

Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association PE8.5.3

Reflecting the interests of the Swansea Community



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Swansea Area Ratepayers' Group

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To: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Manager
Council Secretariat Support
Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Re: PE8.5: Revisions to the Tree By-laws
Heard on November 23rd, 2015 by the Parks and Environment Committee
Reference No. P:\20156\Cluster A\PFR08-112315-AFS#20848
Advancing to Council on December 9, 2015

Dear Mayor John Tory and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Swansea Ratepayers' Association (SARA) and Swansea Area Ratepayers' Group (SARG) regarding the matter of the revisions to the Trees By-laws.

SARA/SARG is very concerned about this because of the the substantive changes being proposed, and in particular, the exclusion of councillors and the public in regard to "as of right" applications to remove trees. We would like public consultation and review and request that the item be referred back to the Parks and Environment Committee as a deputation item to be held after notice has been given to all affected persons including resident and ratepayer groups, tree preservation groups, environmental groups and naturalist groups.

Please note that SARA/SARG supports the position of CORRA in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Fleming
Executive Secretary
SARG