



DATE: February 28, 2022

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Attention: Janie Romoff, General Manager
Request to Deny: Injury or Destruction of Tree on Private Property 5 Windy Ridge.

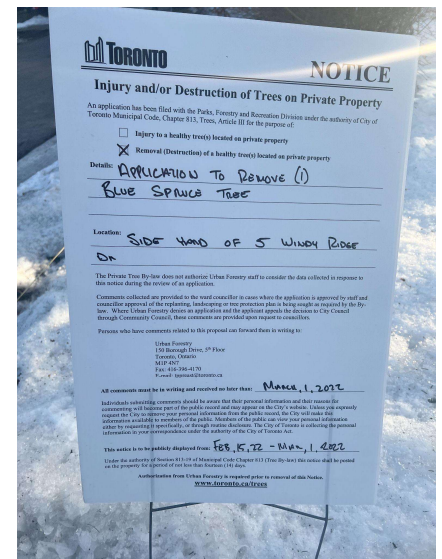
On February 16th, 2022, the residents of Windy Ridge Drive found a sign lying on the road, which turned out to be a notice from Urban Forestry. The Urban Forestry notice states that an application has been received to remove a healthy mature blue spruce tree on the side yard of 5 Windy Ridge Drive. Neighbours have since put the sign back up.

Through follow up with Urban Forestry we learned that 5 trees were proposed for removal:

- 1) Spruce tree by the garage
- 2) Spruce tree opposite end of house closer to 7 WR
- 3) Silver maple in the backyard
- 4) Spruce in backyard
- 5) Healthy tree in front yard closer to 3 WR

The 5th tree is a 58cm Blue Spruce located between 7 and 5 Windy Ridge Dr and 4 trees are to be planted as compensation in the rear yard of the address. The other 4 trees were determined in poor health and would qualify for removal.

It should be noted also that two mature City-owned trees and several other trees on the property were already significantly trimmed back and we have concern for their health.





These details were also shared in our follow up with Urban Forestry on November 18th, 2021. More photos can be provided if needed.



On February 22, 2022 the home on 5 Windy Ridge was listed for sale. Neighbours reached out to the current owners asking that they pull the request for permits to remove trees since the home is listed for sale but there was no resolution agreed upon.

Neighbours also shared and asked to be noted that the original owners planted and maintained all these trees on a regular basis since the early 1950's and the trees were healthy until recently.



Our urban forest is in crisis and residents feel that Toronto Urban Forestry is failing in holding up its responsibilities. The matter cannot be fixed by just planting. We have to protect what we have. We can't plant our way out of this.

According to Section 813-17, Permit refusal, of the City of Toronto tree bylaw, the General Manager shall not issue a permit for the injury or destruction of trees where: (c) Trees are healthy.

As noted in the 2018 City of Toronto Tree Canopy Study, impervious land cover has increased across the city by 1.4% since 2008. Most of the land, 349 hectares, that has been converted from pervious to impervious is on single family residential land, such as This worrying trend is obvious in Ward 20.

Toronto's Strategic Forest Management Plan 2012-2022, includes expanding the forest canopy from 28%-30% to 40%. This plan indicates:

"One of the fundamental aspects of increasing tree canopy coverage across the city is protection of the existing resource. Tree protection is currently accomplished through implementation of various tree and natural feature protection by-laws which provide opportunities to educate the public on the benefits of trees. Efforts to protect trees need to be improved." (Executive Summary p. xi)

Furthermore, in October of 2020 Mayor John Tory accepted the Champion of Trees Award on behalf of the City of Toronto. The award, presented by the Arbor Day Foundation, recognized the City for exemplary leadership in developing and implementing new policies and practices for tree planting and care, natural area stewardship and arboriculture. This prestigious award should come with a responsibility to the City's existing tree canopy.

The undersigned residents of Windy Ridge Drive and the Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association (CSVSWRA), urge the Urban Forestry General Manager to decline the application to destroy this healthy tree, as well as any healthy trees that contribute to our important Urban Forest.



CSVSWRA would be happy to work with Urban Forestry to help educate property owners in Cliffcrest and Scarborough Village about the value of the urban forest in residential areas.

Yours Sincerely

Janet May, Director and Co-Chair Planning and Development
Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association

Undersigned:

Y. Di Tullio (6 Windy Ridge Drive), M. Tadenc (3 Windy Ridge Drive), Bette Ross (7 Windy Ridge Drive), P. Vincent (8 Windy Ridge Drive), Lynne Ormrod (15 Windy Ridge Drive), Rob MacLellan (16 Windy Ridge Drive), Gerald Choy (17 Windy Ridge Drive), and Teresa Geremia (19 Windy Ridge Drive), Michael Morse (10 Bellehaven Cres)

Cc. Councillor Crawford, Monique Lisi