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Town of Gibsons' Council Comments on Planned Tree Cutting at Gibsons Elementary

March 9, 2022 –The Town of Gibsons today released a statement from Council regarding the planned removal of approximately 34 high-risk trees at Gibsons Elementary School.

“While we are disappointed with the need to remove a significant number of mature, hazardous trees at Gibsons Elementary School, we appreciate that School District 46 (SD) has followed a transparent process.

The SD has worked with an ISA Certified Arborist who also holds an ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification to develop a plan and permit application. As well, the SD has engaged with the students, neighbours and school community to inform them of the results of the assessment and the need to prioritize the safety of students and people who frequent the area.

Council is satisfied that the requirements for issuing a permit have been met and we will work with the SD to continue to inform the community about the importance of maintaining trees, while supporting the need to continue assessing at-risk trees that pose a risk to safety. We also look forward to helping with the planting of the new trees that will re-establish this forested area.”

Mayor & Council

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For more information:

sd46.bc.ca/gibsons-elementary-tree-removal-and-reforestation-project/

