

Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.

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Mayor John Tory and Members of Council
Toronto City Hall
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Attention: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat Support
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**AGENDA ITEM MM7.1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 7 – JUNE 10TH, 2015
REQUEST TO PROTECT 250 YEAR OLD RED OAK TREE
LOCATED AT 76 CORAL GABLE DRIVE, NORTH YORK**

Teddington Park Residents Association Inc. (TPRA) is writing to support the City's efforts to protect the 250+ year old Red Oak Tree located in North York at 76 Coral Gable Drive because of its demonstrated resilience of survival, recognition as a Heritage Tree under Forests Ontario, and its location near the historic Toronto Carrying Place Trail that is part of the historic trade route used by The First Nations of North America.

Our neighbourhood has witnessed the loss of significant trees, they are living monuments worthy of our stewardship and protection. The planting of replacement trees cannot come close to the loss of such trees whose continued and necessary long term benefits to an ever increasing urban environment is cut short. This Red Oak, however, is also culturally and historically significant.

TPRA requests that Council consider

- Protecting this significant Red Oak Tree from injury and/or removal, including the direction to staff to initiate the acquisition of the property (an active listing as we understand); and
- Initiating 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.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,



Hilde Reis-Smart, Secretary
Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.