

48 Hoyle Avenue – Application to Remove a Private Tree

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
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Wards:	Ward 22 – St. Paul’s
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

To report on an application filed by the agent of the property owner for a permit to remove one (1) privately-owned tree, located in the front yard of 48 Hoyle Avenue. The applicant is concerned that the tree has outgrown its location and that it poses a threat to the house and retaining wall.

The Arborist report that was submitted with the application indicates that the tree is in good health. The tree has good form and no trunk defects. The tree crown is healthy, well-formed and it is a significant tree in the neighbourhood. With proper care and maintenance, the tree should continue to provide benefits to the community for years to come. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that Council deny the request for permit to remove one (1) privately-owned tree at 48 Hoyle Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In accordance with *City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article III*, an application has been made requesting permission to remove one (1) privately-owned tree located at the front of the property municipally known as 48 Hoyle Avenue. The applicant is concerned that the tree may cause damage to the house and retaining wall as it continues to grow.

COMMENTS

An application for a permit has been received from the agent of the property owner of 48 Hoyle Avenue for the removal of one (1) privately-owned Colorado spruce tree with a 48-centimetre diameter.

The tree is located 0.5 metres from the front steps of the house and 0.3 metres from the walkway, the retaining wall and driveway. Urban Forestry staff observed no signs of damage to the house or retaining wall and no evidence was provided by the applicant to suggest that the tree was causing structural damage to either the house or the retaining wall.

The tree is healthy, well-maintained and can continue to be maintained in good condition. The tree has a well-developed crown and no trunk defects.

The Arborist report that was submitted with the application for a permit to remove the subject tree indicates that the tree is in good health.

The property owner proposes a replacement planting of four (4) native trees in the front yard and nine (9) trees in the back yard. Urban Forestry is of the opinion that there is limited space to plant a total of 13 new trees on the property.

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 the notice serves to notify the community of the application and provide an opportunity for objection. No letters of objection were received in response to the posting.

Should the request for permit to remove the privately-owned Colorado spruce tree located at 48 Hoyle Avenue be approved, approval must be conditional on the property owner implementing a replacement tree planting that includes the planting of two (2) large native shade trees on the property and provide cash-in-lieu of planting of two (2) trees for the City to plant elsewhere in the neighbourhood.

The subject tree is very significant and is a valuable part of the forest community that exists within this area. With proper care and maintenance, the tree should continue to provide benefits to the property and to the community for many years to come. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition and contribution to the urban forest. The proposed landscaping can occur in conjunction with the retention of the spruce tree.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Photographs of Spruce tree

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