

Community ACTION ALERT

Toronto's tree canopy has been under threat by developers in our neighbourhoods for many years.

Despite the benefits trees provide, Toronto City Council has delayed action to protect them until now.

On March 25, Toronto Councillors will be voting to protect more trees on private properties by:

- Reducing the size of bylaw protected trees to 20 cm in diameter from 30 cm;
- Increasing fines for illegally cut down trees;
- Creation of a distinctive tree category that will require community approval to destroy a tree with a diameter of 61 cm and larger.

Mature trees improve air quality, provide habitat for other species, soak up rainwater which contributes to flood prevention and can even increase the value of your home.

For a summary of the proposed changes go to Attachment 1 in the [Toronto Bylaw Review Report](#) on page 31.

Send letters in PDF format by noon on March 24, 2026 to:

councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Mayor Chow mayor_chow@toronto.ca

Add your local Councillor, <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/council/members-of-council/>

Include in the Subject Line: Letter of support for IE 27.8 Tree By-law Review Report

Help our young stewards to send in their comments as well!



What would our future stewards have to say about the decisions we are making today if asked?

The City has set a target of 40% canopy cover by 2050, are we on the right track to meet this target?

Ask a young person to fill in the blanks & include in your letter to City Council.

Today I am XX years old.

In 2050 I will be XX years old.

This is my wish for trees ...

Thank you for your supporting these important changes
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