

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 at the June 10, 11 and 12, 2015, the July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, and the September 30 and October 1 and 2, 2015 meetings.*

** This Motion is before Council for debate.*

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-84947.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

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