



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### 79 Boulton Dr – City Tree Removal

<b>Date:</b>	April 1, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Richard Ubbens, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 22 – St. Paul’s
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P/2010/Cluster A/PFR/TE33-042710-AFS#11902

#### **SUMMARY**

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The report requests that City Council deny the request for permission to remove a healthy City-owned honey locust tree. The applicant is proposing to construct a new home and the tree is in conflict with the required construction.

The tree in question has been well maintained, is healthy and with proper care and maintenance should continue to provide benefits to the community for many years. Urban Forestry cannot support the loss of this tree.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. City Council deny the request for permission to remove one (1) healthy City-owned tree adjacent to 79 Boulton Drive.

#### **Financial Impact**

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

#### **COMMENTS**

In accordance with *City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article II*, an application had been made for a permit to remove one City-owned tree located on the City road allowance adjacent to 79 Boulton Drive. The tree in question is a 44 cm diameter honey locust tree in good condition.

The application for removal had been made to accommodate the demolition of the existing house and the construction of a new house. The application states that the

excavation and installation of services required for the construction of the new house cannot be accomplished without the removal of the tree. The applicant has stated that the required tree protection zone for the tree cannot be maintained with the construction currently proposed.

Urban Forestry advised the applicant in writing that the application had been denied and that in our opinion options exist that would allow for the protection of the tree during demolition and construction of a new house. The owner has appealed this decision resulting in this report to Community Council.

There have been many homes built in Toronto that have incorporated and protected existing City-owned trees and this site should be no exception. In our opinion, measures can be taken to protect this tree during construction and we have offered to work with the applicant to create a tree protection zone that will protect the tree from injury and still allow demolition and construction. Additionally, the services required for the new house can be tunnelled under the root system of the tree.

Should approval be granted for the request to remove the City-owned honey locust tree, located at 79 Boulton Drive, approval must be conditional on:

- (i) the applicant paying the appraised tree value and all applicable costs and complying with all other requirements as set out in the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 813, Trees, Article II; and
- (ii) the applicant planting one 70 millimetre replacement tree to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and
- (iii) the applicant furnishing a two-year renewable guarantee for the proposed tree planting, in the form of a letter of credit/certified cheque for \$583.00 to cover the costs of removal, maintenance, and replacement of the 70 millimetre tree planted on City property.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 - Photographs of Honey Locust tree  
Attachment No. 2 – Site Plan

**Attachment 1 – Photos of Honey Locust tree**



**Photo 1 – 79 Boulton Dr**



**Photo 2 – 79 Boulton Dr**

Staff report for action on City tree removal for 79 Boulton Drive



Photo 3 – 79 Boulton Dr

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