

## **210 Geoffrey St – Application to Remove a Private Tree**

<b>Date:</b>	December 7, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Jason Doyle, Acting Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 14 - Parkdale – High Park
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2011\Cluster A\PFR\TE01-0111-AFS#13005

### **SUMMARY**

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The report requests that City Council deny the request to remove a privately-owned tree, located at the front of 210 Geoffrey Street. The owner would like more natural light into the house, and to be able to install a satellite receiver. The owner has indicated the tree will block reception.

The tree in question is a 45 cm diameter white spruce tree in good condition. The tree is well-maintained, healthy and has a full well-shaped crown. With proper care and maintenance, the tree should continue to provide benefits to the community for years to come. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**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 210 Geoffrey Street.

### **Financial Impact**

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

### **COMMENTS**

An application for a permit has been received on behalf of the property owner of 210 Geoffrey Street, to remove a 45 cm diameter white spruce tree. The application has been

made due to concerns expressed by the property owner that the tree blocks all natural light and that they are unable to locate a satellite receiver properly, as the tree will block reception.

The tree is healthy and can continue to be maintained in good condition. The tree has a well-developed crown and the trunk of the tree appears to be sound. The tree is located 2.4 meters away from the building and 1.8 meters away from the porch. Urban Forestry believes that the owner's main concern, satellite installation, can be addressed without removal of the tree.

The arborist report indicates that the tree is in good condition and that the owner is willing to replant a new tree on site.

As required under *Section 813-17, of the 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.

Should the request for a permit to remove the privately-owned tree be approved, approval must be conditional on the owner agreeing to plant three large growing native shade trees.

This tree is significant and is a valuable part of the urban forest community that exists within this area. With proper care and maintenance, the subject tree should continue to provide benefits to the owner and the community for many years to come. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition and contribution to the urban forest.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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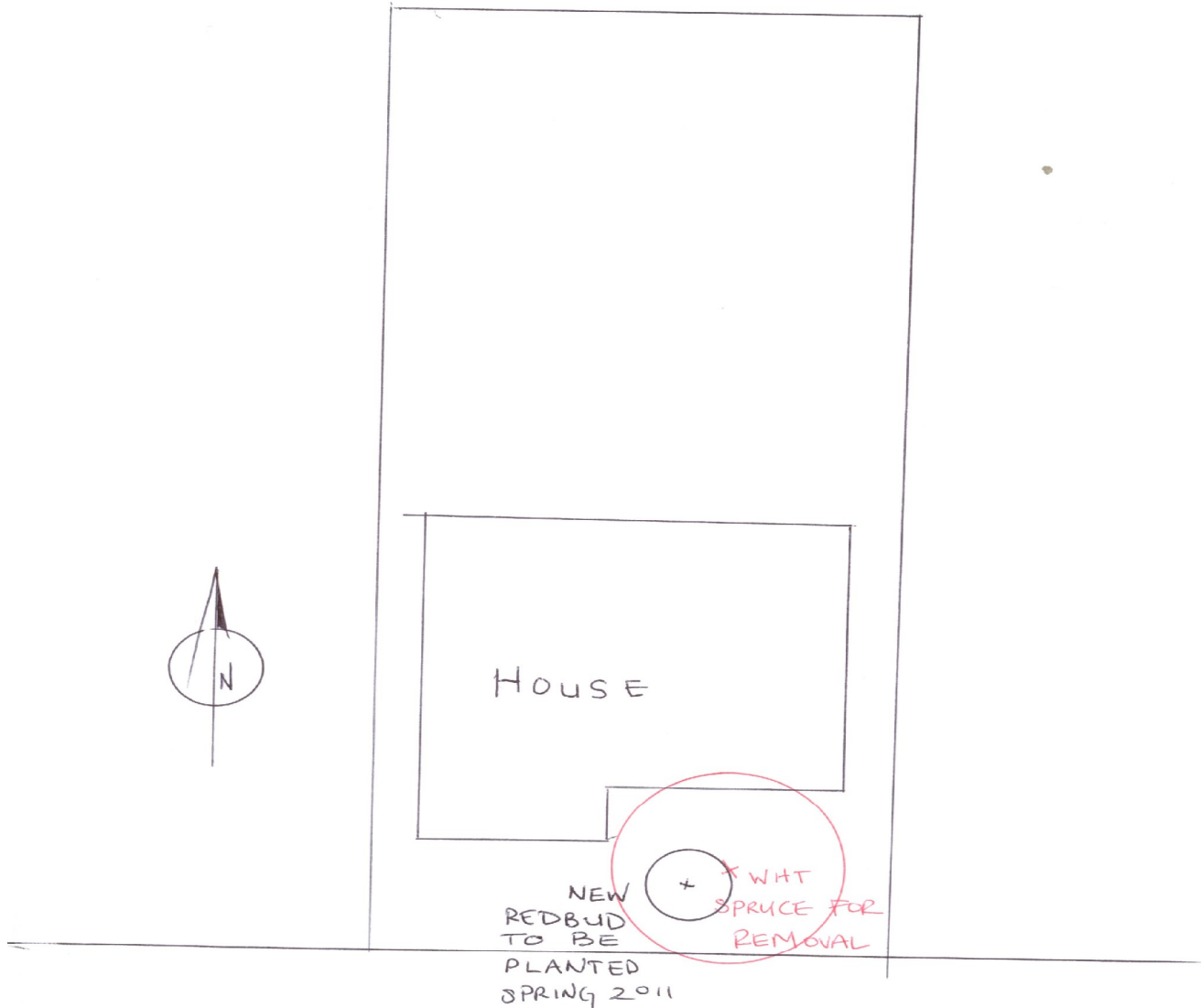
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Acting Director of Urban Forestry

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Tree Replacement Plan  
Attachment 2 - Tree Photos

Attachment 1

REPLANTING PLAN  
210 GEOFFREY ST  
karmatree inc. APP 2010



white spruce, image 1



white spruce, image 2

