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To: Parks and Environment Committee

From: Councillor James Pasternak

Re: Assisting Low-Income Seniors with Removing Dangerous, Fallen and/or Damaged Trees

Summary:

Seniors on low incomes can sometimes face the financial burden of having to remove trees that pose a danger and/or have fallen on their property due to a variety of circumstances outside of their control. The safe removal of these dangerous trees is vital for the public good. The failure to remove damaged trees can pose a danger to residents and property as well as lead to an increased risk of infestation from invasive species.

It is good public policy that the City of Toronto assists low-income seniors with removing such trees by reducing the financial burden.

Recommendations:

That the Parks and Environment Committee:

1. Request staff to report back as part of the 2014 Budget process on a program to provide rebates of up to 50% of submitted and eligible receipts from low-income seniors to remove damaged trees on their property.

Sincerely,

James Pasternak
Councillor, Ward 10