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DAMAGED TREE SETTLEMENT

The District of Oak Bay announced today that the matter of a damaged horse chestnut tree on a District-owned boulevard on Beach Drive has been favourably resolved. The party responsible has agreed to pay the District \$48,350 for the removal and replacement of the damaged tree. This amount represents the appraised value of the tree based on the largest transplantable tree available and additionally considers the resulting impact to the urban forest due to the larger size of the damaged tree. Council will determine how any remaining funds of the settlement can be most effectively used to advance the District's Urban Forest Strategy. The District will not be disclosing the responsible party's identity.

"This was a very disturbing incident and we took the appropriate action to resolve the matter," said Oak Bay Mayor, Nils Jensen. "The amount collected should send a strong message to everyone that we are serious about protecting and enhancing our urban forest in Oak Bay and that there are serious consequences for this type of behaviour."

Mayor Jensen added, "Council is very aware that Oak Bay residents place a very high priority on trees and the environment. The urban forest is a defining feature of our community and Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the forest for current and future generations."

A replacement tree for Beach Drive will be selected based on available stock, growth potential and associated benefit to the urban tree canopy.

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