



December 9th, 2015

To: Mayor Tory and Members of City Council

Email: clerk@toronto.ca

RE: PE8.5 – Revisions to the Tree By-laws
Item for Consideration by Toronto City Council on December 9, 2015

On Monday, November 23, 2015, the Parks and Environment Committee approved revisions to the City's tree by-laws, without notice and without representations from members of the public.

Trees play an important environmental role particularly in a populated urban environment and are becoming more critical to protect against pollution and the affects of climate change. In addition, the revised tree by-laws appear to conflict with the City's goal to ensure the tree canopy is maintained.

We are requesting this agenda item P8.5 Revisions to the Tree By-laws amending Chapters 658 and 813 of the City's Municipal Code be refereed back to the Parks and Environment Committee as a deputation item to be held after notice has been given to all affected persons including resident and ratepayer groups, tree preservation groups, environment groups and naturalist groups.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Caliendo & Ian Carmichael Co-presidents ABCRA on behalf of
the Board Members.

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