Mr. Mayor and Members of Council, the following highlights works related to the construction of North Waterdown Drive from Centre Rd to Parkside Drive and Parkside widening from Roundabout at North Waterdown Drive to Avonsyde Boulevard as outlined in Appendix “A” to Information Update ENG20.001.

In accordance with requirements of By-Law 15-125 To Regulate Trees on or Affecting Public Property and the Public Tree Preservation and Sustainability Policy, Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) has submitted plans to the Forestry and Horticulture Section regarding tree removals proposed at Parkside Drive. Currently Dillon is working on Tree preservation and planting strategy suitable for the site.

This Information Update is provided to inform Council of the requirement for removal of Public trees – outside of nesting season – in association with proposed widening on Parkside Drive and for utility relocations. The widening of the Parkside Drive extends about 1.3 km at a final width of 26m R.O.W. There will be removal of trees within R.O.W amounting to approximately 150 trees within the limits.

Tree removals are required on site for reasons explained below to ensure that trees that are being removed represent only those required for the widening of Parkside and that the remainder of the trees are protected on site.

- Reasons for Tree Removal
  Parkside Drive roadway property allowance is being widened from 23m to 26m, the new typical section comprises of two lanes in each direction, a sidewalk on northside and a
multiuse trail on the southside, proposed roadway platform is consuming (requiring) the proposed roadway allowance (26m).

Those trees proposed for removal within the site are in proposed roadway property allowance.

Utility relocations necessitate the removal of trees to allow for the relocation of facilities.

- Replanting Strategy
  The proposed replanting strategy of the one hundred fifty (150) trees will include a wide variety of tree species, predominately native species to enhance the site and compensate for trees required to be removed for the widening of Parkside Drive. Landscaping plans are being prepared and will be reviewed by City’s Forestry section to ensure compliance with the City’s Strategic plan and Sustainability Policy.

For further information, please contact Susan Jacob, Manager of Design, at extension 2621.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report ENG20.001: Location Map
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