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Ward 6 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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Etobicoke York Community Council

Subject: Letter from Condo Association at "Marina Del Rey" re: removal of trees

SUMMARY:

A letter has been received from a consortium of Condominium Corporations, for the buildings known as Marina Del Rey in Ward 6. They are located at 2265, 2267, and 2269 Lake Shore Blvd West in Ward 6. The condominium corporations have an existing agreement with the city regarding their underground garage that encroaches underneath a Municipal Park – Humber Bay Promenade. The letter requests permission to remove several trees under the 30 cm size that are in the park.

When the condominium was built some 25 years ago the trees in Humber Bay Promenade were planted for the immediate landscape effect, and not the long term survival of the trees. The existing trees are touching in their canopies and beginning to encroach on each others growing space.

Currently the weight of the existing trees is beyond the capacity of the garage roof and the community's engineer's belief that the roof is in danger of collapsing under the weight.

Confusion has arisen as the residents have been advised that the existing bylaws state that if publicly owned trees are planted over an area that is a overtop of the garage the private tree bylaw applies, which in their opinion means a permit is not required to remove the smaller trees.

As these are publicly owned trees that are endangering the privately owned garage, I am requesting that staff investigate this issue and prepare a report to bring back to the next Etobicoke Community Council meeting that proposes a resolution at minimal cost to the homeowners to resolve the issue of the weight of the trees.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Etobicoke York Community Council request staff to investigate the proposal as outlined in the letter to my office and report back to the next Community Council with recommendations.

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