



Dec 14, 2021

TO: Mayor John Tory and Members of City Council ([councilmeeting@toronto.ca](mailto:councilmeeting@toronto.ca))

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

The South Armour Heights Residents' Association ("SAHRA") represents approximately 850 households in the area between Yonge Blvd over to Avenue Road, from the 401 down to Brooke Avenue within Ward 8 (Eglinton-Lawrence). Our Neighbourhood appreciates our lovely tree canopy!

We support the IEC recommendation that City Council reaffirm Toronto's target of 40 percent tree canopy cover by 2050 to align with the City's TransformTO NetZero Strategy.

However, based on our involvement with the Laneway Suites and Garden Suites EHON initiatives, we feel that there are additional measures that need to be taken now. The proposed by-law amendments for Laneway Suites is recommending a significant decrease in the soft landscaping percentage. The as-of-right exclusion for tree-protection is especially damaging to the preservation and development of our tree canopy.

We are in agreement with Recommendations put forward in FoNTRA's letter, specifically:

**1. Actually protect the private trees that are of protected size**

*That the Municipal Code Chapter 813 –Trees be amended to prevent the ability to injure or remove protected trees on the property where infill development is being applied for (and adjacent trees on neighbouring properties).*

**2. Strengthen the Tree Protection By-laws**

*That the Toronto Municipal Code – Chapter 813 be amended to protect trees of diameter (DBH) greater than 20cm.*

**3. Increase enforcement of the existing (and hopefully enhanced) Tree Protection Bylaws**

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**4. Increase replacement planting when trees are to be removed.**

*That the City (significantly) increase the required replacement planting ratio.*

**5. Maintain or enhance protection of soft landscaping in the Zoning Bylaws**

*That City Council request the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report back on any recommendations for enhanced enforcement of*



*the requirement for soft landscaping on the City right-of-way or private property as set out in the City's Zoning Bylaw.*

Thank you for consideration of our requests.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Dunlop".

Sheila Dunlop (Secretary)

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