

1 Moss Street - Application to Remove a Private Tree

Date:	October 25, 2013
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Jason Doyle, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 43 – Scarborough East
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster A\PFR\SC28-111913-AFS#18510

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council deny the application for a permit to remove one (1) privately owned tree. The owner has requested tree removal due to her concerns with its proximity to the house and related issues.

The subject tree is a white birch (*Betula papyrifera*), measuring 40 cm in diameter, located at the front of the property. This tree is in good condition and therefore Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council deny the application to remove the privately owned white birch tree at 1 Moss Street.

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

An application was received for the removal of a 40 cm diameter white birch tree located in the front yard of 1 Moss Street. The property owner has concerns with the condition of the tree and states it has large branches overhanging her roof.

Urban Forestry staff inspected the tree and found it to be healthy and in good condition.

As required under *Section 813-19, of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article III*, a Notice of application sign was posted on the subject property for the minimum 14 day period in order to provide an opportunity for comment by the community. No comments of objection were received.

Urban Forestry does not support removal of this tree. A permit to remove the tree was denied. The owner is appealing the decision to deny the permit.

Should City Council approve this request for tree removal, in accordance with *Section 813-20 of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 813, Trees, Article III*, approval must be conditional upon the owner providing satisfactory replacement planting. In this instance, it is appropriate to require the applicant to provide one (1) replacement tree.

The white birch tree at 1 Moss Street is a significant and valuable part of the urban forest. With proper care and maintenance it should continue to provide benefits to the property owner and the surrounding community for many years to come. Urban Forestry, therefore, cannot support removal of this tree.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Photo of 40 cm diameter white birch tree at 1 Moss Street



40 cm diameter white birch tree