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Yours truly

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 3, 2025 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2025.PH26.2, Growing Space for Trees: Protecting and Enhancing the Tree Canopy While Supporting Infill Housing and Addressing Concerns with Iceberg Homes - Recommendation Report

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:

More formal comments will follow. The Swansea Area Ratepayers Association and the Swansea Area Ratepayers Association (SARA/SARG) support the amendments.

SARA/SARG where instrumental in the development of the Ravine Control By-law in the late 70s and 80s in the former City of Toronto, along with the former City of Toronto Private Tree By-law.

We view these amendments are critical to ensuring that Toronto remains a City within a Park, dealing with climate change, reducing the heat island effect and maintaining the amenity of neighbourhoods.

There appears to be a pattern of one car garages being replaced by two car garages with the garden suite" on top of the garage. The result is the paving over of the back yard to access the second spot. The result of this is the garden suite and secondarily the laneway suite are not accessible since the suite is not a grade.

RECOMMEND

1. Planning and Housing adopt the Official Plan amendments and proposed zoning amendments.
2. Direct Planning to review and study the impact of the expansion of single car garages to two car garages the soft landscaping.

Yours Truly,

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