

Section 8

Care and Maintenance of Trees

8.1 Care of a tree

The owner of a site must care for each tree on the site in accordance with the requirements of this By-law and any applicable tree permit.

8.2 Treatment of a tree

A person must not:

- (a) remove bark from, or cause any damage to, a tree;
- (b) alter the existing grade around a tree, except to raise the grade by no more than:
 - (i) five centimeters within a one metre circumference around the trunk, and
 - (ii) a further five centimetres between the one metre circumference and the circumference of the drip line of the tree;
- (c) do anything that would cause a tree to become a hazardous tree;
- (d) do anything that would cause a tree to die;
- (e) top a tree;
- (f) prune a tree to the extent that it is unlikely ever to regain its characteristic appearance;
- (g) climb a retention tree using climbing gaffs, spurs or spikes; or
- (h) prune, cut, or alter a tree so as to create a risk to the health or future health of the tree.

8.3 Root pruning

A person must not prune the roots of a tree unless that person is an arborist.

