

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Mastwood Crescent Tree Inventory (Buttermill Developments Inc., Formerly 203 East Avenue)

Date:	April 25, 2013
То:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Jason Doyle, Director, Urban Forestry, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 44 – Scarborough East
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SUMMARY

This report provides the tree inventory of a new subdivision on Mastwood Crescent, formerly known as 203 East Avenue, as requested by Scarborough Community Council at its meeting of April 9, 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council receive this report for information.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 9, 2013, Scarborough Community Council considered a report SC23.6, entitled "Assumption of Services – 203 East Avenue – Buttermill Developments Inc. – Registered Plan of Subdivision 66M-2451". Scarborough Community Council deferred consideration of this item until its next meeting on May 14, 2013, and requested that Parks, Forestry and Recreation report at that time on the inventory of trees at 203 East Avenue.

Report and decision, SC23.6, Assumption of Services – 203 East Avenue – Buttermill Developments Inc. – Registered Plan of Subdivision 66M-2451.

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http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.SC23.6

COMMENTS

Urban Forestry staff were previously involved with the review of applications and plans for development of a new subdivision on a former Toronto Catholic District School Board property at 203 East Avenue. The review resulted in the establishment of conditions pertaining to tree protection, removal and planting. These conditions were included in Schedule B of the Subdivision Agreement.

In order to comply with the conditions contained in the Subdivision Agreement, the developer was required to plant trees in accordance with the approved landscape plans and to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation. The approved landscape plans indicate the planting of 30 street trees and 67 trees on private property.

The street trees were inspected in February 2013, and all were deemed to be in good condition. On February 15, 2013, Urban Forestry advised the Corporate Finance Division that a letter of credit, submitted to secure planting of the 30 trees, could be released. In addition to the 30 trees planted by the developer, there are eight (8) previously existing City owned green ash trees (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) on the East Avenue flank of four of the new Mastwood Crescent properties.

The developer planted 67 trees on private property in June 2010, and a recent inspection confirmed that 63 trees remain and are in good condition. Staff were unable to access or view the back yards of two properties to confirm if two (2) trees were still in place. It appears that two other homeowners have removed trees. Therefore, based on the results of inspection, between 63 and 65 trees remain on private property.

The tree species planted on City and private property include honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*), linden (*Tilia spp.*), Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*), Freeman maple (*Acer fremanii*) and Colorado spruce (*Picea pungens*).

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