLE	Acer negundo	12	6	3	5	POOR FORM	PRESERVE
5	45	SIBERIAN ELM	Ulmus pumilia	15	6	2	2	ADJACENT LAND	PRESERVE
6	30	SIBERIAN ELM	Ulmus pumilia	15	6	2	2	ADJACENT LAND	PRESERVE
7	10	EMERALD CEDAR	Thuja occidentalis	4	1	1	1	ADJACENT LAND	PRESERVE
8	10	EMERALD CEDAR	Thuja occidentalis	3	1	1	1	ADJACENT LAND	PRESERVE
9	91	SUGAR MAPLE	Acer saccharum	20	7	1	2	HABITAT TREE GOOD HEALTH, FEW CAVITIES	PRESERVE-BOUNDARY TREE
10	80	SUGAR MAPLE	Acer saccharum	20	6	2	4	SOME CONCERNS WITH ROT ON EAST	REMOVE-BOUNDARY TREE
11	100	SIBERIAN ELM	Ulmus pumilia	20	9	2	5	MAJOR INTERNAL ROT	REMOVE-BOUNDARY TREE
12	110	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	22	11	1	3	3 STEMS GROWN TOGETHER, LOTS OF INCLUDED BARK	PRESERVE-BOUNDARY TREE
13	17	ORNAMENTAL PEAR	Pyrus calleryana	10	3	1	3	BAD PRUNING SCARS - ADJACENT	PRESERVE
14	15	ORNAMENTAL PEAR	Pyrus calleryana	9	2	1	3	BAD PRUNING SCARS - ADJACENT	PRESERVE
15	17	MANITOBA MAPLE	Acer negundo	9	3	3	4	POOR QUALITY TREE, WILL DAMAGE FENCE IN FUTURE	REMOVE-MAINTENANCE
16		WHITE CEDAR	Thuja occidentalis	18	5	1	2	60 PLANTS HEDGEROW W/ 4 WHITE PINE (20-25CM DBH), 4 NORWAY SPRUCE (20-25 CM DBH) - ADJACENT	PRESERVE
17	30	SUGAR MAPLE	Acer saccharum	14	5	1	1	ADJACENT	PRESERVE
18	15	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	5	1	3	5 STEMS, ADJACENT LANDS	PRESERVE
19	11 TO 35	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	5	2	4	POORLY FORMED CLUMP 5 STEMS ADJACENT	PRESERVE
20	20	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	8	3	3	5	MAJOR SUNSCALD ADJACENT	PRESERVE
21	20	BLUE SPRUCE	Picea pungens	8	3	2	2	GOOD FORM	PRESERVE

Tree No.	DBH (cm)	Common Name	Botanical Name	Ht. (m)	Canopy (m)	Health	Struct.	Notes	Recommendation
22	25	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	4	2	2	BEHIND FENCE	PRESERVE
23	25	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	3	2	2	BEHIND FENCE	PRESERVE
24	25	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	12	4	2	2	BEHIND FENCE	PRESERVE
25	20	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	3	2	2	BEHIND FENCE	PRESERVE
26	25	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	14	2	6	2	DEAD	PRESERVE
27	25	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	3	4	2	MOSTLY DEAD, STRESSED FROM RECENT POOL INSTALL	PRESERVE
28	18	NORWAY MAPLE	Acer platanoides	13	2	3	1	BEHIND FENCE	PRESERVE
29	20	BLUE SPRUCE	Picea pungens	16	3	3	1	CYTOSPORA CANKER, MILD	PRESERVE
30	20	BLACK WALNUT	Juglans nigra	8	4	1	1	NO PROBLEMS	PRESERVE

Table 3.2 – Tree Inventory Metrics

Metric	Scale	Meaning
	1	0-10% canopy decline
	2	11-30% canopy decline
Health	3	31-50% canopy decline
пеанн	4	51-70% canopy decline
	5	71-90% canopy decline
	6	Moribund or dead
	1	Excellent structure
	2	Good structure
Structure	3	Fair structure
	4	Marginal structure
	5	Poor structure

4.0 Development Proposal

The proponent is proposing the severance of the existing Legal Parcel into three Parcels. There are no details for any proposed new buildings on the lots at this time. No tree removals are required to finalize the severance.

However, six of the inventoried trees are exhibiting features which make them candidates for removal at the owner's discretion.

Trees 1, 2 and 3 are overmature White Willow with a history of large limb failure which impacts the neighbour's property. These trees should be felled but the root balls should be left to regrow so they can continue to provide habitat and soil stabilization.

Tree 10 is a large Sugar Maple that has exposed, decaying, heartwood on the east side of the trunk. Potential trunk failure is a concern.

Tree 11 is a large Siberian Elm exhibiting major internal rot that is weakening the structure of the tree. Potential trunk failure is a concern.

Tree 15 is a small Manitoba Maple growing at the base of the property fence on the north-west side of the property. This tree should be removed to prevent future damage to the fence.

5.0 Tree Protection Measures

5.1 Standard Protection Measures

Currently there is no plan for construction. Tree Protection Fencing is not required at this time.

Tree tags shall be removed from all trees to remain.

5.2 Tree Removals

Trees to be removed which have branches extending into the canopies of trees to remain should be removed by a qualified arborist. The arborist shall remove trees in such a way as to not injure remaining trees.

in order to comply with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, tree removals should not occur within the migratory bird breeding season (April 9-August 16 for Canada Nesting Zone C2) without prior clearance from a qualified biologist.

5.3 Pruning

All pruning (if applicable) shall be completed by a qualified arborist.

Pruning cuts greater than 10cm, except for dead wood, shall be avoided.

5.4 Excavations

No excavations are planned at this time.

6.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the proposed development plan, it is concluded that:

- i. no trees require removal to facilitate the severance; and
- ii. all inventoried trees could be preserved; and

iii. no tree preservation measures are necessary at this time.

It is recommended that:

- iv. six trees should be considered for removal as a preventative/maintenance measure: and
- v. adjacent landowners be contacted prior to damaging any boundary trees.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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