SUBJECT: Tree Removal and Replacement - 61 Robinson Street
(PW05114/PED05122) - (Ward 2)

RECOMMENDATION:
That the removal and replacement of one municipal tree (620mm d.b.h Norway Maple) located at 61 Robinson Street be approved and that all costs associated with the removal and replacement of this tree, by City staff, determined to be $7,092.09 excluding applicable taxes, be paid by the developer of 61 Robinson Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
In order to facilitate the development of 61 Robinson Street, the removal of this municipal tree is required.

BACKGROUND:
The information/recommendation contained within this report primarily affects Ward 2.
On May 11, 2004, the City's Manager of Development Planning approved the Site Plan Application for 61 Robinson Street in Hamilton. This plan consists of six, three bedroom Freehold Street Townhouses.

A site inspection by Forestry staff has determined that one tree is to be removed in order to allow for the construction of the Robinson Street entrance into the complex.

City staff has determined that the total costs for the tree removal and replacement will be $7,092.09 excluding applicable taxes. Removal of the required tree is to be conducted by the Forestry Section staff. Replacement trees (12 – 50mm d.b.h) will be planted within Ward 2.

All costs associated with the removal and replacement of this tree is the sole responsibility of the developer, Midevco Commercial Realty Corporation, in accordance with the Site Plan conditions of 61 Robinson Street.

**ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES:**

Should Council not approve the removal and replacement of the municipal street tree, development of 61 Robinson Street cannot occur in accordance with the approved plans.

**ANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**

City Council approval is required prior to removal of any City tree for new development.

**CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:**

Development Planning, Planning and Economic Development Department

**STategic COMMITMENT:**

The development of 61 Robinson Street, the site of the former Royal Hamilton Military Institute conforms to the City’s commitment to provide affordable housing. Replacement of trees to be removed is an essential component of the City's environmental goals.