



VIMY OAKS
 LES CHÊNES DE VIMY

Scarborough, August 22, 2016

Dear Ms. Rieger, Chair,
 Dear Toronto Preservation Board Members,

RE: PB16.6 – Vimy Oaks Woodlot

It came as something of a surprise to learn that Mr. Schofield has put forwarded this item especially as the owners of the property, the members of the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church (SCBC), were not consulted. And, they have previously made their views about the Ontario Heritage Act designation known.

What Mr. Schofield proposes is not the right approach to protect the Vimy Oaks.

As a resident of Ward 39, and someone who is actively involved in this project, I would like to assure you that the members of SCBC embrace, share, actively support, and are working to protect the Vimy Oaks Woodlot. SCBC has undertaken, in collaboration with the *Vimy Oaks Legacy*, to repatriate and protect the Vimy Oaks from the initial ‘harvesting’, hosting commemorative events/visits to the woodlot... to consultations with Forests Ontario and upcoming educational initiatives with Fleming College and the University of Toronto.

There is a beautiful synergy between the spiritual and the natural, the church and the trees.

This is an outstanding example of new Canadians engaging Canadian history and heritage.

I have come to appreciate the democratic process under which SCBC functions and have no doubt that any advice or options this Board may offer to SCBC on this matter would be well received.

Your recognition of the efforts already underway by SCBC would be appreciated.

In my view it would be high handed, to say the least, for the Toronto Preservation Board to recommend to Scarborough Community Council to undertake “action” on private property.

Sincerely,

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