

Clause embodied in Report No. 5 of the Downtown Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on June 26, 27 and 28, 2001.

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**Tree Removal and Injury -  
887 - 907 Woodbine Avenue  
(Beaches-East York, Ward 32)**

*(City Council on June 26, 27 and 28, 2001, amended this Clause by deleting from Recommendation (c) of the Downtown Community Council, the date "April 12, 2001", and inserting in lieu thereof the date "June 1, 2001", so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:*

*"(c) the applicant agreeing to implement the planting plan, Drawing No. L1, prepared by Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, date stamped as received by Urban Development Services on June 1, 2001.")*

**The Downtown Community Council recommends that the request for a permit for tree removal and injury at 887-907 Woodbine Avenue be approved subject to:**

- (a) the trees in question not being removed and injured until permitted construction and/or demolition related activities in accordance with plans approved under Site Plan Approval Application No. 301028 commence which warrant the destruction and injury of the trees.**
- (b) the applicant agreeing to implement the tree inventory and preservation plan, prepared by Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, date stamped as received by Urban Development Services on April 12, 2001.**
- (c) the applicant agreeing to implement the planting plan, drawing no. L1, prepared by Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, date stamped as received by Urban Development Services on April 12, 2001.**

**The Downtown Community Council submits the following report (May 17, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:**

Purpose:

A request has been filed in connection with Site Plan Approval Application No. 301028, by Mr. Eugene Storzinski, 7 Oaks Tree Care, 77 Bond Cr., Richmond Hill, L4E 3K6, agent for the owner of the subject property, Trivest Development Corp. 40 Wynford Dr., #101, Toronto, M3C 1J5 for a permit to:

- remove one privately owned 57 centimetre diameter white oak

- remove one privately owned 100 centimetre diameter white oak
- remove one privately owned 52 centimetre diameter Tree of Heaven
- injure one privately owned 65 centimetre diameter white oak
- injure one privately owned 82 centimetre diameter white oak

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the request for a permit at 887 – 907 Woodbine Avenue for tree removal and injury be denied; or
- (2) the request for a permit for tree removal and injury be approved subject to:
  - (a) the trees in question not being removed and injured until permitted construction and/or demolition related activities in accordance with plans approved under Site Plan Approval Application No. 301028 commence which warrant the destruction and injury of the trees.
  - (b) the applicant agreeing to implement the tree inventory and preservation plan, prepared by Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, date stamped as received by Urban Development Services on April 12, 2001.
  - (c) the applicant agreeing to implement the planting plan, drawing no. L1, prepared by Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, date stamped as received by Urban Development Services on April 12, 2001.

Background:

This request for tree removal has been received in connection with Site Plan Approval Application No. 301028 which is a proposal to construct nine townhouse units on the site.

Comments:

The Department is in receipt of a request from Mr. Eugene Storozinski, agent for the owner of the subject property, that the City consider the removal of three privately owned trees and the injury to two privately owned trees.

Protected Trees That Will Be Injured By Proposed Development			
Tree No.	Tree Species	Tree Diameter	Tree Condition
561	White oak	65	Fair
568	White oak	82	Fair

Protected Trees Requiring Removal For Proposed Development			
Tree No.	Tree Species	Tree Diameter	Tree Condition
558	White oak	57	Fair
559	White oak	100	Fair
590	Tree of Heaven	52	Fair

The proposed development in its present form precludes the retention of tree nos. 558, 559 and 590 and will result in injury to tree nos. 561 and 568. The construction of the two units on lots 4 and 5 will significantly impact the health of tree 568. A new access drive proposed for the subject site will have a detrimental impact on the health of tree 561. Tree Nos. 558 and 559 require removal as they are located in the footprint of the proposed townhomes. Tree No. 590 will require removal to accommodate the proposed new access drive to the development site.

A tree protection plan has been submitted with this application providing details on the protection of two of the significant white oak trees that are growing on this site. If the permit to injure and destroy trees is approved it should be subject to the applicant implementing all of the recommendations outlined in the Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan submitted with the development application. The planting plan proposes the planting of twenty-one trees which include seven red oak, five white oak and nine Bradford pear trees.

As required under Section 331-13.B. of Municipal Code, Chapter 331, Article III, a 'Notice' of application sign was posted on the subject property for the required minimum fourteen day posting period, in order to notify the neighbourhood and provide an opportunity for objection to the application. One letter of objection was received in response to the application to remove and injure the private trees in question.

Conclusions:

The intent of the private tree by-law is to preserve significant trees and to ensure a sustainable urban forest in the City. The four majestic white oak trees that are the subject of this application are rare and unique trees in Toronto's urban forest and are worthy of protection. Two oaks and a Tree of Heaven are within the footprint of the proposed homes and the new access driveway and require removal for this development to proceed. Of the two trees to be injured; staff is of the opinion that only one will survive the damage caused by construction.

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(Attachments referred to in the foregoing report were forwarded to all Members of the Downtown Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on June 12, 2001, and copies thereof are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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The following persons appeared before the Downtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Lawrence Zucker, Kagan, Zucker, Feldbloom & Shastri; and
- Ms. Wendy Arnett, Toronto.