

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### Tree removal planned in Electoral Area “I”

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The eight Lombardy Poplar trees at the south end of the Pioneer park, have been an established landscape feature of Kaleden’s beachfront park for many decades. These trees have provided shade for park users while adding a vertical landscape feature to the park. Increasing indications of decline have been identified over the past few years. This includes treetop dieback and broken limbs. During this time, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has monitored the condition of the trees and worked to mitigate potential risks to the public, through pruning.

Working with certified arborists, the Regional District has concluded that mitigation techniques will not be feasible for much longer. As a result, the Regional District will begin a phased tree removal and replacement program for the Lombardy Poplar trees in Kaleden.

In 2020, three Lombardy Poplar trees will be removed with pruning to take place on the remaining five trees in the coming week. Through an annual tree replacement program initiated by Kaleden Parks and Recreation, new trees will be planted in the spring of 2021.

Continued monitoring and management of the remaining Lombardy Poplar trees will continue over the coming years, to maintain these shade trees as long as possible. It is anticipated the remaining trees will need to be removed in the next two-to-four years, with continued planting enhancement in Kaleden Parks occurring throughout that time.

For further information, or if you would like to make a donation toward the cost of replacement trees, please contact RDOS Parks and Recreation Services at [cs@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:cs@rdos.bc.ca)

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Lombardy Poplar Trees at Pioneer Park in Kaleden