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**To:** Anita MacLeod, Manager & Deputy Secretary-Treasurer City Planning, Community Planning – Toronto East York District  
**From:** Nicholas Trevisan, Acting Supervisor, Tree Protection and Plan Review - Toronto East York District  
**Re:** **File No. A1193/18TEY, 100 Willcocks Street - Minor Variance Application**

Urban Forestry staff have reviewed the application and do not object to the approval of the proposed variances.

There are components of the project design outlined in the plans submitted to the COA that appear to impact trees protected under Municipal Code Chapter 813 Trees. As the impact to these trees is not directly related to the approval of the COA application or the applicant's as-of-right permissions Urban Forestry advises that an application to injure or remove these trees may be denied.

In the interest of providing extensive feedback on the applicant's proposal, Urban Forestry provides the following advisory comments concerning some of the potential impacts to these trees:

- Urban Forestry advises than any application to destroy the healthy city-owned green ash tree measuring 49.5 cm in diameter, Norway maple tree measuring 39 cm in diameter, and little-leaf linden tree measuring 46.5 cm in diameter may be denied as they are maintainable and a valuable part of the urban forest.
- Preserving and enhancing the urban forest is an objective clearly outlined in the City of Toronto's *Official Plan* including Section 3.4.1.d)
- The location of the proposed basement walkout and window wells may require the removal of these trees. The proposed features can be reduced in size and/or relocated to provide an opportunity to retain these healthy trees.
- Should the applicant wish to appeal Urban Forestry's decision to deny a tree injury or removal permit, the matter may be referred to City Council through Toronto East York Community Council for consideration.

For additional information please forward inquiries to [tpprsouth@toronto.ca](mailto:tpprsouth@toronto.ca) or call 416-392-7391.

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