



Please publish my letter as an attachment to the AGENDA for City Council meeting #26 November 25 and 26, 2020, considering the Motion MM26.9 and distribute to Council Members.

To: Council Members,

I am supporting Option B of Motion MM26.9 250 Year Old Red Oak Located at 76 Coral Gable Drive.

The Red Oak located at 76 Coral Gable Drive is truly a legacy tree for Toronto as a feature of the watershed of the Humber River, designated in 1999 as one of 40 Heritage rivers in Canada.

When Toronto was a fur trading fort at the mouth of the Humber River and the Carrying Place Trail, the Red Oak served as a scout tree located on a prominent bend in the river. We have celebrated the 400th anniversary of Etienne Brule who, no doubt along with the explorers of the time, used this historic trail to the Great Lakes. In 1680, LaSalle camped at Baby Point beside the Trail waiting to be resupplied. The Red Oak is just south of Indian village sites at the Duncan Creek. The site of the red oak is marked as a red dot on surveyor Augustus Jones map of 1792, now Emery or Humbermede. Augustus Jones original map was copied by C.W. Jefferys, for Percy J. Robinson's 1933 book "Toronto during the French Regime".

This Red Oak is truly part of Toronto's history. Due the decades long defence of this Red Oak by Edith George, it was recognized as part of our heritage.

It needs further protection now to continue to testify to the Aboriginal and Settler history of Toronto.

In addition to teaching us about our history, the Red Oak also teaches us about the vital roles of trees in our lives. Sequestering more than two tons of carbon each year as a healthy tree, it highlights the need to plant more trees to offset our current lifestyle in a modern city. . The educational opportunities around this tree are great – for all ages. We should not lose this chance to preserve the oldest living part of our heritage. After all, the historical buildings we rescue to preserve our heritage are much younger and are very costly retrofits.

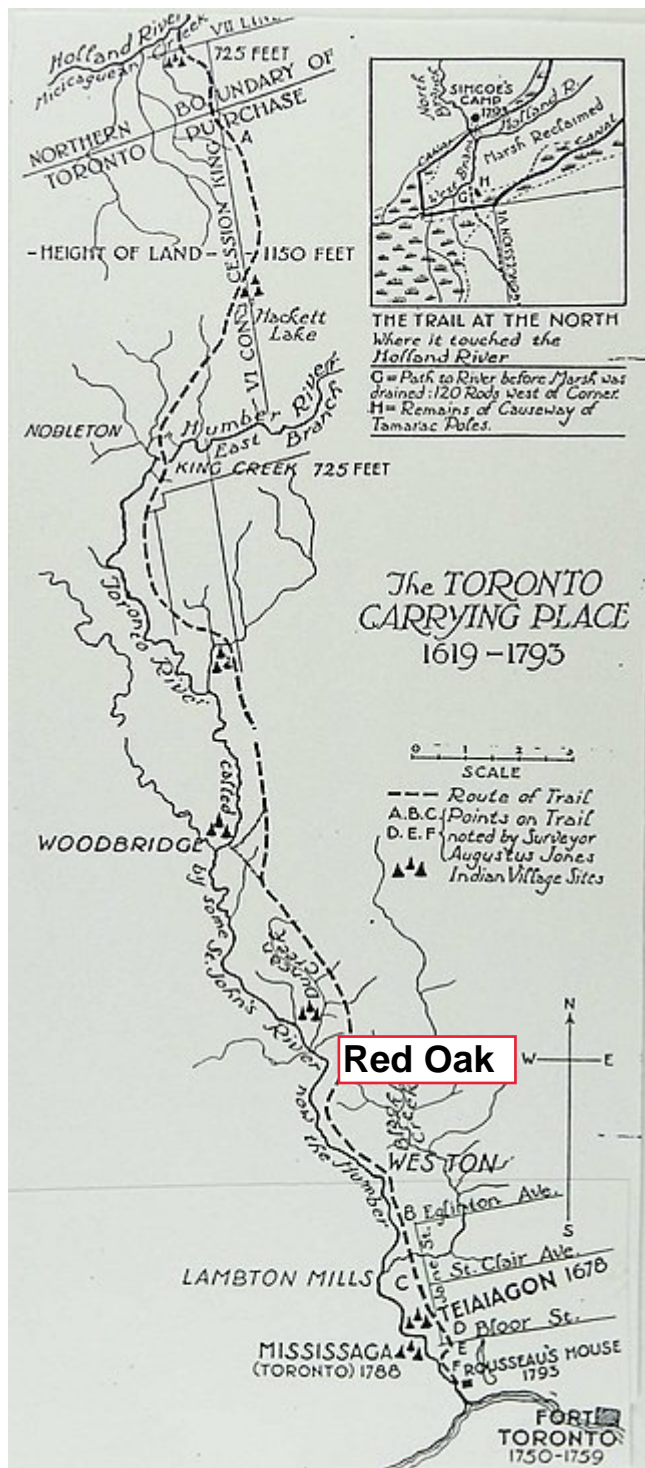
I also support the Red Oak being part of a park that supports Toronto's commitment to green space as we recover and rebuild during and after COVID.

I appreciate the Council giving more time for fundraising for this important project.

Yours truly,



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Map of the Toronto Carrying-Place Trail along the

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Charles

William

Jefferys

Map of the Toronto Carrying Place (1619-1793), which was the portage route from the Holland Marsh to Lake Ontario. The map is the work of C.W. Jeffreys, first published in Percy J. Robinson's "Toronto during the French Regime" (Ryerson Press: Toronto, 1933). The map includes the trail's route, the sites of Native Canadian villages, and a number of rivers.

File: [Map of the Toronto Carrying Place \(1619-1793\), which was the portage route from the Holland Marsh to Lake Ontario.jpeg](#)

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