



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Toronto Needs Container-Friendly Trees as an Option

Moved by: Councillor Cheng

Seconded by: Councillor Saxe

SUMMARY:

Residents of Willowdale continue to feel discouraged by the state of planters lining Yonge Street, an important economic corridor in our city, home to the largest concentration of office towers outside the downtown core. Currently, a large majority of planters are filled with weeds. This cannot continue, especially as the timeline for Transform Yonge remains unclear. This motion supports the continued work on MM42.36, in particular, the need for a wider range of tree options to allow for better survivability in older planters. This also moves us closer to a beautiful city!

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, in consultation with other appropriate divisions, to include as part of the report back requested under MM42.36 - Public Realm Planters on Yonge Street: Interim Management and Long-Term Governance, steps that can be taken to maintain planters and tree wells along Yonge Street from Sheppard Avenue to Finch Avenue, including:
 - a. A review and analysis of options to increase the survivability of trees planted in different types of street tree planting infrastructure, including consideration of additional tree species beyond those currently planted by the city; and
 - b. A review and analysis of options to increase the survivability of developer-planted trees
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry to inform the local Councillor if deferring any tree replacements within street tree planting infrastructure due to major construction conflicts for an extended period of time.

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