



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

249 Dewhurst Boulevard North – Private Tree Removal

Date:	May 28, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Richard Ubbens, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 29 – Toronto-Danforth
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster A\PFR\TE35-062210-AFS#12290

SUMMARY

This report requests that City Council deny the request to remove a privately-owned tree, located at 249 Dewhurst Boulevard North. The homeowner is concerned that the tree is in decline and would like to remove and replace it.

The tree in question is a 97 cm diameter Norway maple tree in fair condition. With proper care and maintenance, the tree should continue to provide benefits to the community for many years. 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 located at the rear of 249 Dewhurst Boulevard North.

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

An application has been received from the property owner of 249 Dewhurst Blvd N requesting permission to remove a 97 cm diameter privately-owned Norway maple tree, located at the rear of the property.

An arborist report, submitted with the application, states that the tree is showing signs of decay. It also states that branches have broken in the past and that there is a deep wound on the north side of the tree indicating a structural weakness.

An inspection of the tree by staff found it to be in fair condition, and viable to maintain, provided it receives regular monitoring and maintenance from a qualified tree expert.

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. No letters of objection to the removal of the tree were received in response to the posting.

The applicant has indicated that one replacement tree, a silver maple, will be planted if permission is granted to allow the removal of the Norway maple tree.

The Norway maple tree should continue to provide benefits to the owner and the community for years to come if it is maintained professionally on a regular basis. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition and contribution to the urban forest.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No.1 – Photographs (2)



