

Request for Expressions of Interest

Call to Artists

Island Savings Centre Maple Wood Project

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Introduction

The Island Savings Centre Division of the Cowichan Valley Regional District invites artists and crafts persons to enter a juried competition for the commissioning of art and/or furnishing for public display inside or outside the Island Savings Centre located at 2687 James Street, Duncan BC.

Background

In August of 2016 a maple tree was removed from the property at Island Savings Centre. The tree was considered to be the last remaining tree from the time that the property was operated as a family farm by James Evans and estimated to be over 100 years old. By the end of its life, the tree had been on fire at least once, reportedly as a result of lightning strikes, and subsequently displayed a hollow core for many years. Some wood was salvaged in the removal process with the intention of commissioning art or furnishing for the facility. Photos and dimensions of the salvaged pieces are attached for the artist's consideration (Attachments A through D).

Eligibility

The call is open to artists or crafts persons within the Cowichan Valley Regional District on Vancouver Island.

Budget

The budget for the completed work(s) is up to \$5,000 inclusive of all costs of design, supplies other than the maple wood which will be supplied by the CVRD, insurance during fabrication and transportation, engineering if required, fabrication, delivery, administration, travel, contingency and all applicable taxes and fees. Installation will, in most cases, be the responsibility of Island Savings Centre in consultation with the selected artist(s).

Site

Island Savings Centre is a large and busy recreation, sport and culture facility in the core of the Cowichan Valley, ideally situated between downtown Duncan and the Trans-Canada Highway. The facility is immediately recognizable at its eastern entrance which proudly displays the world's largest hockey stick – a legacy of Expo '86. The main entrance, on the west side of the complex, welcomes a broad range of community members.

The centre, built in 1978, includes the Cowichan arena - home to the Cowichan Valley Capitals of the BCJHL, a large multi-purpose hall/gymnasium, activity and meeting rooms, a gymnastics facility, dance studios, the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre, the Cowichan branch of the Vancouver Island Public Library and Portals – an art space operated by the Cowichan Valley Arts Council. The Island Savings Centre has a strong connection to Cowichan Secondary School across the street. Students have considered the centre a part of their school since construction and continue to visit daily for both school and community programs. The Centre currently displays art created by students throughout the building's history and is proud to host the school's graduation ceremony and banquet each year.



The artist is invited to consider exterior and interior sites at Island Savings Centre and to propose a specific location. Work(s) proposed for the exterior must fit within the existing landscape and footprint of the facility and its property. The parking lot on the west side of the building includes raingardens (bio swales), which perform valuable runoff and storm water filtering and management functions that may not be interfered with through the installation of the work(s).

Type of Artwork

The call is open to artists from a broad range of media. This includes, but is not limited to, two or three dimensional images, relief and sculptural forms, functional or interactive works or furnishings, light and sound installations. Consideration should be given to the reliability and longevity of the media and its suitability for its intended setting.

The work *must* include some of the available maple wood and may include additional materials to be supplied by the artist.

Site Visit and Viewing of Materials Available

Artists and crafts persons are welcome to visit the Centre any time during opening hours to view the interior and exterior public spaces.

Two opportunities to view the wood are scheduled. Those interested in submitting proposals are strongly encouraged to attend one of the viewings. Registered attendees will be informed of the meeting place.

Dates: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 2 p.m.
Saturday, February 4, 2017 10 a.m.

Pre-register to attend: email taskham@cvrd.bc.ca

Selection Process

This competition will be juried by a selection panel of community members representing Island Savings Centre stakeholders with artistic and non-artistic backgrounds.

Throughout the selection process, the following criteria will be applied:

- Artistic merit
- Quality and creativity of the proposed work
- Quality control measures used to prevent injury and reduce the risk for theft or vandalism
- Feasibility in terms of budget, timeline, safety, maintenance and site
- Durability, maintenance and safety requirements
- Evidence of an ability to complete the project as proposed
- Compliance with the guidelines as outlined in this Call for Expressions of Interest



Terms and Conditions

1. The Island Savings Centre and Cowichan Valley Regional District reserve the right to reject any or all submissions or cancel this Call for Expressions of Interest at any time.
2. The successful artist will enter into a contract with the CVRD for the project upon confirmation of the award.

