DATE: June 7, 2012

TO: Susanne Pringle, Manager & Deputy Secretary Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment, Etobicoke York Panel

FROM: Peter Dmytrasz, Supervisor - Tree Protection & Plan Review
Urban Forestry

RE: Notice of Public Hearing: 154 Windermere Avenue
Hearing Date: June 14, 2012
File No.: B41/11EYK, A438/11EYK, A439/11EYK and A440/11EYK

This will acknowledge receipt of the public hearing notices regarding applications to be heard by the Committee of Adjustment at its June 14, 2012 hearing.

In effort to attempt to retain as much tree crown cover as possible, the City of Toronto has established various by-laws to protect and preserve existing trees on both City and privately owned property. This is particularly relevant where development is concerned. In these circumstances, it is expected that retention and appropriate protection of existing trees will be considered when developing site plans, and whenever possible, buildings and driveways are to be diverted around trees.

Should the Committee of Adjustment decide to approve the applications for consent and/or minor variances noted below, Urban Forestry requests that such approval be subject to the following condition:

“Prior to the issuance of a demolition and/or building permit, the applicant shall satisfy all matters relating to City and Privately owned trees, to the satisfaction of the Supervisor, Urban Forestry – Tree Protection & Plan Review. Urban Forestry will issue a clearance letter to the applicant once the above condition has been fulfilled.”

1. One privately owned 74-cm diameter European little-leaf linden tree will be affected by this proposal. It was the center of the Councilor's office concerns from the community area residents in its protection and retention. Urban Forestry staff confirmed the tree is in excellent condition, has characteristic form and is maintainable. It has the capacity for continued growth well into the future. It is majestic in size and appearance, worthy of retention.

2. Urban Forestry would support a development proposal, which would see the retention of the tree.
3. Prior to the issuance of a building permit and/or a demolition permit, the applicant is required to submit to the Building Division, a letter from Urban Forestry Services confirming that the tree protection requirements regarding trees on Private property have been met.

Please contact Svetlana Verbitsky, Assistant Planner, Urban Forestry, at 416-392-0970 if additional information is required.

Yours truly,

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