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## Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve

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To: Mayor John Tory and Members of City Council  
**Regarding Item MM26.9 Red Oak on Coral Gable Drive**

Dear Councillors,

**We support Option B** because this special tree represents 250 years of natural and human history in Toronto and should definitely be preserved and protected. Not many artifacts exist that so eloquently tell the Toronto story, and especially not living artifacts like this unique Red Oak. At Todmorden our Committee and Stewardship Team value mature trees though we are not so fortunate to have such an amazing oak tree on our site. Oaks are known to support over 500 species of butterflies and moths. The caterpillars and other insects found in the bark crevices and on the leaves feed countless numbers of fledgling and adult birds. Our group hopes the tree can be preserved for the future, not only in its existing form but for its acorns which can be collected and planted in various spots around the city, creating a legacy genetically and historically for us all.

Thank you,

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cc. Councillor P. Fletcher

