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Re: Motion MM9.1 Request to Protect 250 year old Red Oak Tree at 76 Coral Gable Drive – Toronto City Council Meeting – November 3 and 4, 2015

Mayor John Tory and Members of Council:

I am writing in support of the protection of the 250 year old red oak tree at 76 Coral Gable Drive in the city of Toronto. This tree is of environmental, cultural, and historical significance, and deserves to be preserved for future generations. This is a witness tree, which has seen the development of one small corner of the world from an old growth forest to a thriving metropolis. The city of Toronto is graced with the presence of this tree, which is a key part of the landscape of North York and contributes to neighbors' sense of place in their community.

As a member of the international community of urban foresters, I support the motion to preserve the site where the red oak is growing for current and future generations.

Sincerely,
Erica Smith Fichman