

PRIVATE TREE BY LAW

Report RPF-03-22

- **A brief summary of some very serious concerns**
- **The Council's June 2021 directive is very clear.
IT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.**
- **Accepting the Forestry department report will annul the directive.**
- **We will back where we started...or worse.**

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2. **ONE permit per project not one permit per tree**

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3. **Reduced costs?**

*The report ends up with essentially the same or higher costs for most people and requires deposits (**we are not to be trusted.**)*

4. **Simplified procedures?**

The report seems to want to increase complexity

One example...The requirement to post permits so that neighbours can be aware and presumably intervene on tree removals (otherwise why bother?)

Setting neighbour against neighbour. Very bad policy.

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While fees have been capped for trees with diameters greater than 76 cm (a large tree) this is more than offset by removing the fee reduction for dying and unhealthy trees!

4. **Simplified procedures?**

*One new example...permits
presumably intervene on tree*

**Now you see cost reduction,
Now you don't !!**

This will set neighbour against neighbour. Very bad policy.

CONCLUSION

IF THE REPORT IS ACCEPTED IT WILL TOTALLY ANNUL THE COUNCIL'S
JUNE 21 DIRECTIVE

AND

THE REPORT WILL BECOME THE BASIS FOR THE NEW BYLAW.

THIS IS TRANSPARENTLY CLEAR.

The first rejected draft new bylaw in 2021 contained draconian terms and gave wildly excessive powers to the forestry dept.

If the report is accepted nothing will change.

RECOMMENDATION

SET ASIDE THE REPORT.

**REQUIRE THE FORESTRY DEPT. TO PROVIDE THE NEW
DRAFT BYLAW AS ALREADY INSTRUCTED IN COUNCIL'S
CRYSTAL CLEAR DIRECTIVE 9 MONTHS AGO .**

AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT THEREOF.

AND WITHIN 30 DAYS.

APPENDIX

Points for reference. They've been heard before,

1. A simple calculation shows the ~1,000 trees planted last year has the effect of absorbing the Carbon emitted from just 2 cars after 10 years!

Claims of helping the Climate Emergency are misleading.

2. **STOP** using manipulative and inflammatory terminology.

e.g. permits “to injure” a tree.

I find this insulting.

3. We see massive new condo projects moving forward and nothing being required of developers or owners to pay for new trees somewhere in Burlington. Why? A golden opportunity is being missed.

This inequitable treatment is not addressed.