

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# 116 Aldwych Avenue – Tree Planting Fee Reimbursement

Date:	January 26, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth - Ward 29
Reference Number:	Te07011te.row

#### SUMMARY

This report considers a request for the reimbursement of a tree planting fee in relation to the application for front yard parking at 116 Aldwych Avenue.

Staff do not recommend the reimbursement of the tree planting fee as it is a condition of approval under the Municipal Code. The owner will be given an opportunity to make a deputation before Community Council.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Transportation Services recommends that Council:**

1. deny the request for reimbursement of the tree planting fee for 116 Aldwych Avenue.

### Financial Impact

Adopting the recommendation carries no financial impact. However, if Council decides to approve the reimbursement of the tree planting fee, the cost would be \$475.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The property owner of 116 Aldwych Avenue submitted an application on April 18, 2006 for the construction of a front yard parking pad at this location. The application was approved on October 3, 2006, conditional upon the owner paying for the planting of a tree as required under the Municipal Code. The owner paid in order to proceed with the construction of the front yard parking pad. Subsequently the owner submitted an appeal requesting a refund on the tree planting fee.

#### COMMENTS

## **Applicable regulation**

Front yard parking is currently governed by the criteria set out in the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 400, Traffic and Parking:

• the applicant plant a tree or fund the planting of a tree.

# Reasons for not approving

A condition of approval for front yard parking requires that the owner plant a tree or fund the planting of a tree.

There is no space within the public right of way fronting 116 Aldwych Avenue for the owner to plant a tree, therefore the owner is required to fund the planting of a tree within the ward.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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