



SUBJECT: Public Tree Removal Report - 556 Woodview Road
TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.
FROM: Roads, Parks and Forestry Department

Report Number: RPF-07-20

Wards Affected: 4

File Numbers: 820-02

Date to Committee: May 12, 2020

Date to Council: May 25, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve the request by the applicant to remove the three city trees to accommodate the proposed driveway for a new property; and

Instruct the applicant, Yousif Kazandji, to provide compensation for the tree removal by providing cash in lieu of replacement totaling \$7020.00. The funds are equivalent to 14 replacement trees (\$500 each) for vacant area of city road allowance. A portion of the funds will provide for new tree plantings in front of the proposed houses 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 applicant, and the contractor hired to remove the trees will require approval by the Manager of Urban Forestry or designate; and

Enlarge the tree protection zone for the preserved Red Oak during construction to the maximum allowable space to minimize damage and ensure its survival post construction. No utility installations shall be within the trees tree protection zone unless installed using trenchless technologies with daylighting pits located outside the protection zone. Resurfacing the existing driveway on the South side of the oak shall be done with a Certified Arborist on site using hand tools where possible.

PURPOSE:

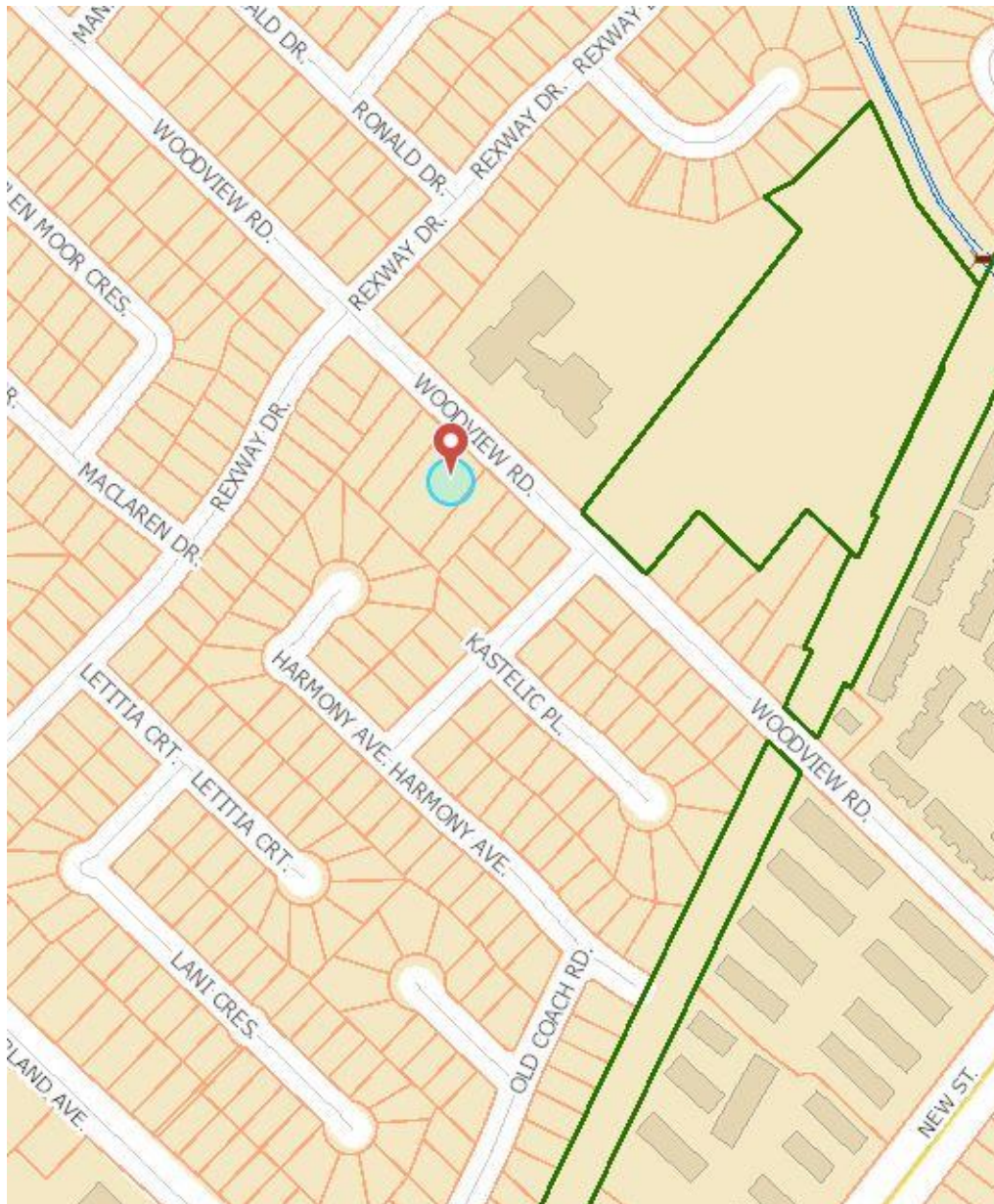
Vision to Focus Alignment:

- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment

Background and Discussion:

The applicant contacted the Roads, Parks & Forestry department on December 4, 2019 to request information regarding the process for removing trees on the city road allowance. Forestry staff inspected the site on January 10, 2020. The applicant wishes to sever the property into three lots and the trees conflict with the proposed location of a driveway.

The subject property is located between Guelph and Walkers Line, north of New Street (See Fig. 1).



Strategy/process

The subject trees are Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*) measuring 35, 49, and 31cm diameter at breast height. The tree closest to the road has been poorly pruned due to the proximity to hydro and has poor structure as a result. The other two trees are in fair condition.

Options Considered

Reducing the number of lots created or moving the proposed driveways would have a negative impact on the much larger Red Oak tree that is adjacent. The Oak tree is in good condition and can be preserved through the construction.

Financial Matters:

A total of \$7020 shall be paid by Yousif Kazandji as compensation for the loss of the tree. These funds will be utilized to replace the loss in canopy. The 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:

- A. Photos
- B. Proposed Site Plan

Notifications:

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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.