



SUBJECT: Public Tree Removal – 297 Kent Cres.

TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.

FROM: Roads, Parks and Forestry Department

Report Number: RPF-04-20

Wards Affected: 5

File Numbers: 820-02

Date to Committee: January 13, 2020

Date to Council: January 27, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve the request by the homeowner at 297 Kent Crescent to remove the small city tree to widen the property driveway; and

Instruct the homeowner, Brian Krog, to provide compensation for the tree removal by providing cash in lieu of replacement totaling \$1400.00. The funds will provide for a new tree to be planted in front of the house and provide care and maintenance for the first two years; and

Direct that all associated costs with respect to the removal of the trees (including stump removal) will be the responsibility of the homeowner, and the contractor hired to remove the tree will require approval by the Manager of Urban Forestry or designate; and

Restrict the width of the new driveway to an additional 2m to allow for an enlarged tree protection zone for the tree in front of 299 Kent Crescent.

PURPOSE:

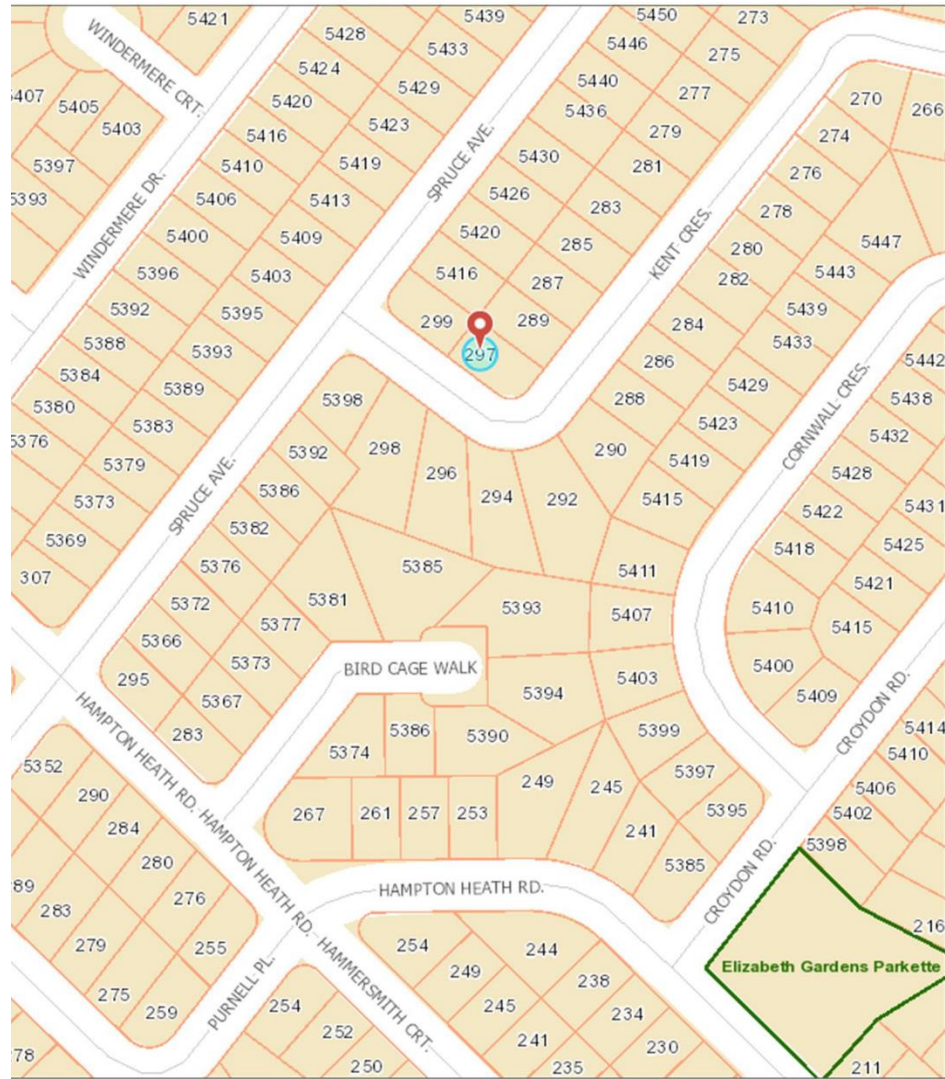
Vision to Focus Alignment:

- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
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Background and Discussion:

The homeowner contacted the Roads, Parks & Forestry department on October 9, 2019 to request the removal of a small tree that he had planted on the city road allowance. The resident wishes to build a detached garage on the property and the tree is in conflict with the widening of the existing driveway.

The subject property is located in the Elizabeth Gardens neighbourhood (See Fig. 1).



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Date Thursday, December 19, 2019
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Figure 1

Strategy/process

The subject tree is an ornamental pear (*Pyrus sp.*) measuring 19cm diameter at breast height. The tree is not thriving in its current location and has a condition rating of fair.

A native tree with a larger mature canopy shall be planted by the city Forestry section in the front yard using the cash in lieu funds.

Financial Matters:

A total of \$1400 shall be paid by Brian Krog as compensation for the loss of the tree. These funds will be utilized to replace the loss in canopy. Costs of tree and stump removal will be borne entirely by the applicant.

Total Financial Impact

Not applicable

Source of Funding

Not applicable

Other Resource Impacts

Not applicable

Conclusion:

The City's Forestry section have reviewed the proposed tree removal and support the removal as per the recommendations listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices: (if none delete section)

- A. Photos

Notifications: (if none delete section)

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Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Council. Final approval is by the City Manager.