

## **104 St. Leonards Ave. - Application to Remove a Private Tree**

<b>Date:</b>	October 11, 2012
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Jason Doyle, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	25 - Don Valley West
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2012\Cluster A\PFR\NY20-110612-AFS#16356

### **SUMMARY**

This report requests that City Council deny the request for a permit to remove one (1) private tree located at the rear of 104 St. Leonards Avenue. The owner is requesting removal to accommodate a proposed, larger single family dwelling. It is not possible to retain the tree if a new single family dwelling is constructed in accordance with the plans submitted.

The subject tree is a red oak (*Quercus rubra*), measuring 129 cm in diameter. This tree has been well maintained and is currently in good condition. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**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, red oak tree located in the rear yard of 104 St. Leonards Avenue.

### **Financial Impact**

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

## COMMENTS

Urban Forestry received an application to remove a private tree at the rear of 104 St. Leonards Avenue. The Arborist Report states that the reason for removal of the tree is to accommodate the construction of a new single family dwelling.

The subject tree is a red oak, measuring 129 cm in diameter. This tree has been well maintained and is in good condition. The tree is located 5.75 meters north of the north-east corner of the existing dwelling. The tree cannot be adequately protected if a new single family dwelling is constructed as proposed.

As required under *Section 813-17, 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 posting period. The posting of notice serves to notify the community of the application and provide an opportunity for objection. Nine (9) letters of objection were received in response to this application to remove the tree in question.

The owner has provided a replacement planting plan indicating a willingness to plant two (2) red oak trees in the rear yard and to submit payment in lieu of planting for one (1) additional tree, should this request for permit to remove a privately owned tree be approved.

The subject tree is significant and is a valuable part of the forest community that exists within this area. With proper care and maintenance, the tree should continue to provide benefits to the property and the surrounding community for many years to come. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree.

## CONTACT

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## SIGNATURE

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Director, Urban Forestry

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Photograph of the tree  
Attachment No. 2 – Site plan  
Attachment Nos. 3 to 11 – Letters of objection



**Red oak tree, measuring  
129 cm in diameter**

