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Thirty Trees Destroyed in Cedar Ridge Estates

Over the weekend, extensive vandalism occurred to thirty trees located along a linear path in the Cedar Ridge Estates. The RCMP, the City's bylaw compliance and parks staff were on site this morning to assess the damage, estimated to be at minimum, \$30,000.

The vandalism was intended to permanently destroy the trees and would have taken considerable sustained effort by individuals to inflict this amount of damage. Ten trees were girdled or destroyed at the base of the tree and another twenty trees were significantly topped.

The trees were planted with the first phase development of Cedar Ridge and were healthy fir and pine trees, about 25 to 30 feet in height. All thirty trees will now be removed.

This targeted and senseless damage is unacceptable to the City. Please call the RCMP at 250 248-6111 to report any knowledge of the destruction of these trees.

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