

Tree Removal - 460 Balliol Street (North Toronto)

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Toronto Community Council recommends that:

- (1) City Council issue a permit for tree removal at 460 Balliol Street, on condition that a replacement tree be planted on the front lawn of 460 Balliol Street, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and**
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Toronto Community Council on opportunities for tree planting in the area.**

The Toronto Community Council submits the following Clause 66 of Toronto Community Council Report No. 12, headed “Tree Removal – 460 Balliol Street (North Toronto)”:

(City Council on September 28 and 29, 1999, referred this Clause, back to the Toronto Community Council for further consideration.)

The Toronto Community Council recommends that City Council refuse to issue a permit for tree removal at 460 Balliol Street.

The following motions were lost on the following division of votes:

By Councillor Walker:

“That City Council issue a permit for tree removal at 460 Balliol Street.”

By Councillor Johnston:

“That the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Toronto Community Council on opportunities for tree planting in the area.”

Yeas: Councillors Adams, Johnston and Walker - 3

Nays: Councillors McConnell, Bossons, Bussin, Chow, Jakobek, Pantalone and Rae - 7

The Toronto Community Council submits the following report (August 24, 1999) from the Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Purpose:

An application for a permit to remove one tree on private property has been filed by the property owner, Ms. Shirley Budavari, 460 Balliol Street, Toronto, M4S 1E2. The applicant would like to replace the tree with fruit trees and a vegetable garden.

Financial Implication:

N/A

Recommendations:

Either 1, or 2 below

1. refuse to issue a permit for tree removal; or
2. issue a permit for tree removal.

Comments:

The tree in question is a thirty centimetre diameter balsam fir in good condition. The tree is located near the north end of the property adjacent to a garage accessed from a public laneway. There are only a few significant trees near this portion of the laneway, and the fir tree provides aesthetic benefits to the community throughout the year. In the opinion of staff, the fir tree is an asset that should be incorporated into any new landscape plans.

A notice of application sign was posted on the property for the required 14 day posting period, in order to notify the neighbourhood and provide an opportunity for objection to the application. No written objections were received in response to the application to remove the tree in question.

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The Toronto Community Council reports, for the information of Council, having also had before it during consideration of the foregoing matter, the following communications, and a copy thereof is on file in the office of the City Clerk:

- (September 9, 1999) from Ms. Jean Sanguin; and
- (September 10, 1999) from Mr. Phillip and Ms. Irma Ganon.

Ms. Shirley Budavari, Toronto, Ontario, appeared before the Toronto Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

