



In 2023, 2 large Douglas Fir trees, standing within a foreshore access lane adjacent to 117 First Avenue were assessed following a concern of large branch losses. Upon review of an Arborist report, the trees, with a shared root plate, lean heavily toward adjacent powerlines, structures, parked cars, and pedestrians. The report noted that the trees were reacting to the soil that elevated far above the root flare, the tree's roots and lower trunks, encased with a garden bed box. Following the report, staff removed the garden bed box, and based on the Arborist recommendation, that they should be monitored and assessed in a few years.

The Douglas Fir trees were inspected again on September 12, 2025. The observations noted in the Arborist report, are that large portions of bark had detached in a manner consistent with root disease and structural change and the presence of a fungal fruiting body and bark beetle damage.

The Arborist concluded, terminal decline and roots may destabilize in severe storm events. It is highly recommended both trees are removed without hesitation.

The park is disappointed to be losing the 100-year-old trees however, for the safety of the community, the trees will be safely removed from October 6th to the 8th.

Should you have any questions, please contact Todd McKay, Manager of Park Operations at 604-847-2043 or email: todd.mckay@cultuslake.bc.ca