

88 Dunblaine Avenue - Application to Remove a Private Tree

Date:	October 19, 2012
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Jason Doyle, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton/Lawrence
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster A\PFR\NY20-110612-AFS#16181

SUMMARY

This report requests that City Council deny the request for a permit to remove one (1) privately-owned tree located at the rear of 88 Dunblaine Avenue. The owner is requesting removal to accommodate installation of a swimming pool. It is not possible to retain the tree if a pool is to be installed.

The subject tree is a 105 cm diameter silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*). This tree was recently maintained and is in fair to good condition.

Urban Forestry does not support removal of the tree due to its condition. The tree provides benefits to the community and should continue to do so for many years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council deny the request for a permit for the removal of one (1) privately-owned tree at the rear of 88 Dunblaine Ave.

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 the above noted property. The arborist report indicates the reason for removal of the tree is to accommodate installation of a swimming pool (see Site Plan, Attachment 2).

The subject tree is a 105 cm diameter silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*). This tree was recently maintained and is in fair to good condition. There are no notable defects, areas of decay or visible dead wood in the canopy. The tree is located well away from structures. The tree cannot be adequately protected if a swimming pool is installed.

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 in order to notify the community of the application and provide an opportunity for objection. Three (3) letters of objection were received in response to this application to remove the tree in question.

The owner has provided an unsatisfactory replanting plan. Should the request for a permit to remove the tree be approved, approval must be conditional upon the owner providing three (3) large-growing, native, shade trees as replacements. If the owner submits a detailed site plan indicating that there is insufficient room to accommodate all three trees on the subject property, the owner will be required to provide cash in lieu of tree planting at a cost of \$583.00 for each tree not planted on the property.

The subject tree is significant and is considered 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 to the community for many years to come. Urban Forestry cannot support removal of this tree.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Photograph of the subject tree
Attachment 2 – Site Plan
Attachments 3 and 5 – Letters of Objection

105 cm diameter silver maple tree



Site plan

