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To: Councillor Carmichael Greb councillor_carmichaelgreb@toronto.ca

Cc: North York Community Council nycc@toronto.ca

Date: August 31, 2016

Subject: NY16.43 - Application to Remove a Private Tree - 318 Lytton Blvd (Ward 16)

On behalf of the Lytton Park Residents' Organization I write to urge you to REFUSE the application to remove the private tree at 318 Lytton Boulevard. This is in support of our professional forestry staff who have made a site visit, examined the tree and recommended refusal of the application. An excerpt from their comments is:

"The black walnut tree at 318 Lytton Boulevard is a valuable part of the urban forest. With proper care and maintenance this tree has the potential to provide the property owner and the surrounding community with benefits for many more years. Urban Forestry therefore, does not support removal of this tree."

Lytton Park is undergoing significant redevelopment. Homes that "shared" lots softened by the landscaping surrounding them, are now being supplanted by hard surface structures with ever increasing massing that encroaches into the side, rear and front yard setbacks and overlays the rest with as little soft landscaping as possible. At the same time we are experiencing major basement flooding; overwhelmed sewers, air pollution and a general loss of our urban forest due to climate change, ice storms etc.

Trees work hard. They absorb water, clean the air, provide shade, reduce erosion, flooding and wind tunnels, decrease heating and cooling costs and increase property values. There is a growing body of international research that supports the importance of maintaining healthy, sustainable urban forests. A Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment is currently underway to determine the contributing factors for surface and basement flooding in our Study Area 40.

Please honor the contribution this tree has made to the environment, the pleasure it has given residents and the overall landscaping on Lytton which is a feature of this neighbourhood. One should not be able to destroy a tree because it has become inconvenient. It should only be removed if its condition becomes poor and unsafe.

Thank you for taking the above into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

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