
City Council

Motion without Notice

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Protecting Toronto's Tree Canopy on Business and Multi-Residential Lands - by Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consider when the Private Tree By-law is next reviewed for potential revisions, the requirement that businesses, industrial locations, institutions and multi-residential properties not be included in the exception categories under the By-law, thus requiring permits and replanting when dead and dying trees are removed.

Summary

Although Toronto's private tree by-law has been effective in protecting Toronto's tree canopy, it does not protect trees that are dying or dead on business or multi-residential lands by requiring the owners to replant or replace.

Future revisions of the by-law should consider how to improve protecting this important part of Toronto's tree canopy.

This Motion is urgent as staff have already begun the review of the Private Tree By-law.

(Submitted to City Council on July 8 and 9, 2014 as MM54.37)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM54.37

