

79 Clendenan Avenue – Application to Remove a Private Tree – Supplementary Report

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Jason Doyle, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 13 - Parkdale-High Park
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SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the condition of a privately owned tree located in the front yard of 79 Clendenan Avenue. The owner is requesting removal of the tree as she is concerned that falling branches will cause property damage.

The subject tree is a black oak (*Quercus velutina*) measuring 96 cm in diameter. The tree was re-inspected by staff and remains in good condition. Urban Forestry does not support removal of this tree.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 18, 2013, Etobicoke York Community Council deferred consideration of EY25.26 entitled "79 Clendenan Avenue – Application to Remove a Private Tree", and requested that Urban Forestry staff re-inspect the tree and report back to the September 10, 2013 meeting of Community Council.

The decision document can be found at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EY25.26>.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The property owner submitted an application for a permit to remove a 96 cm diameter privately owned black oak tree located in the front yard of the property. The reason for removal is stated as "the property owner would like to remove the tree due to concerns

associated with falling branches during storms, their home and vehicle and neighbour's home and vehicle may be damaged due to the tree's proximity".

Urban Forestry staff reported that the tree is in good condition, and there is no evidence to support the removal. Urban Forestry recommended in the report dated May 27, 2013, that City Council deny the request for a permit to remove the privately owned black oak tree.

COMMENTS

At its meeting of June 18, 2013, Etobicoke York Community Council deferred consideration of EY25.26 entitled "79 Clendenan Avenue - Application to Remove a Private Tree", and requested that Urban Forestry staff re-inspect the tree and report back to the September 10, 2013 meeting of Community Council.

The tree in question is a privately owned black oak (*Quercus velutina*) measuring 96 cm in diameter, situated at the front of the property. The tree was inspected July 4, 2013, and found to be in good health. A photograph of a fallen branch, provided by the property owner, exhibits liaisons of lichens and saprophytic fungi, which is also evident on dead branches in the tree. These organisms are only found on dead tissue and do not affect tree health.

In the report dated May 27, 2013, considered by Etobicoke York Community Council at its June 18, 2013 meeting, Urban Forestry noted that this tree was "currently in good condition botanically and structurally, with some minor deadwood." The fallen branch photographed by the property owner (2 – 3 cm in diameter) is one instance of this minor deadwood that could contain liaisons of lichens and saprophytic fungi as noted above.

Since the tree is still in good condition, the recommendation to deny a permit to remove the tree, contained in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation report entitled "79 Clendenan Avenue – Application to Remove a Private Tree", dated May 27, 2013, remains unchanged.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Photo of small dead tree branch on ground – provided by the property owner

79 Clendenan Avenue – small dead tree branch on ground

