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	Anmore Village of	Belcarra Village of	Burnaby City of	Coquitlam City of	Delta Corporation of	Lions Bay Village of
Bylaw or Policy	Tree Cutting Bylaw, 2007, No. 430	Village of Belcarra Tree Cutting Bylaw, 1987, No.110.	Burnaby Tree Cutting Bylaw, 1996, No 10482	City of Coquitlam Tree Cutting Bylaw, 2010 No. 4091	Delta Tree Cutting Bylaw, 2006, No. 6336	Tree Bylaw Zoning Bylaw, 2007, No.393
Tree defined (For which the bylaw applies)	10 cm (3.9 in) or more in diameter measuring 1.4 m (4.5 ft) above ground. Does not include a hedge, an alder or a cottonwood	5 m (16.4 ft) or more in height	Diameter greater than 20.3 cm		Diameter of 20 cm or more, measured at 1.4 m above its base or has a combined diameter of 20 cm or more of its three largest trunks	Diameter of 20 cm or more when measured 1.4 m above ground. Arbutus, Dogwood & Yew is 10 cm at 1.4 m above ground
Significant or protected trees defined			A covenanted tree located within 15 m of a watercourse or ravine	20 cm in diameter, 1.4 m from the base, 5 m if on a steep slope	Heritage trees designated by the Corporation except lands located on a steep sloped portion of land; a tree located within 30 m of the bank of the Fraser River or 15 m from the bank of a fish bearing stream	Trees with particular significance due to size, age, landmark, cultural, environmental or social import, trees planted by the Village on boulevards, and any wildlife habitat
Area covered by the Bylaw	Private property within the Village of Anmore	Designated tree cutting permit area			All lands within the Corporation except lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve, Burns Bog, and Tsawwassen First Nation's lands	All municipal land
Cutting permit required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Development or site or tree plan required (Written plan and/or report to accompany permit application)	Yes	A plan may be required	Yes	A plan may be required	Yes	<u>Yes</u>
Permit fee	\$500	\$10	\$63.50 for first protected tree to be cut and \$32 for subsequent trees	No charge for - 2 protected trees per lot with <40 trees. 5% protected trees per lot with >40 trees. With permit \$50 - \$300	Single tree: no charge for 1 per year; \$50 for subsequent single tree applications; multiple trees are \$50 plus \$25/tree to a maximum of \$2,000	\$20
Security deposit required for permit	A security deposit may be required	A security deposit may be required	The greater of \$800 or 120% of the cost of replacement trees	A security deposit may be required	A security deposit may be required	No
Tree replacement ratio (Number of replacement trees for every one cut)	3:1 when coniferous plant a coniferous > 4 m 3:1 when deciduous - plant > 7 cm		1:1 if a protected tree is cut down in contravention of the bylaw	Replacement may be required	2:1	
Hazardous trees addressed (Or covered in a separate bylaw)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		Yes
Penalty	Up to \$10,000 and not less than \$1,000	Not exceeding \$1,000	Not less than \$2,000		Up to \$10,000 and not less than \$1,000	\$1500 for first offence, \$3,000 for second and subsequent offence



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	Maple Ridge District of	New Westminster City of	North Vancouver District of	Port Coquitlam City of	Port Moody City of
Bylaw or Policy	Maple Ridge Tree Protection Bylaw, 2000, No. 5896	Tree Cutting Bylaw, 1988, No. 5745	Environmental Protection and Preservation Bylaw, 1993, No. 6515	Tree Bylaw, 2005, No. 3474	City of Port Moody Tree Retention Bylaw, 1999, No. 2425
Tree defined (For which the bylaw applies)	Diameter of 10 cm at a height of 150 cm or more		Diameter greater than 0.75 m measured at 1 m above the ground	Diameter of at least 20 cm measured 1.4 m above the natural grade	Diameter greater than 10 cm
Significant or protected trees defined	Trees on parcels adjacent to a watercourse; parcels greater than 1 ha; on steep slopes 1:3 (rise over run) or greater or geotechnical protected area		Trees on slopes > than 30%; wildlife trees; Western Yew trees <i>Taxus brevifolia</i> having a diameter > than 0.25 m, measured .80 m above the natural ground level; stumps which are a min. of 1.5 m in diameter; trees with diameter > than 0.75 m measured 1 m above the ground level. Heritage Trees and significant trees with landmark value, or as wildlife habitat. No Tree Cutting Permit issued except to allow normal maintenance or remove diseased/dangerous tree or part	Wildlife trees; heritage trees; specimen trees; and native tree species of certain minimum diameters - see Schedule C	A tree identified by Council considered significant because it is important for heritage or landmark value or as wildlife habitat
Area covered by the bylaw	Any parcel of land in the urban area that has sufficient lot area to create 2 or more new lots; on any parcel of land in the urban area that is 1 acre or greater in size, within a development permit area	Land within 30 m of the high water mark of the Brunette River, including Brunette River Flood Diversion Works	Trees protected by restricted covenant pursuant to sec. 215 of the <i>Land Title Act</i> R.S.B.C. 1979, c 219); trees within stream corridors or the waterfront		Land with a slope having a grade greater than 3:1 (rise over run); ravine setback areas; streamside protection and enhancement areas
