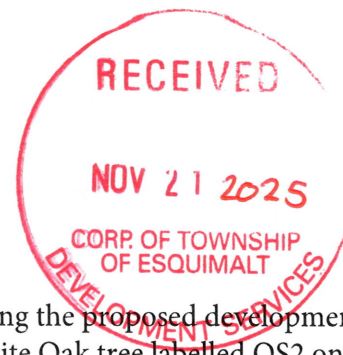


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To whom it may concern.



Scotty tree service has reviewed the Esquimalt parks comments regarding the proposed development at 868 old Esquimalt Rd. In Esquimalt. Specifically concerns regarding an offsite Oak tree labelled OS2 on the scotty Tree Service tree management plan dated March 17 2025 will be addressed in this email. Scotty tree feels the proposed peripheral rooting zone loss 6m from the tree will not have any significant or meaningful impacts to the neighbouring Gary Oak OS2. This Oak has unfettered rooting in 360 degrees and Gary Oak are one of the few trees that have their main root system go down more then spread out. It is expected no roots of significance (if any) will be encountered in 868 Old Esquimalt's yard. The proposed retaining wall has been abandoned in favour of leaving the existing property at grade. In the unlikely event roots of significance are encountered that could have meaningful impacts to tree health, a floated driveway with a permeable surface can be placed to preserve the rooting zone. A protection fence can be erected at the root zone edge during demolition and root armouring can be employed until it is confirmed no roots of significance will be lost from driveway excavations to bearing ground.

Sincerely,

Scott Mitchell

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Scotty Tree Service

Esquimalt Parks comments for reference:

Any changes to the original plans would require a revision to your Arborist report that was submitted March 17th 2025. The tree protection for this tree should be out to the drip line at least and remain in place during the demolition phase. An approved Building permit may change the size of TP and the depth of excavation around this tree and would likely require Arborist supervision, which would be addressed once approved plans and permits are obtained.

- A large, valuable Garry oak
- The tree is in just "fair" health and has sustained several large injuries over the years from pruning and branch failures, reducing the size of the crown and limiting its ability to tolerate construction.
- Excavation for the proposed driveway would be up to 1m or more in depth within the PRZ.
- To be addressed at later stages (DP and BP):
 - o Driveway paving in PRZ should prioritize permeable materials.
 - o During site construction works the protection fencing for OS2 should be installed outside of the dripline. Only for driveway construction should the existing property line fence be used as tree protection fencing."