

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Item 22, Report No. 6, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 21, 2017.

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**NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO
STRENGTHENING THE DESTRUCTION OR INJURING OF TREES
LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY-LAW 185-2007**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that the following resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated February 7, 2017, be referred to staff for a future report:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman.

Whereas, the regulation of the destruction, injuring or removal of trees on private property is a matter addressed in the aforesaid By-law; and

Whereas, this By-law is authorized by Sections 135 (1) and (7) of the *Municipal Act 2001*; and

Whereas, this By-law has had, over the 10 years of its enactment, a significant positive impact on the ecological and aesthetic environment of our neighbourhood by requiring oversight relating to the destruction, injuring or removing of trees on private property; and

Whereas, there have been a variety of situations over the years where aspects of this By -law have been ignored, disregarded or misinterpreted.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Section 15 of the By -law be amended so that the current Section becomes Section 15 (a) and that a new Section as follows become Section 15 (b):

Section 15 (b) As well, when an officer is satisfied that a contravention of this By -law has occurred, the officer may make a further order (or, as required, advise the appropriate authority) that all permits (building, excavation, etc.) related to the property that the contravention took place be held in abeyance until such time that the matter is put into compliance with the By -law.

2. That Section 19 (1) and (2) be amended to read:

(1) a. on a first conviction, to a fine of not more than \$25,000 or \$2,500 per tree, whichever is greater
b. on any subsequent conviction, to a fine of not more than \$50,000 or \$5,000 per tree, whichever is greater

(2) a. on a first conviction, to a fine of not more than \$100,000 or \$10,000 per tree, whichever is greater
b. on any subsequent conviction, to a fine of not more than \$200,000 or \$20,000 per tree, whichever is greater

3. That prior to further consideration of the implementation of these proposed amendments to the By -law, that staff review these amendments and provide any further means to strengthen this By -law and report back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Shefman.