

Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association

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To: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Manager
Council Secretariat Support
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2

Re: MM7.1 - Request to Protect 250 year old Red Oak Tree at 76 Coral Gable Drive
City Council Meeting No. 7, June 10, 2015

Dear Mayor John Tory and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association (SARA) and the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Group (SARG) with respect to the need to protect the 250 year old Red Oak Tree located in North York at 76 Coral Gable Drive.

This particular tree has already been recognized and designated as a Heritage Tree under Forests Ontario's Heritage Tree program; a living monument worthy of preservation for current and future generations. The tree's location is near the historic Toronto Carrying Place Trail, which is of particular importance to SARA/SARG as the Trail begins in Swansea. We also feel that the stewardship and protection of the natural environment consisting of the Toronto's ravines, open space, park land and trees in a built up urban environment are not localized issues but are City-wide.

SARA/SARG is in support of requesting that:

1. Council secure the protection of this significant Red Oak Tree, including the direction of staff to initiate the acquisition of the property
2. Council initiate 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 request. Also, please note that SARA/SARG supports the position of CORRA in this matter.

Sincerely,
David Fleming
Executive Secretary
SARA/SARG