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July 6, 2015

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

Re: Request to Protect the 250+ year old Red Oak Tree at 76 Coral Gable Drive

On behalf of Green 13, I am writing to urge City Council to direct staff to do all in its power to protect the magnificent Red Oak at 76 Coral Gable Drive. This is truly a significant tree and it behooves the City to provide it with enhanced levels of protection. We understand the tree has been celebrated as a Heritage Tree under Forest Ontario's Heritage Tree Program, and that it is located near our historic Toronto Carrying Place Trail. We are in complete agreement that as an important and irreplaceable piece of Toronto's heritage, the site should be protected for current and future generations.

It is appalling that no tree has been designated as a heritage tree in Toronto since 1999. Given the terrible damage to and loss of so much of our urban forest over the past few years - due to the ice storm, the Emerald Ash Borer, the Asian Longhorn Beetle, the Gypsy Moth, and more, it is truly astounding when a wonderful tree, a tree of great heritage value, has survived. Please, in addition to doing all within the City's power to protect this magnificent Red Oak, Green 13 calls upon the City to accelerate the designation of our heritage trees, and their protection.

Yours truly,
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