

To: Mayor, Councillors and Staff  
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Two initiatives are currently being proposed by the city: 4-plex developments as-of-right and the private tree bylaw. These initiatives, in my opinion, must be considered in tandem.

Having attended the Gentle Density presentation on February 22 and having seen the lot configurations, as proposed by O2, one has to assume that trees will be removed to accommodate 4-plex construction. It is therefore imperative, especially where this construction occurs on mature treed lots, that trees are afforded as much protection as possible. If that protection is not feasible, then cash-in-lieu payments need to be made to plant trees elsewhere.

The clear-cutting of trees for infill purposes is a reality: look at the street view of 26 Forest St and then drive by now...

A balance will need to be found to achieve supplying infill housing yet not destroying what many citizens see as one of the city's assets...our trees.