

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016**

Item 49, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2016.

**49                    REVIEW OF CITY PROCESSES FOR PROTECTION OF MATURE TREES**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Iafrate, dated June 21, 2016:**

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Marilyn Iafrate.

***Whereas***, on June 11, 2016 excavation for an infill development took place on Napier St., which is located in the heritage district of Kleinburg, and resulted in the damage of an approximately 100 year old tree; and

***Whereas***, the trunk of the damaged tree was located on the neighbouring private property at the property line, with roots extending beyond the property line; and

***Whereas***, it appears that there were no precautions taken by the contractor prior to excavation of the site; and

***Whereas***, City protocols could be improved to clearly identify when a tree inventory and an on-site inspection and/or arborist's report is required prior to construction; and

***Whereas***, the City of Vaughan's current Private Protection Tree By-law #185-2007 places full responsibility for damaged trees, including costs related to it, on the property owner whose tree was damaged, even where the damage is caused by a third party; and

***Whereas***, protection of the City's tree canopy should not be exclusive to City owned trees only, and

***Whereas***, the City takes serious measures to ensure that public trees are protected during construction.

***It is therefore recommended that*** staff review and report on opportunities to identify or improve protocols relating to the requirements for tree inventories, arborist reports and/or on-site inspections to better ensure future protection of large trees, particularly as they are more common in the historic districts, and that the report include consideration of potential improvements to the City's related processes, including the development approval process, building permit process and/or Private Protection Tree By-law #185-2007 to protect our mature trees, and that this report be brought back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting in Q4.

**Attachments**

1. Measures taken to protect City tree

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)