

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Request to Protect a 250 Year Old Red Oak Tree, Thought to be the Largest and Oldest Red Oak in Toronto - by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette**

*\* City Council on May 5, 6 and 7, 2015 waived referral of this Motion. City Council subsequently deferred this Motion to the June 10, 11 and 12, 2015 and July 7 and 8, 2015 meetings.*

*\* This Motion is before Council for debate.*

*Communications MM8.1.1 to MM8.1.6 have been submitted on this Item*

**Confidential Attachment - A proposed or pending acquisition or sale of land for municipal or local board purposes**

**Recommendations**

Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council direct staff to initiate acquisition of the property.
2. City Council direct staff to report to the June 22, 2015 Parks and Environment Committee meeting on providing increased levels of protection for significant trees.

**Summary**

Thanks to the efforts of local community members, it has come to the attention of Councillors Mammoliti, De Baeremaeker and Doucette, that the largest and oldest Red Oak in the City of Toronto (and quite possibly Ontario) may be threatened.

The tree in question is located at 76 Coral Gable Drive, North York and is estimated to be between 250 and 350 years old. The tree has been designated as a Heritage Tree under Forest Ontario's Heritage Tree program, and is located close to the historic Toronto Carrying Place Trail.

Local community members, the Weston Historical Society and organizations such as Forests Ontario, Ontario Urban Forest Council and Cabbagetown ReLeaf all support protecting this cultural and natural heritage site.

As an important and irreplaceable piece of Toronto's heritage, the site should be preserved for

current and future generations.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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Attachment 1 - Photographs of the Red Oak Tree

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-81799.pdf>)

(April 14, 2015) Attachment 2 - Letter from David Grant, Founder and Director, Cabbagetown ReLeaf, Rob Keen, RPF, CEO, Forests Ontario and Peter Wynnyczuk, Executive Director, Ontario Urban Forest Council

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-81800.pdf>)

(May 6, 2015) Confidential Fiscal Impact Statement from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

### **Communications (City Council)**

(June 2, 2015) Submission from Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Ward 7, York West - North York Mirror Article on the 250-year old Red Oak Tree and photographs of the tree (MM.Main.MM8.1.1)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/comm/communicationfile-53745.pdf>)

(June 8, 2015) Letter from Eileen Denny, Vice Chair, Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto (MM.Main.MM8.1.2)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/comm/communicationfile-53746.pdf>)

(June 9, 2015) E-mail from Michael Brothers (MM.Main.MM8.1.3)

(June 8, 2015) Letter from David Fleming, Executive Secretary, Swansea Area Ratepayer's Association / Swansea Area Ratepayer's Group (MM.Main.MM8.1.4)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/comm/communicationfile-53744.pdf>)

(June 10, 2015) E-mail from Michael Low (MM.Main.MM8.1.5)

(June 9, 2015) Letter from Hilde Reis-Smart, Secretary, Teddington Park Residents Association Inc. (MM.Main.MM8.1.6)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/comm/communicationfile-53743.pdf>)