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Town of Aurora
Memorandum
Operational Services

Re: Tree Removal Permit Application – 17 Church Street
To: Heritage Advisory Committee
From: Sara Tienkamp, Manager, Parks and Fleet
Date: November 2, 2020

Recommendation

- 1. That the memorandum regarding Tree Removal Permit Application – 17 Church Street be received; and**
- 2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding the proposed Tree Removal Permit Application for 17 Church Street be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.**

Background

The subject property is listed on the Town of Aurora's Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Tree Protection Bylaw 5850-16. Section 9 (1) (b) states:

If a tree subject to an application is found by the Director to be a Heritage Tree, the Director shall not issue a permit unless the injury, destruction or removal is approved by Council following a review by the Town's Heritage Advisory Committee.

In mid August 2020, the Parks Division received a formal Tree Removal Permit Application and supporting Arborist Report and Replanting Plan from DreamWorks Tree Services for 17 Church Street. The application is for the removal of four (4) trees, in good health on the property for the purposes of landscaping the rear yard, allowing for increased sunlight in the yard, grass growth and area for children to play.

The Town's Forestry Technician attended site to confirm the details of the application. Staff verified that the information on the application was correct and as follows:

Tree ID #	Species	DBH (cm)	Condition
1	Locust	17	Good
2	Norway Maple	19.5	Good
3	Norway Maple	38	Good
4	Sliver Maple (multi -stem)	10,12,15,11,14	Good

It should be noted that Norway Maples are classified as an invasive species and Aurora has removed them from the list of species acceptable for planting. They regenerate easily by seed, grow rapidly in the landscape and threaten native species as they populate naturalized areas. Many jurisdictions in Ontario no longer allow them to be planted by developers or along municipal streets.

The Arborist Report and Replanting Plan provided by the consulting Arborist recommends replanting of native species as part of the landscape design.

Staff advised the resident the property is listed on the Town's Registry of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Bylaw 5850 -16 and that their application for removal would need to proceed through the Heritage Advisory Committee as per the bylaw for review, followed by Council approval.

The Heritage Advisory Committee's comments on this application should be on based the impact on the heritage character of the neighbourhood, not the physical condition of the tree.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Tree Removal Permit Application

Attachment #2 – Arborist Report

Attachment #3 – Replanting Plan