



**SUBJECT: Public Tree Removal - 374 Pomona Avenue**

**TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.**

**FROM: Roads, Parks and Forestry Department**

Report Number: RPF-14-20

Wards Affected: 4

File Numbers: 820-02

Date to Committee: May 12, 2020

Date to Council: May 25, 2020

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**Recommendation:**

Approve the request by the homeowner to remove the city owned 17cm (diameter at breast height) Ivory Silk Lilac to accommodate a new driveway; and

Instruct the homeowner, Mary Mitar, to provide compensation for the tree removal by providing cash in lieu of replacement totaling \$1200. The funds are equivalent to 2 replacement trees (\$500 each) for vacant area of city road allowance. A portion of 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

Direct that the recommendations laid out in the Arborist Report dated March 25, 2020 be followed; removal of existing driveway as well as any root excavation for the new foundation to be done by hand, air spade, or hydro vac with a Certified Arborist on site to conduct root pruning as necessary. Further, some compaction mitigation shall occur under the existing driveway.

**PURPOSE:**

**Vision to Focus Alignment:**

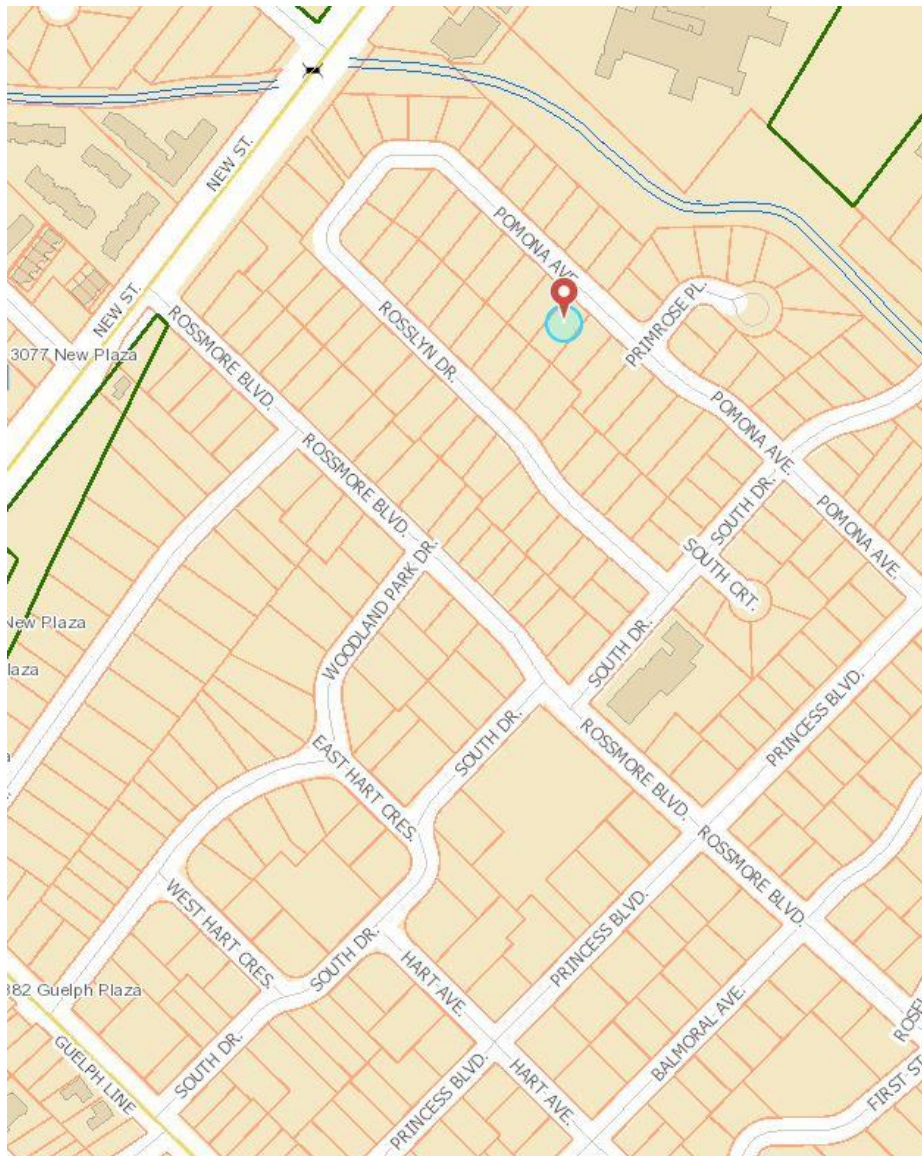
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
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## Background and Discussion:

An application was made for Zoning clearance and Grading and Drainage clearance on February 26, 2020. The nature of the proposed work is demolition of the existing home, rebuild a new home with a larger footprint and relocate the driveway to the North side of the property. The proposed relocation of the driveway would require the removal of a 17cm Ivory Silk Lilac located in the public road allowance.

A Private Tree Permit application was filed on March 6, 2020. Forestry staff attended the site March 8, 2020.

The subject property is located between Guelph and Walkers Line, South of New Street.



### **Strategy/process**

The subject tree is an Ivory Silk Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) measuring 17cm diameter at breast height. The tree is located within the city's road allowance. The tree is in fair condition.

### **Options Considered**

There is an existing privately owned red oak (fair condition) located at the corner of the existing residence, and adjacent to the existing driveway. The current location of the driveway is limiting the growing space for the large red oak. Extending the new home further into the rear yard will further reduce the amount of root area for the tree. Moving the driveway location and enhancing the soil area underneath existing driveway it will allow the tree to utilize this area more readily.

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### **Financial Matters:**

A total of \$1200 shall be paid by Mary Mitar as compensation for the loss of the existing city owned 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

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### **Conclusion:**

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Thornborrow  
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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.