



**Confederation of Resident & Ratepayer
Associations in Toronto**

June 8th, 2015

Mayor John Tory and Members of Council [AMENDED FOR CORRECT AGENDA ITEM]
Toronto City Hall
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Atten: Ms. Marilyn Toft, Manager
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Dear Mayor John Tory & Members of Council

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
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CORRA, the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto, received communication from member associations and interested parties concerned with the need to protect a 250 year old Red Oak Tree, potentially the oldest and largest Red Oak in the City.

CORRA historically has spoken on behalf of groups that may not have a voice and among these groups we include the environment and in this case a significant 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 stewardship / 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.

CORRA is in support of resident and ratepayer groups, Cabbagetown ReLeaf, Forests Ontario and the Ontario Urban Forest Council in 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; and

In addition to No. 1 above, CORRA also request that:

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 CORRA's request.

Sincerely,
Eileen Denny, Vice Chair
Email: corratoronto@gmail.com

To Members, Resident and Ratepayer Executives:

Your help is needed to protect a 250+ year old Red Oak Tree located in North York at 76 Coral Gable Drive, as it may be threatened. The facts about this particular tree are:

- It is the largest and oldest Red Oak in the City of Toronto (and possibly in Ontario)
- It is estimated to be between 250 and 350 years old.
- The tree is already designated as a Heritage Tree under Forest Ontario's Heritage Tree program,
- The tree's location is near the historic Toronto Carrying Place Trail,
- The tree is an important and irreplaceable as a living monument of Toronto's heritage,
- The tree stands as a tribute to Canada's history and having survived the harshest conditions, has demonstrated genetic superiority, a quality worthy of recognition given our changing climate

Recommendations:

1. To support the City of Toronto's proposal to obtain the property in order to prevent any action that may harm or make application for the injury or its removal;
2. The site should be preserved 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; and
3. To support any regulatory or multi-tier government approach to protect this Heritage Tree.

Please write to Council in support of local community members, fellow ratepayer and resident groups, Cabbagetown ReLeaf, Forests Ontario, the Ontario Urban Forest Council, and the Weston Historical Society to protect this Red Oak Heritage Tree:

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MM6.6 Request to Protect 250 year old Red Oak Tree at 76 Coral Gable Drive
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Further information:
Council Agenda item:

Thank you for your continued support!

The CORRA Executive Team

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Attached PDF document:

This communication is being sent out to Member groups and associations:

ABC Residents Association; Annex Residents Association; Arwold Gate Residents Association; Avenue Road & Eglinton Community Association; Bloor West Village Residents Association; Bayview Village Association; Beach Triangle Residents Association; Bloor West Village Residents Association; Corktown Residents Association; Deer Park Residents Group Inc.; Don Mills Resident Inc.; Don Valley East Residents Association; Dovercourt Park Community; Edithvale Yonge Community Association; Edward Gardens Neighbourhood Association Inc.; Eglinton Park Residents Association; Etobicoke Lakeshore Residents Association; Fifeshire Road Area Community Association; Forest Hill Homeowners Association; Glenorchy Residents Association; Grange Community Association; Harbord Village Residents Association; Islington Residents & Ratepayers Association; Kensington Market Action Committee; Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc.; Lakeshore Planning Council; Lawrence Park Ratepayers Association Inc.; Leaside Property Owners Association; Liberty Village Residents Association; Lytton Park Residents Organization Inc.; Markland Wood Homeowners Association; Moore Park Residents Association; North Rosedale Residents Association; Old Mill Community Association; Oriole Park Association; Ossington Community Association; Palmerston Area Residents Association; Queensway Residents Association; St. Andrews Ratepayers Association; Sherwood Park Residents Association; South Armour Heights Residents Association; South Eglinton Ratepayers and Residents Association; South Rosedale Residents Association TO; Stanley Knowles Housing Co Op; Summerhill Residents Association; Swansea Area Residents Association; Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.; Thompson Orchard Community Association; Toronto Beach East Residents Association; Uptown Yonge Neighbourhood Alliance; West Kingsway Ratepayers Association; West Lansing Homeowners Association; Yonge Ridge Homeowners Association; York Mills Gardens Community Association; York Mills Ratepayers Association Inc.; York Mills Valley Association; Other West and East End Resident and Ratepayer Groups