By submitting a proposal, each proponent will be deemed to:

1. Agree that the Island Savings Centre and the CVRD will not be responsible for any costs, losses, damages or liabilities incurred by him or her as a result of, or arising out of, this Call to Artists and Crafts persons; and
2. Declare that all artwork proposed is original and will be made by the artist/craftsperson(s) submitting the proposal; and
3. Agree that upon final payment and delivery, the artwork will become the property of the Island Savings Centre Division of the CVRD; and
4. Agree that any of the maple wood received by the artist/craftsperson(s) from the CVRD and not used in the manufacture of the artwork(s) will be returned to the Island Savings Centre/CVRD. The artist agrees not to keep any unused wood for personal or professional use, gift or sale.
5. Agree to take delivery of the selected wood within 4 weeks of finalizing the contract.

Submission Requirements

- Current contact information, including residential or studio/business address, email and telephone number.
- A professional resume. Artist teams should include a one page resume for each member of the team. (PDF format);
- Visual documentation of previous work (up to 10 images on USB drive or JPEG files) including information indicating title, dimensions, media and date of completion;
- A written proposal detailing a specific concept and description of the work(s) being proposed including materials;
- Proposed site details including installation requirements, placement of the artwork at the site and regular maintenance requirements;
- Digital rendering of proposed artwork to scale.

Closing date for submissions: Friday, March 17, 2017, at 12:00pm (Noon)

Expressions of Interest should be submitted electronically to taskham@cprd.bc.ca or in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**Expressions of Interest CS-ISC-001-17 Maple Wood Project**”, addressed to T. Askham, Manager, Island Savings Centre Division, Cowichan Valley Regional District, 2687 James Street, Duncan, BC V9L 2X5.



Project Timeline

Announcement of Call:	January 17, 2017
Deadline for Submissions:	March 17, 2017
Notification to Artists:	May 12, 2017
Announcement of Winner:	May 29, 2017

Following the deadline for submissions any modifications to the project timeline will be communicated to proponents.

Questions

- Enquiries regarding the competition should be directed to:

Terri Askham, Manager, Island Savings Centre Division
Cowichan Valley Regional District
Phone: 250.746.3400
taskham@cvrld.bc.ca

- Questions & Answers related to the competition will be posted on the project page at the Island Savings Centre website:

www.cvrld.bc.ca/2401/Island-Savings-Centre

It is the proponent's responsibility to check the competition link periodically to inform themselves of common questions and answers.

Thank you for your interest. All submissions in response to this Call for Artists/Crafts persons become the property of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and will not be returned and are subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Artists are solely responsible for their own costs and expenses arising from or in any way connected to preparing a submission and/or subsequent discussions with the Island Savings Centre/CVRD in relation to this competition.

Attachment A – A-1, A-2
Attachment B - B-1, B-2, B-3
Attachment C - C-1, C-2
Attachment D



PART A

Attachment A-1

7' LONG

9' LONG

6'2" ACROSS

6" HOLLOW WOOD

AVERAGE



PART A

Attachment A-2



9' LONG.

TRUNK.

6'2" ACROSS



PART B.

Attachment B-1



6'2" ACROSS

TRUNK.

