

North York Community Council

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Subject: My comments for 2020.NY17.26 on September 10, 2020 North York Community Council

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the September 10, 2020 North York Community Council meeting on item 2020.NY17.26, Application to Remove a Private Tree - 34 Whittaker Crescent

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Good morning,

My name is Sharon Johnson and I am Co-Chair of the Bayview Village Association Environment Committee. Monty McDonald is the other Co-Chair. We have both objected to removing healthy trees in Bayview Village over the years. In addition, we have brought to the City's attention in the past of illegal tree removal. Many of these cases have been prosecuted by the City of Toronto.

I am writing to OBJECT to remove the tree on item 2020.NY17.26 at 34 Whittaker Crescent. City Inspectors have already concluded in their report the tree is mature and healthy and it does not pose any danger to 34 Whittaker or the neighbouring houses. The City of Toronto's mission is to increase the tree canopy in Toronto by 40%. By removing this tree it would seriously interfere with the City's mission to increase the tree canopy. A tree of this size takes decades to mature. The removal of this tree would be a serious, and unnecessary loss to our community and the environment.

Among many things, the BVA Environment Committee works hard to sustain existing healthy trees in BV. In addition, the Environment Committee has successfully conducted 3 Community Tree Giveaways in conjunction with the City of Toronto. Spring 2020 was to be our 4th year for this event but is currently on hold due to Covid-19. The BVA has successfully given away close to 700 trees to Toronto residents, most being in BV, Wards Don Valley North, Eglinton-Lawrence and Willowdale over the last 3 years. We are dedicated to increasing the tree canopy in BV and surrounding wards, not decreasing it.

I wish to have this statement formally included when this item goes before City Council on September 10, 2020. Please include this statement as a formal objection on behalf of the Bayview Village Association, Environment Committee, to the removal of this tree for item 202.NY17.26.

Thank you,

Sharon Johnson, Co-Chair, Environment Committee, Bayview Village Association.