Cutting permit required	May be required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Development or site or tree plan required (Written plan and/or report to accompany permit application)	A plan may be required	Yes	Yes	A plan may be required	Yes
Permit fee	Hazard trees - No charge, More than 3 trees per ha or less - \$196; More than 3 trees per ha or more - \$391		\$75 for 1-3 trees; \$230 for 4+ trees Fee Information	Single family lot: \$50 permit fee and \$20 per tree; multifamily lot: \$75 permit fee and \$25 per tree	\$500 - see City of Port Moody Fees Bylaw, 2010, No. 2857
Security deposit required for permit	If replacement trees are required a security deposit of \$400 per replacement tree is required		An amount equal to 30% of the estimated cost of the work to be performed under the permit, to a maximum of \$10,000	100% of the value of all replacement trees and site restoration measures	\$300 per replacement tree
Tree replacement ratio (Number of replacement trees for every one cut)	2:1 where the tree is in contravention of the bylaw		1:1 as a remediation measure for the unlawful cutting or removal of a tree	1:1	2:1 where replacement trees are required
Hazardous trees addressed (Or covered in a separate bylaw)	Report by a certified arborist required		A tree determined to be dangerous by a certified arborist	Any tree determined by a certified arborist which presents a safety hazard	Yes
Penalty	Not more than \$10,000 per tree		Up to \$20,000 and not less than \$100	Yes	Not more than \$10,000



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	Richmond City of	Sechelt District of	Sunshine Coast Regional District	Vancouver City of	West Vancouver District of	Whistler Resort Municipality of
Bylaw	Tree Protection Bylaw, 2006, No. 8057	District of Sechelt Environmental Management and Protection Bylaw, 2009, No. 484	Sunshine Coast Regional District Tree Cutting Permit Bylaw, 1991, No. 350	Protection of Trees Bylaw, 2010, No. 9958	Tree Policy, 2004	Resort Municipality of Whistler Rural Area Tree Protection Bylaw, 1994, No. 1038
Tree defined (For which the bylaw applies)	Has reached or could reach a height of at least 4.5 m and has a diameter of 20 cm measured at 1.4 m above the natural grade	Diameter of 60 cm or more. Trees designated to be retained must be on a plan attached to a development, variance, building or subdivision permit	3 m or more in height, including any tree reduced to less than 3 m as a result of topping	Diameter of 20 cm or more, measured at 1.4 m above its base or has a combined diameter of 20 cm or more of its three largest trunks		2 m or more in height
Significant or protected trees defined	Trees found within the designated environmentally sensitive area - see Schedule D for map					
Area covered by the bylaw	Designated tree retention area - see Schedule B for map	Properties that are 1 ha or greater, trees within 30 m of the natural bounty of Chapman Creek or Gray Creek, within 15 m of any other watercourse and the natural boundary of the ocean	Areas that are subject to flooding, erosion, avalanche or land slip and are designated as Tree Cutting Permit Area A and Tree Cutting Permit Area B		Only applicable to environmentally sensitive areas, such as creek corridors and foreshores, and trees within covenant areas and the Caulfield Land use contract area	Entire Resort Municipality other than those areas shown cross-hatched on Schedule A of Bylaw No. 1038
Cutting permit required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Development or site or tree plan required (written plan and/or report to accompany permit application)	Yes	A plan may be required	A plan may be required Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Permit fee	No charge for cutting 1 tree per parcel during a 12 month period; \$50 application fee for more than 1 tree	\$50 per tree for the first 3 trees, \$10 for each additional tree	No charge for cutting 1 to 3 trees per parcel per year, or where the parcel is larger than 1 ha, no charge for cutting 1 to 3 trees per ha per year within Tree Cutting Permit Area B; \$100 processing fee per permit	\$61 for the first tree and \$173 for each subsequent tree	\$76.50 permit fee	\$300 permit fee
Security deposit required for permit		\$200 per replacement tree	Schedule B indicates a security deposit is required, amount to be determined		A security deposit (amount to be determined) will be used to ensure satisfactory clean up of debris resulting from approved tree work	
Tree replacement ratio (number of replacement trees for everyone cut)	1:1 on single family parcels; may be more than 1:1 on other parcels	1:1 when permit is required		1:1 see schedule D		
Hazardous trees addressed (Or covered in a separate bylaw)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Penalty	Not more than \$10,000	Not less than \$10,000	Cost of restoring all vegetation	Not more than \$10,000 and not less than \$500		Not more than \$10,000