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RE: TE25.21 - 186 Nairn Avenue - Application to Remove a City Tree

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto & East York Community Council:

I'm writing to request your support of a motion on Item TE25.21 that addresses an exceptional circumstance not currently contemplated within the City's Tree Bylaw.

The applicant who seeks to remove the city tree at 186 Nairn Avenue has contacted my office to explain their situation and ask for relief from the standard tree replacement requirements which impose a significant financial burden that they are not able to shoulder. Given that the circumstances are unique, I support their request. My office and Urban Forestry have carefully evaluated other options and I believe this is the most safe and fair way to proceed.

As detailed in the report from Environment, Climate and Forestry, the homeowner has an anaphylactic allergy to bee and wasp stings. Staff are currently unable to consider medical information in making a decision on an Application to Remove a City Tree as this is not contemplated within the Tree Bylaw, which resulted in a denial of the application.

The Bradford pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana*) at 186 Nairn Avenue is bearing fruit that is attracting bees and wasps which make it unsafe for the applicant to be in their yard. As a result of this situation, the homeowner has been stung and has been rushed to hospital by neighbours with a life-threatening allergic reaction.

As such, I am making the following alternate recommendation which I hope you will join me in supporting:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the request for a permit to remove one City-owned tree located at 186 Nairn Avenue, conditional upon:
 - a. the applicant agreeing to have the tree removed at their expense;
 - b. Environment Climate and Forestry planting a replacement tree on city property fronting 186 Nairn Avenue

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