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NOTICE OF MOTION

A Fair Approach to Removing Nuisance Trees in the City

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Summary:

As the City of Toronto undergoes a review of its Tree By-Law, there is an opportunity to make the tree replacement policy more equitable for all Torontonians.

The current policy is punitive in nature, in some cases costing property owners upwards of $10,000 - $15,000 to have nuisance trees removed.

The existing requirements are unfair to many hard-working residents that just want to make it easier to maintain their properties. While it's important that we continue to support the City's goal to expand and protect our tree canopy, we must balance this vision with a fair approach that works for all Torontonians.

For this reason, I'm asking staff to explore more opportunities to make it fairer and less punitive to have nuisance trees replaced or removed.

Recommendations:

1. City Council direct Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, as part of the planned 2027 Tree By-Law report back, to review resident feedback related to "nuisance" trees, and provide recommendations on:

    a. Opportunities to balance impacts of "nuisance" trees and tree canopy goals;

    b. Potential updates to compensation ratios, where a removal is appropriate; and

    c. Potential financial relief programs for "nuisance" tree permit applications, to ensure equitable access for all residents.

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