

## For Immediate Release

### Tree Removal on Elliott Street

Hamilton – 30 October 2018

The City of Hamilton advises the public that it will remove three Mahogany trees on Elliott Street due to root systems that have adversely affected City sidewalks, roadways, as well as private properties.

Parks Superintendent, Steven DeSilva, said of the removal, “The City has a Street Tree Policy in place that outlines our commitment to Street Tree Management. The three mahogany trees in question have caused significant cracks and upheaval to the sidewalks and have also led to horizontal cracks in adjoining boundary walls on private property.

“Following the guidelines within the policy we have in place, there is clear and definitive reasoning that supports the removal of the three specimens. Any root pruning would have to be drastic and would ultimately lead to tree failure and could pose a greater toppling hazard in high winds.”

The trees will be replaced with young trees as soon as practicable and the City will use its standard tree grate/tree guard apparatus in combination with the root guard system it has adopted throughout the City, thus eliminating any future surface damage to surrounding property. The Mahogany trees will be milled and their wood repurposed.

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