September 28, 2017

Mayor Tory and Members of City Council
c/o Marilyn Toft, 12th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Subject: 2017.EX27.21 Tree Protection Enforcement - City Council Meeting October 2, 2017

Lytton Park Residents’ Organization is pleased to support the recommendations as set out. Our neighbourhood is privileged to have so many mature healthy trees. Ward 16’s properties are being demolished and replaced with larger dwellings. Work crews do not always respect the Tree Protection Zone, they move or remove the hoarding, stack materials against the trunks and drive over the roots. Our members do their best to take pictures of and report instances where proper protection of private and/or public trees is being ignored and trees are in jeopardy. We have been pleased that staff have been able to act more quickly. An increase in staff resources is making a difference and we write to support the Executive Committee Recommendations set out at EX27.21, most especially consideration of the creation of seven permanent full-time positions to address the need for tree protection enforcement in the 2018 Operating Budget Process.

Adopting the above will help to curb the wilful destruction of our urban forest.

Yours truly,

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