



*Today, I hope that you might be able to help me to deepen my understanding regarding how do we protect established, older trees in the urban areas of TBM, and areas under development threat.*

*How do we do this and not raise concerns from the Local Agricultural Community?*



**TBM Tree Trust** *is a registered charity serving TBM community*

***Our objective*** is to provide a practical mechanism for TBM community members to express their love of trees and our beautiful natural surroundings through the preservation and care of significant, important trees in our community.

**In 3 years, we have:**

- Cared for 11 elder trees, including planting of 20+ “understudy” trees
- Planted hundreds of saplings along the Georgian Trail at Northwinds Beach and 10<sup>th</sup> Line
- Planted 60+ larger trees along the Georgian Trail, 100+ larger trees at Delphi Park, Heritage Park and Nipissing Ridge parks
- Held tree care days to apply mulch and compost to these new trees
- Established a native tree nursery
- Conducted educational programming at BVCS.

All based on community donations and volunteers. TBM residents *really* care about trees.









## **Why am I here asking questions about a possible Tree Preservation By Law?**

- It takes a LONG time (and effort) to grow a tree. We cant meaningfully cut and replace existing established trees.**
- An established tree stores carbon and delivers many ecological, esthetic, community and mental health benefits**
- By not protecting our existing, established trees we are overlooking the easiest and most local of nature preservation and climate change solutions**
- TBM was one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and intense development pressure has resulted in a lot of clear cutting (2016-2021 Canadian Census)**
- The community wants trees protected. Community members have donated countless volunteer hours and dollars and through the municipal process have clearly and demonstrated their support for tree preservation.**



## **The importance of protecting the Local Agricultural Community:**

- **Protection of the Agricultural community is provided through provincial legislation, for example, FFPPA (1988)**
- **Restricting tree preservation requirements to TBM Urban Areas?**
- **Specifically writing in a permit exemption into any tree preservation By-law providing an exemption for a cultivated orchard business where fruit or nut trees are grown**
- **What else?**