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To: Barbara Bartosik, Manager & Deputy Secretary-Treasurer City Planning, Community Planning – Etobicoke York District

From: Max Dida, Supervisor, Tree Protection and Plan Review – West District

Re: **B0023/21EYK, A0460/20EYK, A0461/20EYK, 48 Mattice Ave- Minor Variance or Consent to Sever Application**

Urban Forestry staff have reviewed the application and recommend that the Committee of Adjustment panel:

- **Deny the request for consent B0023/21EYK, variance no. #3 (A0460/20EYK, A0461/20EYK variance/sever speaks to – lot coverage)** as its approval will require the removal of a healthy bylaw protected Tree No. 1, 2, 3 and the permanent loss of viable planting space.

If despite Urban Forestry's recommendation, the Committee of Adjustment panel approves the requested consent/variances, Urban Forestry requests the consent/variances be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Submission of a complete application for a permit to injure or remove a City owned tree(s), as per City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 813, Trees Article II Trees on City Streets.
- 2) Submission of a complete application for a permit to injure or remove a privately owned tree(s), as per City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 813, Trees Article III Private Tree Protection.

Additional Information

As outlined, approval of the requested variances/consent to sever may result in construction of a driveway that requires the removal of the following healthy bylaw protected trees and the permanent loss of viable planting space:

Tree No. 1



Photo taken by City staff, Claudio Pagliaroli

City –owned Norway maple tree measuring 35 cm in diameter protected by MCC 813, Article II Street Tree Bylaw.

Tree No. 2



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City –owned Siberian elm tree measuring 170 cm in diameter protected by MCC 813, Article II Street Tree Bylaw.

Tree No. 3



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Private-owned Norway Spruce tree measuring 50cm in diameter protected by MCC 813, Article III Private Tree Bylaw.

Urban Forestry understands that the Committee panel considers in its deliberations the application's adherence to the City of Toronto's Official Plan (OP). The policies within the OP strive to balance economic, social and environmental factors. The OP contains policies relating specifically to the protection, preservation and enhancement of trees, including the following:

Section 3.4: The Natural Environment – Policy 1.d)

To support strong communities, a competitive economy and a high quality of life, public and private city-building activities and changes to the built environment, including public works, will be environmentally friendly, based on:

d) preserving and enhancing the urban forest by:

- i) providing suitable growing environments for trees;
- ii) increasing tree canopy coverage and diversity, especially of long-lived native and large shade trees; and
- iii) regulating the injury and destruction of trees;

Advisory Comments

1. Any application to remove/injure a City owned tree may be denied regardless of Committee of Adjustment approval. Should the applicant wish to appeal a denial by Urban Forestry, the matter may be referred to City Council through Community Council for consideration.
2. Approval of the consent/minor variances listed in the subject Committee of Adjustment application does not preclude the applicant from obtaining the necessary tree removal/injury permits from Urban Forestry.
3. All bylaw protected trees located on site and within 6 m of the site (12 m within the ravine protected area) must be protected in accordance with the City's *Tree Protection Policy and Specifications for Construction near Trees*. No excavation, grade changes, cutting of tree roots, extensive pruning to the tree's canopy or movement or storage of equipment/construction material/excavated soil is permitted

within the minimum tree protection zones of trees unless prior authorization has been obtained from Urban Forestry.

If approved, applicants must provide Urban Forestry with a copy of the Committee of Adjustment Final & Binding Letter or the Toronto Local Appeal Body decision. A clearance letter will be issued once the required conditions are fulfilled. For additional information please forward inquiries to tpprwest@toronto.ca or call 416 399 6596.

(Original signed by)

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cc: Forestry File

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