



July 17, 2012

MISSISSAUGA ONTARIO

Mayor & Council
City of Mississauga

Dear Mayor and Council:
RE: Proposed Tree Bylaw

I am writing on behalf of the executive of the Gordon Woods Homeowners' Association regarding the proposed amendments to the current Tree By-Law.

The Gordon Woods Homeowners' Association was incorporated in July 1977 with a mandate to preserve the character of our residential community: to maintain our trees, our wildlife and the tranquility of our neighbourhood. The residents united to address issues such as the high volume of traffic through our streets and the protection of our neighbourhood from indiscriminate land development. We believe that residents of Gordon Woods are entrusted with a unique ecological environment and we are duty bound to protect it for future generations.

Our association represents the community that is located west of Hurontario, north of the QEW, south of the Queensway and east of Lynchmere. We are also one of two urban forests in the City and are designated as a Special Site under the Cooksville Plan. Gordon Woods has been identified as a **Residential Woodland** in its Official Plan. A Residential Woodland is a Natural Area System as described in the Environment Section of the Official Plan. Although the area has been developed as a residential community, it is characterized by a mature canopy of red oak, white oak, sugar maple along with other tree species, and contributes to the linkage function of Stavebank Creek, Kenolli Creek and Mary Fix Creek.

In recent years a number of large trees have been removed due to infill development or the wishes of a few property owners. We consider it important that the existing tree canopy be preserved and where feasible, enhanced.

We support the proposed amendments to the Tree By-Law and wish that this be considered in your decision.

Sincerely,

Sharon Giraud
President, Gordon Woods Homeowners' Association
cc Executive Board, GWHHA

