



**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**APPLICATION FOR TREE/VEGETATION REMOVAL**

*Use this form for permission to remove or alter trees or other vegetation on a slope equal to or exceeding 35%.*

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STRATA LOT (SL) NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT / REGISTERED OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIC ADDRESS OF SL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION**

- Trees or other vegetation flagged on property

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- Conform to Design Review Committee guidelines
- Conform to Bylaw 45 Commencement of Work
- Stumps not to be removed on slopes

**Applicant's Signature(s)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Design Review Committee Signatures**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_



## **DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR TREE/VEGETATION REMOVAL**

These guidelines are intended to clarify the meaning and intent of LQRV Bylaw 48, "Vegetation":

48. *No vegetation shall be removed from any part of a private yard area that has a grade steeper than 35% without first having received written approval of the DRC. The DRC may require the work be approved by a qualified geotechnical engineer and may require that the work be carried out under the supervision of that engineer.*

The intention of this bylaw and these guidelines is to mitigate any risk of an earthslide as a result of loss of soil stability caused by removal of existing vegetation. These guidelines will apply to any private yard area that falls under the definition of a 35% slope as described below.

The grade is considered to be more than 35% if there is a drop in elevation of more than 3.5m within a horizontal distance of 10m or less. This is approximately 10' of drop within 30' of horizontal distance.

If a live tree (or trees) is (are) to be removed from such an area, the DRC may, at its discretion, require that the site be reviewed by a Geotechnical Engineer at the owner's expense. If such a review is requested, the results of the Geotechnical Engineer's report will dictate whether removal of the tree(s) will be approved.

In no event is a stump (of either a live or dead tree) to be removed without the express written approval of a Geotechnical Engineer. The stump provides considerable soil stability to a slope.

If there is a dead tree on such a slope, it should be felled and the stump left in place. If such a dead tree were to fall, it would typically rip out its stump which could cause considerable harm to the slope stability. The DRC should be advised that such a tree exists and that it will be removed, prior to its being felled.

Smaller vegetation, such as shrubs etc. can be pruned but only in such a way that there is no chance the plant(s) will die from such pruning. Again, the soil stability is greatly enhanced by plant roots, so we want to discourage loss of such vegetation. Mowing of a lawn would come under this guideline.

Should vegetation on a slope as defined above be removed without DRC approval, or in a manner significantly different from what was approved, the owner will be required to hire a Geotechnical Engineer to forensically assess the stability of the slope at the owner's expense. Any necessary remediation indicated by the Engineer's report would also need to be done at the owner's expense.