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Delegation information

Committee you want to address

Standing Policy Committee on Community Services

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

11 - City of Winnipeg Tree By-law

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox

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Comments

I oppose the city council's reluctance to move forward with a comprehensive tree bylaw, and I am concerned that we are not taking the steps available to us right now to protect our urban forest. We cannot keep delaying this action.

Recently, I walked past acres of land that had been harshly and haphazardly clear-cut. Nearly a year has passed since the trees were removed, yet the area remains unchanged—a blight on the landscape. Nothing was cleaned up. Large trees were left toppled, where they will take years to decompose. And for what purpose? We restrict landowners from altering the grade of their property without approval, yet we act as if clear-cutting an entire lot has no impact on water absorption, erosion, soil health, or other environmental risks. These stripped and neglected lots are not only environmentally damaging but also an eyesore for our city.

It is reasonable—and responsible—to require better planning, better environmental stewardship, and a stronger commitment to community pride. Developers should not be permitted to cause irreversible harm to a property before any plans are approved, especially when so many projects are started and never completed. The damage remains long after the development fails to materialize.

At minimum, the city needs a bylaw that protects trees from unnecessary and premature removal. This should include a clear, rigorous process for large-scale clearing while still providing a simple, accessible path for individual landowners to responsibly maintain their

properties.

Implementing a comprehensive tree bylaw is not an overreach—it is the least we can do to preserve our city’s natural environment and ensure thoughtful, sustainable development for the future.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes

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