



City Council

Notice of Motion

MM52.7	ACTION			Ward: All
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Official Management Plan to Fight a Potential Emerald Ash Borer Infestation - by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Ashton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Parks and Environment Committee at the first meeting of the Committee in the new Council term with the Emerald Ash Borer Strategy version 2010.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation include in the report in Part 1 above an update to the Strategy that addresses current needs for:
 - Monitoring
 - Education
 - Treatment
 - Removal
 - Tree canopy mitigation
 - Inter-governmental strategy

and that this Strategy update address the threat to both public and private property Ash trees.

3. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to provide comprehensive briefings on the current Emerald Ash Borer infestation and actions currently underway for all new Councillors and their staff, prior to consideration of the report requested in Part 1 above.

Summary

The Emerald Ash Borer is a wood-boring beetle which attacks only Ash trees causing the decline and or death of the tree. There is no known treatment to completely eradicate this pest. Evidence of the Emerald Ash Borer has already been found throughout southern Ontario; and found in Toronto in 2007. The City of Rocky River is taking a proactive approach toward the impending local infestation.

The City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division has been meeting on a regular basis with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to formulate an approach. The onus is on the CFIA which is not always easily accessible for City of Toronto residents.

CFIA has issued a Ministerial Order that applies to the Cities of Hamilton and Toronto and the Regional Municipalities of Durham, York, Peel and Halton. This is necessary to stop the movement of regulated articles that may harbour the insect, including: nursery stock, trees, logs, lumber, wood, wood chips and bark chips from all ash species, and firewood of all species.

(Submitted to City Council on August 25 and 26, 2010 as MM52.7)

Background Information

Member Motions MM52.7

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-33250.pdf>

(August 27, 2010) Fiscal Impact Statement from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-33387.pdf>