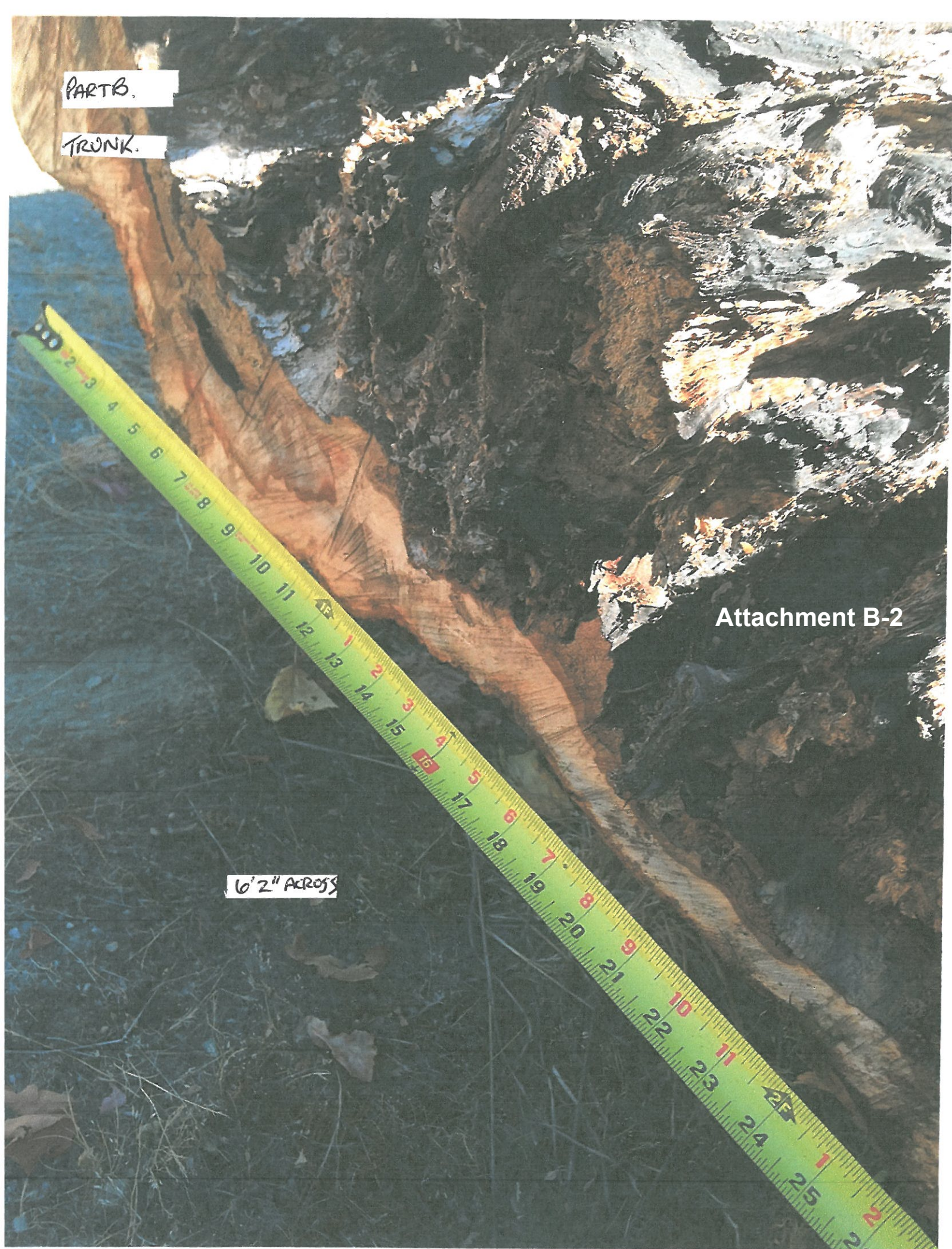
7' LONG.

PART B.

TRUNK.

