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### **DOWNTOWN TREE PRUNING SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF FEBRUARY**

As part of annual street tree maintenance program, the City will prune London plane trees along Shoppers Row and Pier Street sidewalks Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28 from 8 am to dusk.

During this work, tree trimming equipment will temporarily take up some parking spaces, and sidewalk areas could be briefly closed when branches are being cut.

The London plane trees are due to be pollarded this year. Pollarding cuts back all branches to help control the size of the tree and limit the reach of the canopy. This promotes dense foliage and sturdier branches to withstand high winds.

This was last done in 2018, and the London plane trees will be back out in full leaf by early summer.

All other downtown street trees will be pruned using regular methods.

*“Downtown street trees are part of the urban forest, and the benefits of this significant community investment include carbon emissions capture, shade, cooler temperatures and the attractive streetscape,”* says city manager Deborah Sargent.

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### **COVID-19**

Please note: We have new procedures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities. For the most recent information on City services, please see our website ([campbellriver.ca](http://campbellriver.ca)). Reach us with general inquiries by email ([info@campbellriver.ca](mailto:info@campbellriver.ca)) or telephone **250-286-5700**.