

**The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Additional Agenda
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

2:30 P.M.

Electronic Participation Meeting

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3. Deputations/Presentations

*3.2 City Solicitor (Tree Preservation and Clean and Clear By-laws)

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Tree Preservation By-law Survey
Tree Preservation

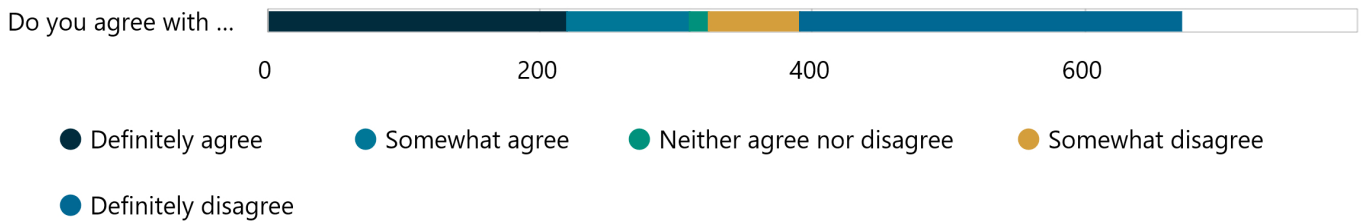
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Contribution Summary

1. The municipality does not currently regulate or restrict the destruction of trees on privately-owned property. The proposed By-law will prohibit cutting down mature, healthy, non-hazardous trees in Environmental Protection areas for any reason. Do you agree with this change? If you have any alternatives to be considered, please provide them at the end of this survey. Required

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	Definitely agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Definitely disagree	Count	Score
Do you agree with this change?	32.69% 219	13.43% 90	2.09% 14	10.00% 67	41.79% 280	670	3.15

2. The proposed By-law will apply a fee for cutting down mature, healthy trees on all properties larger than 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres), in addition to all properties 30 meters (98.4 ft) from shoreline regardless of property size. Do you agree with this property size threshold? If you have any alternatives to be considered, please provide them at the end of this survey. Required

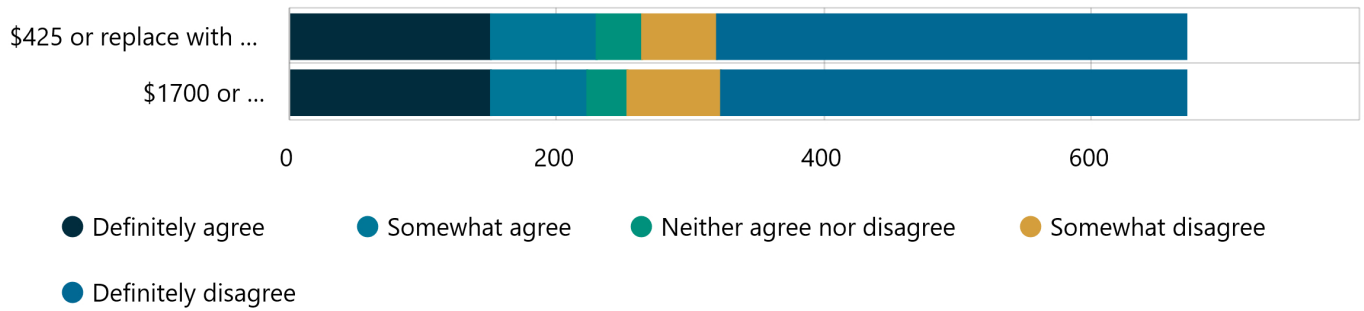
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Do you agree with this property size?	22.99% 154	12.24% 82	4.48% 30	12.54% 84	47.76% 320	670	3.50

3. The proposed By-law outlines fees for cutting down mature trees based on property size (unless exemptions or fee waivers apply). Do you agree with these fee amounts? If you have any alternatives to be considered, please provide them at the end of this survey. Required

