

To: Trista Di Lullo
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Hello,

I am a resident of Guelph and my home is on Hearn Avenue [REDACTED].

I am familiar with this lot and have some questions/concerns as it relates to the severance and subsequent construction of a new home in the newly created northern lot. I appreciate that some of the items that are raised may be matters that are resolved during the building permit stage of the project (should it be approved), but thought it worthwhile to flag them now in the interest of best planning practices.

The subject lot contains a very mature Black Walnut in the site's northeast quadrant. Based on the survey provided, this may in fact be a City asset or be mutually owned by the subject property owner and the City. In any case, based on my experience in the older neighbourhoods of Guelph, this tree could be one of the oldest Walnuts in the City's core, with a crown that is very expansive and impressive. From what I recall, the grade drops from the northern part of the subject lands, down into the lot. Hearn Ave. and Chadwick Avenue are generally at higher elevations than the majority of this lot. The tree stem is located at least part way down this slope and approximately 3m south of the Chadwick sidewalk (based on my recollection of walking past it several times).

My primary concern is for the successful preservation of this tree through the construction process in the event that the application moved forward. Things to consider are as follows:

The tree's minimum root protection zone (by commonly accepted arboricultural standards, it would be a radius of approximately 6m from the circumference of the stem) as well as the protection/maintenance/mitigation of the crown in response to any required reductions to accommodate the new dwelling.

In short, I am curious to know if the City has considered the above and what steps might be taken through the approvals process to protect this tree through the development of the subject lands.

Thank you,

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Joshua Beitz