

Hi there,

We are Jill and David Cummings. [REDACTED] Stuart St, Guelph, [REDACTED]. We are the direct neighbours of 41 Stuart St. and share the property line where the relief request for set back has been requested.

We have grave concerns for the impact to the Maple trees that border our property. Our home was built in 1885 and the mature maple trees on our plot are likely close to the age of the house. They are beautiful trees that have been here for probably 150years. Stuart Street is renowned for its mature urban forest and these gorgeous trees were a huge draw for us when we moved here. We have a great love and appreciation for nature and hope to preserve and protect the life on our property.

The proposed construction of the attached garage at 41 Stuart St. Is directly beside two huge mature maples. It seems impossible for their root systems not to be damaged beyond repair with the excavation and foundation requirements for that structure in such close proximity.(within 4 feet!)

We are not even able to pave our own driveway because of the risk to the roots. We urge the city to investigate the potential damage to these remarkable trees and propose that the new structures' location be moved so the root systems are protected. Perhaps further back into the yard?

If these trees die as a result of root damage it would be a great loss to our property and it would create a substantial removal cost for us.

We oppose the relief from the zoning requirements of by-law (2023) 20790 and further enforced By-law (2010) 19058 and By-law (1986) 12229 - Part 1, protecting the destruction of trees.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if we can provide anything further.

Jill and David Cummings