

CORRA

Confederation of Resident & Ratepayer
Associations in Toronto

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Mayor John Tory and Members of Council
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Dear Mayor John Tory and Members of Council

EX10.11: Feasibility of Establishing a Fund Dedicated to the Maintenance of the 250 year old Red Oak Tree and the Cost of Acquiring the Property at 76 Coral Gable Drive
City Council Meeting No. 11 December 9, 2015

CORRA, the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, last wrote to Council in June 2015 concerning the Red Oak Tree at 76 Coral Gable Drive. CORRA is now confirming our request, as amended by the many letters already received by Council under MM 7.1 and EX10.11:

1. That Council secure the protection of this significant Red Oak Tree, including the direction to establish a fund to maintain and initiate the acquisition of the property at 76 Coral Gable Drive; AND
2. That Council initiate the process to protect this site as a cultural and natural heritage site as recognized in the Heritage Act under Cultural Heritage Landscapes and be designated as such with the City Clerk; AND
3. That Council take the necessary steps to designate the Red Oak under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and have tree register as such with the City Clerk.

CORRA is in support of resident and ratepayer groups and others who have made similar requests to have this 250 year old Red Oak protected as a living monument and to recognize the tree's cultural and historical significance through designation.

The fund is not enough to protect this tree. CORRA encourages Council to designate the tree itself and designate the tree as part of the Cultural Heritage Landscapes as provided in the Ontario Heritage Act.

Sincerely,
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