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Avenue Road - Eglinton
Community Association
More than 25 Years working on behalf of the Community
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To: Parks and Environment Committee

Chair: Michelle Berardinetti,

Councillors: Maria Augimeri, Joe Cressy, Sarah Doucette, Mike Layton and Gord Perks

Mayor John Tory and Members of Council

Attn: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Manager

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Subject: PE8.5: Revisions to the Tree By-laws heard on November 23rd, 2015 by Parks and Environment
Reference No. P:\20156\Cluster A\PFR08-112315-AFS#20848
Advancing to Council with Bills attached on December 9, 2015

The Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association (ARECA) is requesting the Report (noted above) be directed back to the Parks and Environment Committee due to the numerous and substantive changes that are being proposed. Of particular concern is the alarming exclusion of Councillors and the Public in regard to “as of right” applications to remove the trees.

Basis of the Request:

The most significant concern is the final thrust of the Report which is to reduce the notice process in “as of right” applications. What makes this even more concerning to ARECA and should be of major to Council is the fact and knowledge that this recommendation is not adequately defined.

The request for delegation on page 6 of the report without allowing for a bump up by a Councillor is unacceptable. Basically, the recommendation would neuter Councillors. It would make Councillors the brunt of the public’s ire when the public becomes aware that a mature tree has been approved to be removed with just one day’s notice to the public advising of the approval.

Presently reducing the notice period from 14 days to 0 days is a substantive shift in the process. Such a shift should not occur without notice to the public that such a change is being contemplated.

ARECA points you to the inadequacy of the process, arborist reports, and the broad definition of “as of right” as being problematic.

ARECA’s position is that trees play an important environmental role and are critical to the character of many areas of the City. This is also recognized in the Official Plan. This proposal appears to conflict with the drive to ensure the tree canopy is maintained. Once lost, they are not easily replicated.

Please advise ARECA of Council’s decision.

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