

NM2008-October 16

RE: ROADSIDE MEMORIALS

Alderman Colley-Urquhart

**WHEREAS** placing a roadside memorial following a tragic fatal accident has become a common but controversial practice, and

**WHEREAS** memorials vary in size from a bouquet of flowers to permanent structures and are sometimes placed in hazardous locations and can become a distraction to drivers, and

**WHEREAS** Section 17(4) of the Street Bylaw currently prohibits placing any objects or materials onto the street right of way, and

**WHEREAS** there are inconsistencies in the application of the current practice by Traffic Engineering to allow roadside memorials to remain for up to one year (if they are kept tidy and not in a hazardous location), and

**WHEREAS** removing roadside memorials by city staff is sometimes viewed as being insensitive and controversial, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Administration prepare a report that identifies and evaluates options to address the issue of roadside memorials with recommendations for a formal policy with an implementation plan, and report back to Council through the SPC on Land Use, Planning and Transportation no later than 2008 February.

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Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart