

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM23.17	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Lack of Protection of City Trees - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Parks and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation to report to Council through the Parks and Environment Committee on a plan to ensure proactive and effective protection of City trees during construction.

### **Summary**

For many months, Councillor John Filion has expressed his concern to the staff of Urban Forestry that City trees are not being protected during new home construction at a very large number of sites in his ward. When staff responded, they would only act on complaints. The Councillor inspected the construction sites himself and forwarded to staff photos showing lack of tree protection. In many cases, this has still not resulted in any effective enforcement of the City's requirements for trees to survive nearby construction.

Attached are photographs of a City tree at 76 Bevdale Road. In this case, staff of Urban Forestry were contacted by the Councillor prior to construction due to concerns that the builder had no intention of protecting the City tree. Staff initially declined to meet with the Councillor on this file. Subsequently, there have been repeated requests for enforcement of the City's tree protection requirements at this site.

Also attached are photographs representing a very small number of the examples of where City trees have not been protected during new home construction.

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

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Attachment 1 - Photograph of 76 Bevdale Road - November

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99061.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Photograph of 76 Bevdale Road - July

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99062.pdf>)

Attachment 3 - Photograph of 246 Byng Avenue - December  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99063.pdf>)  
Attachment 4 - Photograph of 246 Byng Avenue - October  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99064.pdf>)  
Attachment 5 - Photograph of 137 Churchill - November  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99065.pdf>)  
Attachment 6 - Photograph of 137 Churchill - October  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99066.pdf>)  
Attachment 7 - Photograph of 116 Kingsdale Avenue - October  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-99067.pdf>)