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To: City Council clerk@toronto.ca

Cc.: Councillor Carmichael Greb councillor_carmichaelgreb@toronto.ca

Date: July 18, 2018

Subject: NY32.71 Application to Remove Two (2) Private Trees - 40 Wilkinson Drive

On behalf of the Lytton Park Residents' Organization and in support of our professional staff's recommendation, I write to urge you to REFUSE the application to remove the private trees at 40 Wilkinson Drive. Our professional forestry staff have made a site visit, examined the trees, found them to be healthy and maintainable and recommended refusal of the application. We ask that you adopt the recommendation of the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and approved by North York Community Council as follows:

1. City Council deny the request for a permit to remove two (2) privately-owned trees located at 40 Wilkinson Drive.

Our residential neighbourhoods are undergoing significant redevelopment. 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. One should not be able to destroy a tree because it has become inconvenient. It should only be removed if it's condition becomes poor and unsafe. Any backyard structures, including a swimming pool, should take a second place.

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

Sincerely,
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