

September 9/13

To: Rosemary MacKenzie – Etobicoke York Community Council

Re: EY 26.12: Application to remove a Private Tree – 79 Clendenan Avenue

Here are the documents I've collected so far from neighbours opposed to the removal of the black oak tree at 79 Clendenan Ave.

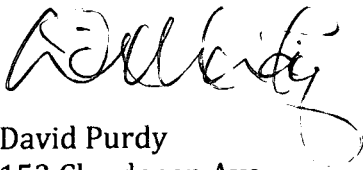
Attached are (i) a copy of the letter distributed last Wednesday and Thursday in the immediate neighbourhood, and (ii) 78 supporting signatures received so far. There may be more signatures received - I had asked people to try to respond by last Friday, but they continued to arrive over the weekend. If more are received, I will arrange to get them to the meeting tomorrow.

I understand that some people have also faxed or emailed their signatures and comments directly to EYCC.

Please note that people used different methods for delivering their signatures (some of the attached forms have more than one signature). Also, many people took time to add their own comments and reasons for concern.

I would like to make a short presentation at tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks, and please call if you need any clarification.



David Purdy
153 Clendenan Ave.
(416) 762-4235

Dear Neighbour:

The property owners at 79 Clendenan Ave. are attempting to obtain a permit to cut down the mature, healthy Black Oak tree in front of their house.

This is a specimen tree, over three feet in diameter and well over 100 years old. It pre-dates the building of the houses in our neighbourhood and it is part of the old growth population that makes up the internationally recognized High Park black oak savannah.

The property owners' original application to remove the tree was refused by the Urban Forestry department in the spring. The owners are now appealing to the Etobicoke York Community Council.

Urban Forestry inspected the tree, in the spring and then again in August, and has issued two reports clearly confirming that the tree is "in good condition, structurally and botanically". Here is the conclusion from the Director's original report:

The black oak tree at 79 Clendenan Avenue is significant and is a valuable part of the forest community that exists within this area. With proper care and maintenance, this tree has the potential to provide the community with benefits for years to come. Urban Forestry, therefore, cannot support removal of this tree due to its viable condition and contribution to the urban forest.

The owners have not shown any evidence at all to support their claim that the tree is unsound or unhealthy: the original Community Council hearing in June was adjourned in order to allow Council to review the owners' independent arborist's report. As it turns out, that report confirmed that the tree is healthy.

The hearing reconvenes next **Tuesday, September 10th**, at which time a final decision is expected. The Council has made it clear that the views of area residents are an important factor in the decision.

This is an irreplaceable tree. If you believe that the trees in this city are important for environmental reasons, and that they are valuable and important to the special character of our neighbourhood, then please take a minute to express your concern.

I am attaching details of the hearing, and the process for commenting and obtaining more information. ***Given the short timeline, you can also sign the attached page and drop it off at my house (153 Clendenan) by this Friday, September 6th. I will get it to the Committee before the meeting next week.***

David Purdy
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For further information or to participate in the meeting on September 10th, contact Etobicoke York Community Council and refer to *Item EY26.12 -Application to Remove a Private Tree - 79 Clendenan Avenue.*

Phone (416-394-8101). Email (etccc@toronto.ca)

There is also a City of Toronto website link: www.toronto.ca/legdocs/agendas.htm

Or, express your opposition to the destruction of the tree by filling in the page below and either sending it directly to ETCC, or dropping it off at 153 Clendenan.

IN EITHER CASE, PLEASE TRY TO RESPOND BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

Re: Item EY26.12 - Application to Remove a Private Tree - 79 Clendenan Avenue

I understand that the black oak tree in the front yard of 79 Clendenan Avenue is a healthy tree and I am opposed to its proposed removal by the property owners.

_____ *name*

_____ *address*

_____ *signature*

Additional comments:

