

To: Mayor Grant Creasey  
cc Council  
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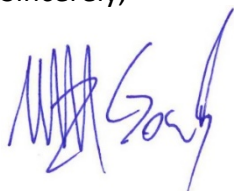
## RE: Council Query – Black Knot in City Trees on 46 Ave.

Thank you for your report on the presence of Black Knot in City trees located along the frontage of a property in the 4000 block of 46 Avenue. City Parks crews have now had a chance to attend the area by way of initial action and found that the black knot infection, easily visible from the street, is affecting trees belonging to private property.

It is difficult to discern the trees are private property since they are on the boulevard side of the property's front fence. However, in this location, the owner's fence is set back from the front property line by several feet. While City Parks crews are unable to prune trees located on private property, the City's draft Community Standards Bylaw 468 will require that property owners and occupants "destroy, control and prevent the spread or scattering of...fungus that may be destructive or injurious to gardens, lawns, trees or shrubs."

Staff expect the draft bylaw may be passed this summer, and therefore have filed a report about this property with Bylaw Enforcement for their action as soon as possible. I hope this satisfies your query, but please let me know if you would like to discuss this matter further or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Matthew Goudy, P.Eng  
Chief Administrative Officer