



## PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION (Elected Members)

*(Please forward this form to Jeff Clark, Governance and Compliance Program Manager)*

Name: Councillor Nicole Robins

Date of Meeting: 16 April 2019

Meeting of the: April Ordinary Meeting of Council

Subject: Support for Residents with Managing Debris from City Trees

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### PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION: CITY OF MELVILLE

#### **That the Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges the problems that some residents experience with tree litter on their properties created by trees on City of Melville land**
- 2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to investigate a mechanism by which the City can offer support to residents who are not physically able to remove from their property debris originating from a City of Melville tree. Investigations may include options such as replacement of the tree with a more appropriate species, regular tree maintenance (such as pruning) by City staff, a rebate for professional services engaged or a voucher for maintenance services. Consideration will also need to be given to how requests for support will be managed, and how needs will be assessed. Applications may be assessed on a case-by-case basis, or according to certain criteria.**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to deliver a proposal for the above to the August Ordinary Meeting of Council, with costs of delivery to be included in the 2020/2021 City of Melville budget.**

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**REASONS:**

1. Some residents, such as the elderly or those with special needs, are not physically able to remove debris such as leaves, branches, pine needles, nuts and berries from their property which are dropped from City of Melville trees such as street trees and trees on other City land.
2. This motion aims to provide support for the vulnerable in our community. Currently, no support is provided to those who struggle to remove the debris themselves, and often this lack of support results in financial costs for these residents. Some residents may have family or friends that they can call upon to assist, but for those who do not, it is likely they will need to pay someone to carry out the maintenance. Alternatively, they can allow the debris to accumulate, but this may result in a safety hazard or potential damage to property resulting from blocked gutters.
3. Under existing policy, a tree can be removed with agreement of both ward councillors and the mayor. The introduction of support for some residents with managing debris from City trees as proposed aims to remove the need for tree removal in some cases.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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