Attachment B-2

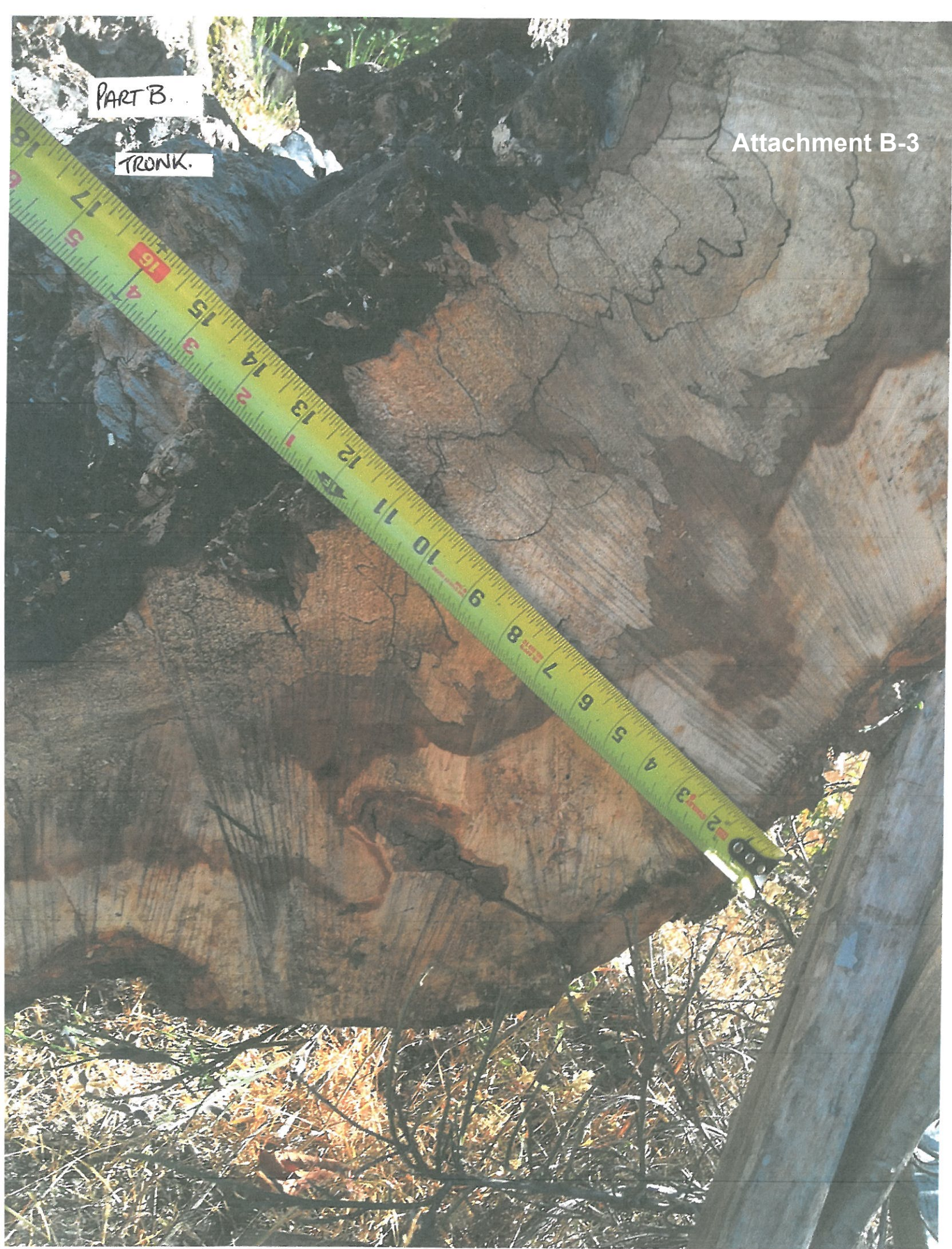
16' 2" ACROSS



PART B.

TRUNK.

Attachment B-3



PART C

Attachment C-1

10" Across

7'3" LONG

14" Across



PART C

14" DIAMETER

SOLID.

Attachment C-2

7'8" LONG

10" DIAMETER



PART D

PART E

Attachment D

8 1/2" ACROSS

PART D.

58" LONG

8" ACROSS

11" ACROSS

45" LONG

9" ACROSS

PART E

