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Good morning

Please accept these comments for consideration for the above-noted Agenda item on Monday Oct 6, 2025.

I would like to express my support for this By-law amendment and ask Committee and Council to ensure it is accompanied by strong public messaging. The leaves are already dropping and starting to collect along curbsides in several areas. Please include details about the fine in the City's Leaf Collection flyer that is circulated every year. Post messages in high-visibility areas such as the streetside display boards outside public facilities, and on indoor message boards.

I would also ask for continued public education about the importance of keeping yard waste from private lots out of Burlington's natural spaces (ravines, forests). Disposing of non-native or invasive plants in these settings can have devastating effects on our ecosystem and lead to loss of entire species. Councillors, please use your social media accounts and newsletters to highlight the importance of this and make residents aware of the fine that can be levied. It's equally important to share this with other local partners who may use private groundskeeping service (Burlington Hydro, for example). Hopefully increased awareness leads to increased compliance.

As a resident who loves our trees and natural spaces, and is equally concerned about how the fallen leaves can impact road safety and increase the potential for flooding, I will also do my part to spread the word in my neighbourhood about this amendment.

Thank you,
Leslie Barbetta