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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Tree Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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

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Tree Protection Bylaw – Executive Policy Committee

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

December 23, 2024 will mark 1 year since the 3rd Lemay Forest Chainsaw massacre. It was one of the most devastating and heinous assaults on nature in our city. For days, hundreds of residents watched helplessly in real time and from a distance as chainsaws ripped through one of our city's last few intact mature riparian forests. This type of trauma on nature and the people trying to protect is long lasting.

I fully support the motion as a first step to a tree protection bylaw. Please do the right thing for a healthy more livable city as LEADERS, not just decision makers.

Public buy-in is possible and there are hundreds of residents who will step up to support the engagement and education phase of the tree protection bylaw.

🍃**Several Canadian cities have strong urban tree bylaws: Vancouver, Ottawa, Moncton, Toronto and Victoria.**

🍃Vancouver's Tree Protection bylaw is often cited as a leading model.

🍃The city of Dieppe, NB has a great easy to read breakdown and FAQs of their tree protection bylaw. https://www.dieppe.ca/en/vivre-ici/arr-t-sur-les-arbres.aspx

Respectfully,

Cat M Gauthier