

From: Jessica Lovell

Subject: Written comments to City Council or committee

Re: the proposed Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments for 300 Water St.

As a resident of the area, I would like to ask council not to approve these amendments, which would allow for the removal of a significant number of trees from an area that has already seen its tree cover decimated in recent years.

Tree removals from the hydro corridor and the nearby Muslim Society property have significantly changed the landscape in this area, but I don't believe that means this wood lot should be dismissed as insignificant. Rather, because it is an island of trees in an area that has lost so many, it should be valued all the more.

Centennial Park (where it's tough to find shade, and my children cannot play on a summer day for fear they will get burned by the sun-baked playground equipment) is not a substitute for the mature trees at 300 Water St.

The 300 Water St. Woodlot provides habitat for animals and birds, and makes the area more beautiful and loveable for the existing residents.

Losing this to gain a mere seven dwelling units is not worth it.

And that says nothing of the parking and traffic headaches that will surely increase with the addition of driveways on this already congested dead-end street.

Other residents of the neighbourhood have already expressed their support for maintaining the urban reserve status of this piece of land, and I want to add my voice to their voices. Please vote no to these amendments.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lovell