

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved by:	Councillor Mammoliti	

SUMMARY:

The Policy and Procedural Guidelines for Memorials on Public Road Rights-of-Way was passed by Council on February 4, 5 and 6 2003. The policy outlines the regulations and requirements for the “placement and display of memorials within the road rights-of-way by any member of the general public for the purpose of commemorating the lives of a person who have died as a result of a motor vehicle related accidents.”

The Policy defines a temporary memorial to include, but are not limited to, the various types of decorations, flags, cut or artificial flowers, and other lightweight objects or ornamentation commonly used at funerals or at gravesites as a tribute to the deceased. Temporary memorials are prohibited on all roadways and only permitted on the on the boulevard or shoulder portion of the road rights-of-way and are limited to those commemorating a fatal traffic collision and all objects must be removed after a maximum of 30 days.

However, there are numerous temporary memorials on the boulevard, and shoulders portion of the City’s rights-of-way that do not fit with the adopted policy either because memorials have been there for more than 30 days or they do not commemorate the life of a person who has died as a result of a motor vehicle related accidents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the appropriate City of Toronto staff be request to enforce the 30 day maximum as is outlined in the Policy and to remove any and all temporary memorials that commemorate the death of an individual whom the Toronto Police Services have known to be either a drug dealer or a gang member with in the Ward 7 boundaries.

