

Dear City Clerk,

My name is Vanessa Italiano, and I am a representative of Toronto Landscaping Inc., a local landscaping company operating for nearly 40 years.

I am writing to submit comments regarding Item **PH27.1, “Growing Space for Trees: Protecting and Enhancing the Tree Canopy While Supporting Infill Housing and Addressing Concerns with Iceberg Homes.”** Specifically, I am writing to oppose the provisions that remove swimming pool and hot tub water surfaces from soft landscaping calculations.

I respectfully request that this correspondence be placed on the public record and circulated to Members of Council for consideration.

As proposed, this change would reduce compliance for otherwise responsible residential projects, require unnecessary minor variances, increase costs and timelines for homeowners, and add administrative burden for City staff.

Swimming pools are not equivalent to hard paving or building mass and are often designed alongside permeable and landscaped features that support sustainable site planning and tree preservation.

We respectfully ask that Council reconsider this provision and consult with industry stakeholders, including the Pool & Hot Tub Council of Canada, prior to finalizing the amendment.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
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