

December 12, 2021

Marilyn Toft 12th Floor West Tower City Hall Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Mayor Tory and Members of City Council

RE: IE26.6 Actions to Reaffirm Toronto's Tree Canopy Target.

Dear Mayor John Tory and Members of City Council,

This is to express our strong support for IEC's recommendation that City Council reaffirm Toronto's target of 40 percent tree canopy cover by 2050 to align with the City of Toronto's TransformTO NetZero Strategy.

In particular, we support recommendations to:

- 1. Remove permissions to destroy trees where development as of right.
- 2. Strengthening the Tree Protection By-law by decreasing the diameter of trees requiring protection from a diameter of 30 to 20 cm, and
- 3. Increase enforcement of the existing (and hopefully enhanced) Tree Protection Bylaw,

Yours sincerely,

Cathie Macdonald President, Deer Park Residents Group

CC Councillor Matlow