



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

12 Aldershot Crescent – Private Tree Removal

Date:	March 30, 2010
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Richard Ubbens, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 25 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	P:/2010/Cluster A/PFR/NY33-042710-AFS#11880

SUMMARY

The report requests that City Council deny the request to remove a privately-owned tree, located at 12 Aldershot Crescent. The applicant is proposing to build a new house on the subject property.

The tree in question is a 100 cm diameter silver maple tree in fair condition. With proper care and maintenance, the tree should continue to provide benefits to the community for many years, and should be included in any redevelopment plans for this property. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. City Council deny the request for a permit to remove one (1) privately-owned tree at 12 Aldershot Crescent.

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

An application was received from the owner of 12 Aldershot Crescent, requesting permission to remove one (1) 100 cm diameter privately-owned Silver maple tree.

The tree is in fair condition, with good form and healthy vigorous growth. Urban Forestry is of the opinion that the proposed dwelling could be designed so that the tree could be

protected and retained during construction of the new house as it is located near the east lot line of the property and not in a central location on the property.

The owner has also applied to remove a 71 cm diameter silver maple tree and injure a 96 cm diameter silver maple tree. The 71 cm diameter tree is in poor condition and the 96 cm diameter tree can be protected during construction. Urban Forestry is prepared to issue removal and injury permits for these two trees conditional on the applicant obtaining a building permit.

As required under *Section 813-17, of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article III*, a 'Public Notice' sign was posted on the subject property for the minimum 14-day posting period. The posting serves to notify the community of the applicant's intention to remove the tree and provide an opportunity for objection to the application. Four (4) letters of objection to the removal of the tree were received in response to the posting.

As a condition of permit issuance, the applicant has submitted a Planting Plan proposing five (5) large growing native shade trees. The applicant has also provided signatures from eight (8) local residents in support of the proposed tree removal and construction of the new house.

The silver maple tree should continue to provide benefits to the owner and the community for years to come and should be incorporated into the development plans for this property. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition and contribution to the urban forest.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - Photograph of Silver maple tree 100 cm diameter
Attachment #2 - Photograph of Silver maple trees 96 cm and 71 cm diameter
Attachment #3 – Proposed Site Plan and Planting Plan
Attachment #4 – Letters of Objection and Signatures of Support

Attachment #1 – Silver maple tree 100 cm diameter



Attachment #2 – Silver maple trees 96 cm diameter and 71 cm diameter



Attachment #3 – Proposed Site Plan and Planting Plan

*** Note: Trees and footprints of house are correctly plotted; however this plan has been modified to fit the page and therefore is not scale.

