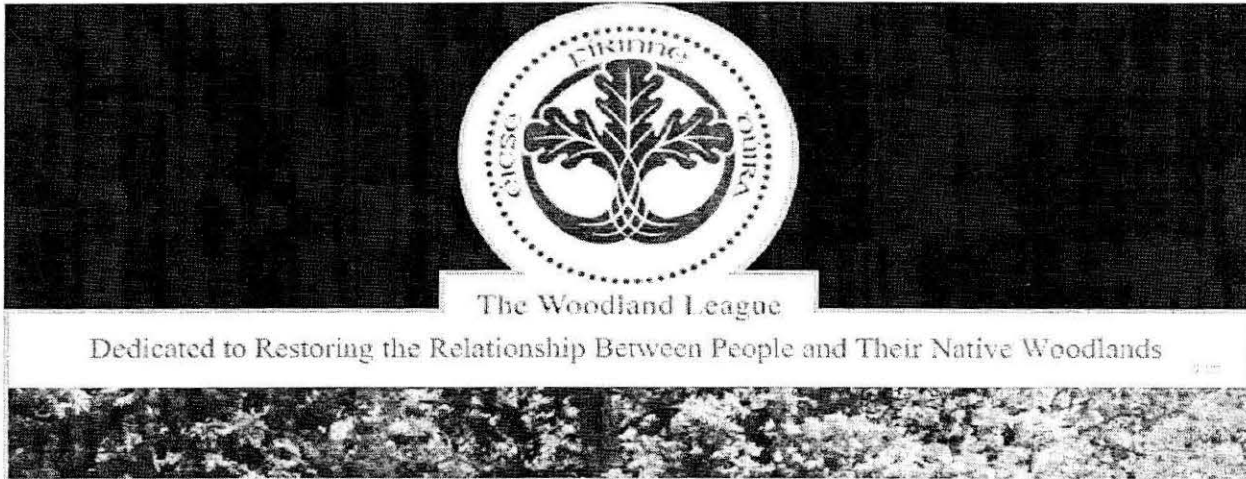


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The Woodland League, a not for profit NGO based in Ireland, dedicated to restoring the relationship between people and their native woodlands are familiar with the great work of Edith George advocating on behalf of trees especially old trees. The Woodland League are also members of the Global Forest Coalition.

We have been alerted to the potential loss of the wonderful 250 year old Red Oak specimen which is the subject of today's motion.

Old trees are so important on so many levels, for biodiversity as natural heritage and socially as cultural heritage. These trees are actually living national monuments and should be granted that status wherever they stand.

The Woodland League therefore support the motion that the Toronto city council direct its staff to acquire the property where this veteran Red Oak tree stands. Furthermore we support the recommendation that the council direct staff to afford greater protection for veteran trees in Toronto and create a bye law to copper-fasten their protection into law.

Thank you,

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