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Re: MM9.1 - Request to Protect a 250 Year Old Red Oak Tree, Thought to be the Largest and Oldest Red Oak in at 76 Coral Gable Drive – City Council Meeting – November 3 to November 4, 2015

Dear Mayor John Tory and Members of Council,

I am writing this letter in support of the above motion to protect the red oak at 76 Coral Gable Drive – a tree that has withstood the test of time and is a living monument to the resilience of Toronto's urban forest.

While every tree should be viewed as inherently valuable to the health of our city, the historical and cultural significance of this tree makes the need for its preservation even greater. As our city grows, we must not forget our roots – this tree is a reminder of what came before; a legacy of the generations of people, flora and fauna that have come and gone.

This tree also stands as a reminder of the importance of defending our urban forest; for our own well-being as well as the prosperity of all living things that make Toronto their home. Trees provide essential habitat for birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and insects. Resources provided by trees include food, shelter, and places to hide, nest, and roost. Oak species are beneficial to many species of animals.

Designating this red oak as a heritage tree would be an admirable first step toward protecting Toronto's natural assets on a larger scale, including the proliferation of tree designations across our green city.

Sincerely,

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