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Re: Black walnut trees in Toronto

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

The concerns from residents regarding the safety threat from of the black walnut tree has been increasing over the past few years. The size of the nut, the height of the tree, and the resin it produces have all been raised as concerns from the general public. Under the current tree bylaw, black walnut trees fall within the same standards as any native tree, without any form of protection to mitigate the damage by the nuts.

Recommendation:

1. That the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report to the February 2017 meeting of the Parks & Environment Committee on the effects of exempting the black walnut tree from the City's tree bylaw, with a focus on both the effects of community safety and the greater tree canopy.

Sincerely,

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