

Leaside Residents Association Incorporated

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Toronto City Hall
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Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki

**RE: MM32.21 Strengthening Protections for Toronto's Tree Canopy - by
Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll
(Ward All)**

This is to confirm our strong support for the above noted Member's Motion which recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, to provide additional tools to ensure the protection of by-law protected trees in their update on Urban Forestry Committee of Adjustment conditions through the City's Growing Space for Trees initiative in their report to the Planning and Housing Committee scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025.
2. City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to include the City of Toronto's private tree by-law as an applicable law for the purposes of issuing a building permit under the Ontario Building Code.
3. City Council request the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, in consultation with the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building, to include information about the City's tree by-laws and their relationship to the Ontario Building Code in the by-law review report anticipated in the fourth quarter of 2025.

These recommendations link the culling of a well loved mature honey locust tree at 712 Eglinton Avenue East in Leaside to much needed changes in urban forestry policy by the City, and to facilitate the policy linkage of forestry infractions and building permit permissions, which require urgent action by the Ontario government. These changes are needed to prevent such incidents from re-occurring and to protect the urban tree canopy.

We request that the three recommendations be adopted by City. Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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