

## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### Addressing Toronto's Female Ginkgo Trees

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#### SUMMARY:

Concerns from residents about the health and nuisance impacts of City-owned female ginkgo trees have increased in recent years. The noxious smell produced by the fruit creates undue hardship for nearby residents and surrounding communities. In addition, the hazardous residue left by the rotting fruit prevents residents from conducting proper maintenance and increases potential safety hazards.

The City of Toronto does not intentionally plant female ginkgo trees but has no policy to address erroneously planting female ginkgo trees which begin producing fruit later in life. This motion requests that the City's female ginkgo tree population be explicitly addressed in Environment, Climate and Forestry's Tree By-Law Review.

#### Reason for Urgency:

Ongoing nuisance impacts of female ginkgo trees across the City.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry to provide recommendations on the impacts of city-owned female ginkgo trees with a focus on community health and safety, as part of the ongoing Tree By-Law Review and report back in 2027.

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