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Toronto and East York Community Council
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RE: 54 Gormley Avenue – Application to Remove a City Owned Tree

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

As part of the ongoing Tree By-Law Review, City Council has requested that Environment, Climate and Forestry provide recommendations specific to City-owned female ginkgo trees. The fruit produced by female ginkgo trees emits a noxious smell and toxic residue which inhibits residents from conducting proper maintenance.

While staff's review is underway, this motion allows the residents of 54 Gormley to replace their existing female ginkgo tree with a less hazardous tree.

I respectfully request your support for my motion to re-open item TE23.20, delete the previous decision and adopt the recommendations from Environment, Climate and Forestry staff permitting the removal of the tree.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council re-open item TE32.20
2. Toronto and East York Community Council delete its decision on TE32.20 and adopt the following recommendation in the report from Environment, Climate and Forestry:
 - a. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the request for a permit to remove one City-owned tree located at 54 Gormley Ave as part of an interim approach to addressing female ginkgo trees in the city of Toronto, so that the City-owned female ginkgo tree will be removed and replaced by the City of Toronto in the road allowance fronting 54 Gormley Ave to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Environment, Climate, and Forestry.

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Sincerely,



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Attachment 1: Report from the Director, Urban Forestry, Environment, Climate and Forestry on :
Interim Approach to Address City-Owned Female Ginko Trees- 54 Gormley Avenue