

3. TREES IN THE VICINITY OF THE SUMNER LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE BUILDINGS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to remove one of the Cypress trees which are growing in the vicinity of the Sumner Lifeboat Institute buildings.

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from Mr Murray Johnson, President of the Sumner Lifeboat Institute to have two trees removed in the vicinity of the Institute's headquarters.

Both trees are Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and while one is close to the building, the second tree is approximately 40 metres to the east of the building. The Institute is concerned that one of the trees could fall, damaging the building, while with the second tree, the problem of cormorants roosting in the trees and defecating on the building is causing unsightly damage.

ARBORICULTURAL ASSESSMENT

An arborist's assessment has been requested and this is attached together with a plan showing the location of the trees and a photograph taken from Scarborough Road of the two trees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The work recommended in the arborist's report would be funded from the operational maintenance code for trees.

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Recommendation: That the Committee recommend to the Board:

1. That the smaller cypress, situated close to the Sumner Lifeboat Institute building be removed and that the tree be replaced by an appropriate selection of plants better suited to the site.
2. That the larger tree be retained but pruning be undertaken to remove all dead wood and that the tree be reassessed within one year to monitor the health of the canopy and the site conditions.
3. That the Sumner Lifeboat Institute and immediate neighbours be advised of the proposed work.