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Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

Tree Preservation and Renewal

As we all know, Trees are the lungs of our world and are vital to our well-being. So, it is alarming that, throughout the world, trees are indiscriminately being cut down because of human disregard and greed. This is also the case in Canada and, unfortunately, in the Town as well.

A situation which has been exacerbated by the Ash Borer, which has decimated thousands of trees in our beautiful part of the world. What is even worse is that there seems to little awareness in the Town and by many of its residents of the role we are playing in making the world less habitable for all of us.

Accordingly, we ask Council to follow and replicate the City of Mississauga's tree replacement initiative. In particular, we ask Council to:

- Replace decimated trees with Indigenous/Native trees in the area.
- Pass a law to enforce homeowners to replace all trees cut down for septic tank installation. Failing space for replacement, a sizeable fee needs to go a "Town Tree Replacement Fund".
- Educate homeowners via an "e blast" as to just how vital trees are, why the retention of and the planting of them is a top priority and why Native tree replacement is essential for our well being.
- Increase taxes to homeowners as a "Once off Tax" to enable the Town to build an adequate Sewerage Plant for the burgeoning area so that Town Sewerage for all residences can be installed as soon as possible, followed by obligatory septic tank removal. This will mitigate the cutting down of trees, the denuding of a precious and vital commodity and will provide addition areas for the planting of tress on the affected properties.

We would appreciate you taking the time to discuss and, hopefully, approve this proposal.

With hope for and commitment to our natural environment,

Yours respectfully,

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