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Executive Committee, City of Toronto
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Attention: Ms. Jennifer Forkes, Secretariat Administrator
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Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee:

EX10.11: Establishing a Fund Dedicated to the Maintenance of the Red Oak and the
Cost of Acquiring the Property at 76 Coral Gable Drive
Executive Committee Meeting No. 10 – December 1st, 2015

Teddington Park Residents Association Inc. (TPRA) supports the establishing of a dedicated fund to provide for the maintenance of this almost three-century old Red Oak and to acquire the property on which this tree stands.

The fund raising is feasible and there are a number of ways this can be achieved. For example, online-crowdfunding, donation-matching by the City or setting up a charitable fund all with flow through tax-receipts.

The Red Oak at 76 Coral Gable Drive is of interest to the public that extends beyond its local community and its Ward where it is located. We ask that a modest maximum donation be set to allow the participation of all members of the public to contribute to the base fund.

However, TPRA believes the establishing of such a fund is not enough on its own to protect and preserve this legacy Red Oak. TPRA asks the Executive Committee to consider three additional requirements – Designation, establishing a By-law, and to amend the Official Plan and Zoning by-law at the time of acquiring the property as Park land. These requirements are specified as follows:

1. To take the necessary steps to designate the Red Oak under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

This Red Oak is a living monument at almost three centuries old. Its location is near the historic trade route, Carrying Place Trail, used by The First Nations of North America. Designation at the municipal level is needed to recognize the tree's cultural and historical

significance that warrants the City's added stewardship and distinguishes this tree from other protected private trees. It is the right thing to do and this action will inform us of what we value and wish to pass onto future generations.

2. To establish a By-law with the intent and purpose to protect, preserve and maintain the Red Oak of 76 Coral Gable Drive with specific reference to:
 - a) The administration of the dedicated fund to provide for the maintenance of the Red Oak and for the acquisition of the property on which it is located;
 - b) The identified experts that will care and maintain the Red Oak in accordance with good arboricultural practices;
 - c) The identified steward or stewards of the Red Oak.
 - d) Report on a quarterly basis on the health of the tree and the financial position of the dedicated fund to Parks and Environment Committee;
 - e) Identify that these requirements under this By-law are in addition to the protections accorded to Heritage Trees / Private Trees / City Trees in the City's Tree By-law;
 - f) Include a clause that amendments to this By-law will be made with Notice to the public to allow sufficient time for representations to be received and considered prior to presenting final amendments for approval by Council; and
 - g) To add any other clauses necessary to ensure the proper stewardship of the Red Oak.
3. And when the City acquires the property, an amendment be made to the Official Plan to designate 76 Coral Gable Drive as "Park" and to amend the zoning by-law to reflect the same.

TPRA believes the dedicated fund, the enactment of a by-law with the specific intent and purpose of protecting, preserving and maintaining the Red Oak with the lands at 76 Coral Gable Drive designated as Park will ensure that this Red Oak survives for future generations to marvel at and bask in its legacy. TPRA encourages the Executive Committee to support our recommendations.

Respectfully,

Eileen Denny, President
Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.
cc. TPRA Board Secretary