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Wellington St N-Patrick St-Johnston St Reconstruction - Tree Management / Protection
Project Managed & Funded By: Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division
City of Kitchener Project Manager: Licinio Costa (519-783-8314)

Dear Resident:

This letter provides information about how we will protect and manage city trees during reconstruction work of Wellington St N, Patrick St, and Johnston St. Existing city trees were assessed during the design phase of this project to identify trees to be preserved and trees to be removed because of their health, risk, or potential long-term contribution to the urban forest. Tree planting locations are also identified and planting will occur after the project warranty period.

These projects provide an opportunity to make decisions based on a long-term view with the goal of developing a sustainable urban forest.

Measures used to protect trees during construction include protective fencing, special construction practices (e.g. tunneling under trees) and minimizing the area of disturbance around trees.

A map and list of trees to be removed and new tree plantings are provided with this letter. The contractor will remove the trees marked for removal shortly after project commencement. Routine and special tree maintenance work may also be performed. This work includes removal of branches that are lower than 14' (4.3 m) over the road, and 8' (2.4 m) over the sidewalk. Low branches on private trees that overhang the sidewalk and roadway may also be pruned.

With each new tree that is planted, the City will also provide a watering bag that will be regularly filled by City staff during the growing season (May to October) for the first two years. Regular watering of newly planted trees is the most important step in establishing healthy trees. Adjacent residents are encouraged to give supplemental water during drought periods, and to water the area around mulch pile to promote root growth into the boulevard during the tree's establishment stage.

If you have any concerns regarding this plan, please contact me directly. For all other **construction related inquiries** regarding this project, please contact Licinio Costa.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Enclosure: Tree Management / Protection Plan: Wellington-Patrick-Johnston Road Reconstruction 2026

Cc: Councillor Stephanie Stretch, Licinio Costa, Brent Garcia, Steve Allen, Josh Shea, Gary Henning

Trees to be Removed

CIVIC#	STREET	LOCATION	SPECIES	DIAMETER (cm)	ACTION
14	Johnston St	Other Unmaintained location	Siberian Elm	28	Removal
18	Johnston St	Boulevard	Silver Maple	58	Removal
18	Johnston St	Boulevard	Silver Maple	56	Removal
34	Johnston St	Lawn	Juniper	31	Removal
46	Johnston St	Boulevard	Norway Maple	36	Removal
54	Johnston St	Boulevard	Manitoba Maple	39	Removal
492	Wellington St N	Lawn	Norway Spruce	56	Removal
492	Wellington St N	Other Unmaintained location	Siberian Elm	27	Removal
528	Wellington St N	Other Maintained location	Norway Maple	42	Removal
528	Wellington St N	Other Maintained location	Northern Red Oak	39	Removal
528	Wellington St N	Other Maintained location	American Basswood	61	Removal
528	Wellington St N	Other Maintained location	Bur Oak	76	Removal
528	Wellington St N	Other Maintained location	Black Walnut	75	Removal
601	Wellington St N	Other Unmaintained location	Siberian Elm	30	Removal
601	Wellington St N	Other Unmaintained location	Siberian Elm	26	Removal
n/a	Wellington St N	Other Unmaintained location	Norway Maple	43	Removal
n/a	Wellington St N	Other Unmaintained location	Siberian Elm	27	Removal
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Trees to be Planted

CIVIC#	STREET	SPECIES	OWNERSHIP	LOCATION
14	Johnston St	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn	City	Boulevard
18	Johnston St	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn	City	Boulevard
22	Johnston St	Eastern Redbud	City	Boulevard
26	Johnston St	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn	City	Boulevard
42	Johnston St	Eastern Redbud	City	Boulevard
46	Johnston St	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn	City	Boulevard
50	Johnston St	Eastern Redbud	City	Boulevard
54	Johnston St	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn	City	Boulevard
58	Johnston St	Eastern Redbud	City	Boulevard

Tree Management / Protection Plan

Johnston Street / Patrick Street / Wellington Street North

Road Reconstruction 2026



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Plan for Existing Trees

- Protect
- Remove

New Plantings (*species may change due to nursery availability)

- Crimson Cloud Hawthorn
- Eastern Redbud



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