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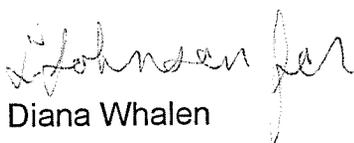
MEMORANDUM

TO: Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
FROM: Councillor Diana Whalen, District 16
DATE: September 12, 2002

SUBJECT: Planting and Maintaining Street Trees

I would like a staff report on the adequacy of the current budget for planting and maintaining street trees. We lose up to 40% of the street trees planted in new subdivisions. At a cost of \$450 per tree, this is significant waste and we need to consider strategies to minimize the losses.

Some of the loss is due to construction activity in the area that damages the trees. The budget for street trees was severely cut in recent years and it needs to be considered prior to next years budget in order that Council can understand the policy we have in place, the loss of trees and the need to increase the budget in order to replace trees that are vandalized, diseased or those new trees that are damaged by construction.


Diana Whalen