

Consolidated Clause in Etobicoke York Community Council Report 7, which was considered by City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006.

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**Removal of One Privately-Owned Tree - 17 Elsfield Road
(Ward 5 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, referred this Clause back to the Etobicoke York Community Council for further consideration at its meeting in January 2007, with a request that the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation review the additional materials submitted by the applicant and reinspect the property at 17 Elsfield Road.

Council also considered additional material, which is noted at the end of this Clause.

The Etobicoke York Community Council submits this matter to Council without recommendation.

The Etobicoke York Community Council submits the report (August 16, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

Purpose:

To report on an application that has been received for a permit to remove one privately-owned tree located at the rear of 17 Elsfield Road.

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 permit to remove one (1) privately owned tree at 17 Elsfield Road be denied; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

In accordance with *Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article III of the City of Toronto*, an application has been made for a permit to remove one (1) privately-owned tree located at the rear of the property municipally known as 17 Elsfield Road. This application has been made in order to enable construction of a rear yard addition to the existing house at 17 Elsfield Road.

Comments:

An application for permit has been received from Judith Wright of Judith S. Wright Associates on behalf of the property owners of 17 Elsfield Road for the removal of one (1) privately-owned 64-centimetre diameter white pine tree (*Pinus strobus*).

Inspection of the tree by staff revealed that the tree is healthy and in good condition. The tree has a well-developed crown with very little deadwood throughout. The white pine is Ontario's Provincial tree and is part of a large majestic community of trees that contribute to the character of this neighbourhood.

This application has been made to allow for the construction of a rear yard addition. The proposed addition will increase the footprint of the residence by approximately 60%. The tree is located within the footprint of the proposed addition.

After visiting the site and reviewing the information provided by the applicant, Urban Forestry staff are of the opinion that it would be feasible to construct an addition onto the existing home without removing any trees and that given the significance of this tree in particular, options for reducing and/or adjusting the shape of the proposed addition should be explored.

As required under *Section 813-17, of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article III*, a 'Notice' of application sign was posted on the subject property for the minimum 14-day posting period. The posting of notice serves to notify the community of the application and provide an opportunity for objection. Three (3) letters of objection were received in response to the posting.

The property owners have identified that they would be willing to plant two (2) tulip-trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) measuring 50 millimetres in diameter, should they be granted authorization to remove the white pine tree in question.

Should the request for permit to remove the privately-owned white pine tree located at 17 Elsfield Road be approved, approval must be conditional upon the owner implementing the planting plan on file with Urban Forestry.

Conclusions:

This tree is very significant and is a valuable part of the forest community that exists within this area. Established and healthy white pine trees such as this one have the ability to live up to 200 years. With proper care and maintenance, the subject tree should continue to provide benefits to the owner and to the community for many years to come. Urban Forestry cannot

support removal of this tree as it is our opinion that this tree is significant and should be accommodated in the proposed plans.

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(Attachments 1 to 6, referred to in this report, were forwarded to all Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on September 13, 2006, and copies are on file in the City Clerk's Office, Etobicoke Civic Centre.)

The Etobicoke York Community Council also considered a communication (September 12, 2006) from Marcia J. Taggart, Aird & Berlis.

The following addressed the Etobicoke York Community Council:

- Marcia Taggart, representing the owner; and
- Diane Reyon.

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Council also considered the following:

Communication:

- *(September 22, 2006) from Nico Poulos and Leila MacDonald [Communication 28(a)].*