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.

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Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM54.37