



Tree Protections Update

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Today's Presentation

- Introduction
- Progress made on Urban Forest Management Plan update
- Progress made on tree protection updates - Resolution 31902
- Next steps



UFMP Update – Public Input

- Draft published for Public input from October-November 2020
- Received 178 public comments (over 80 pages)
- Team of City staff discussed input and produced a summary with initial recommendations for how to incorporate public input
- Majority of input was related to tree regulations update (team shared with SDCI and OSE)



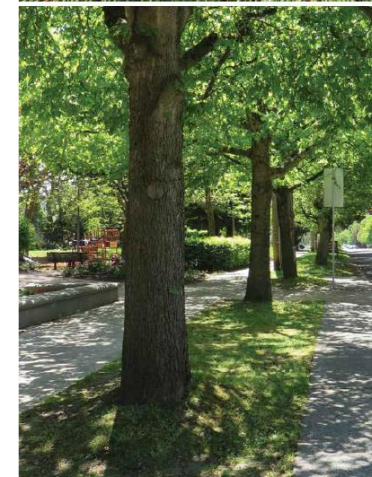
UFMP Update

Completed:

- Engagement Phase I
 - Inclusive engagement
 - Listening sessions
 - Initial assessment
- First plan draft
- Community report-backs
- Departmental review
- Public input

Next Steps:

- Incorporate public input
- SEPA checklist and decision
- Finalize plan
- Bring to Council in Spring 2021



Tree Protection - Progress

1. Improved Enforcement

- Result – most recent \$99,000 penalty
- Increased fines – ranging \$10,000 and upwards

2. Lidar Project Award

- Obtained funding from US Dept of Interior
- Canopy Cover Assessment

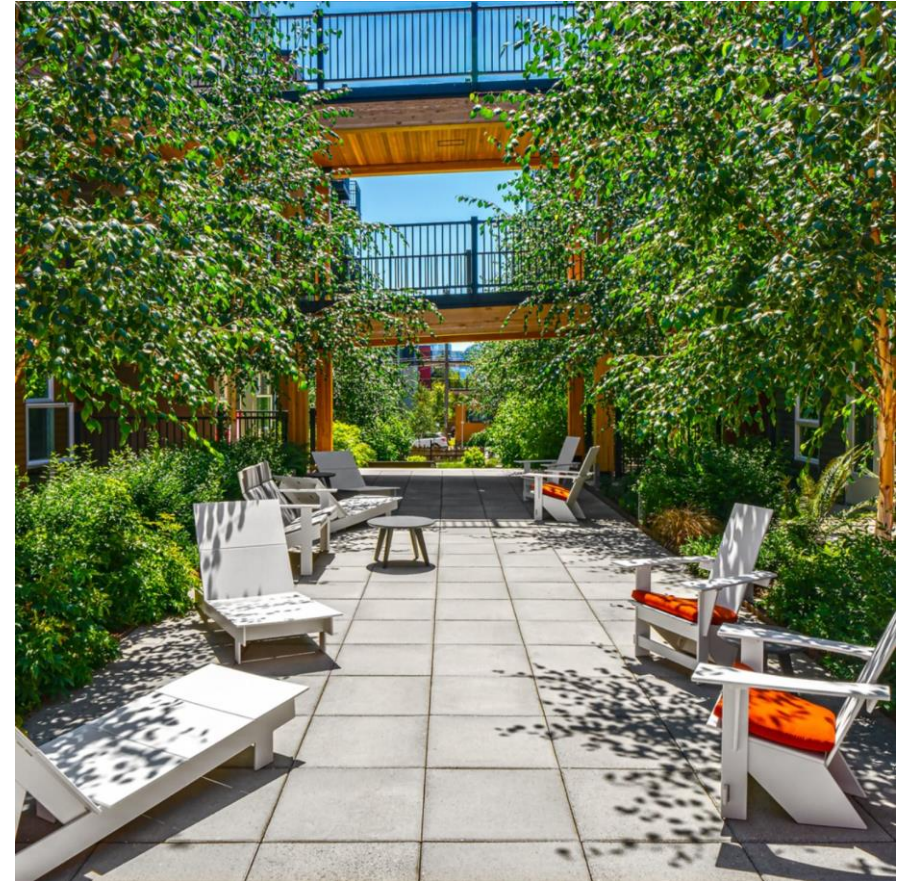
3. Collaboration with UFC

- Five deliberative sessions
- UFC briefing February 10
- Status of Draft Director's Rule



Tree Protection – Progress...cont'd

4. Updated Education and Information
5. Preparing for Public Outreach
 - Community engagement plan
 - Consultant to implement survey and focus groups to include renters, builders, and others
 - Culturally appropriate methods and in multiple languages
 - Engagement with BIPOC Communities



Next Steps

1. March-June:
 - Public outreach, including BIPOC engagement
 - Continue Racial Equity analysis
2. June/July: Prepare recommendations on strategies per Resolution 31902
3. Q3/Q4: Share public draft of legislation and issue SEPA decision



Questions?

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