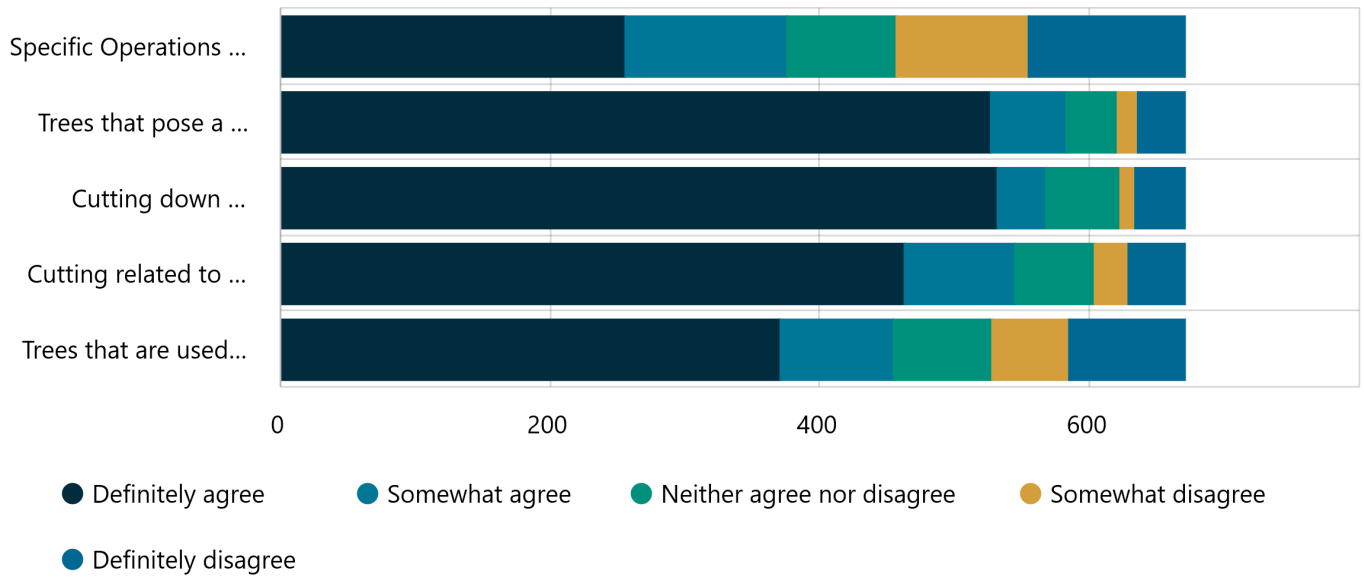
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\$425 or replace with one mature sapling, if property is less than 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) in size.	22.39% 150	11.79% 79	5.07% 34	8.36% 56	52.39% 351	670	3.57
\$1700 or replace with four mature saplings, if property is more than 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) in size.	22.39% 150	10.75% 72	4.48% 30	10.45% 70	51.94% 348	670	3.59

4. The proposed By-law outlines exemptions, meaning you would not need to apply for a permit in these situations. Do you agree with each of these exemptions? If you have any alternatives to be considered, please provide them at the end of this survey. Required

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Specific Operations (agriculture, aggregates, cemetery, golf clubs, tree nurseries, forestry)	38.06% 255	17.91% 120	12.09% 81	14.63% 98	17.31% 116	670	2.55
Trees that pose a hazard to structures	78.51% 526	8.36% 56	5.67% 38	2.24% 15	5.22% 35	670	1.47
Cutting down buckthorn (non-native invasive species)	79.25% 531	5.37% 36	8.21% 55	1.64% 11	5.52% 37	670	1.49
Cutting related to septic installation or repair within 30 metres of a shoreline	68.96% 462	12.24% 82	8.81% 59	3.73% 25	6.27% 42	670	1.66
Trees that	55.22%	12.54%	10.90%	8.51%	12.84%	670	2.11

are used as wood fuel to heat your own home.

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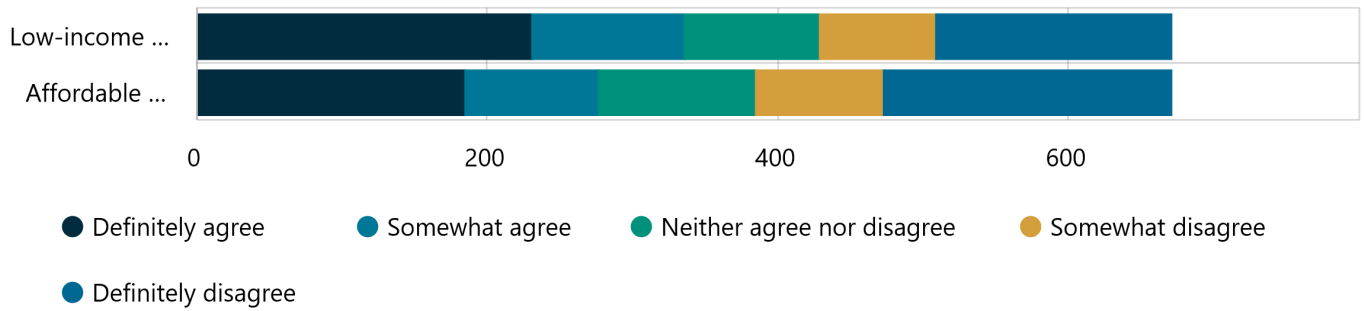
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5. The proposed By-law outlines a fee waiver for low-income households and affordable housing developments. Do you agree with each of these fee waivers? If you have any alternatives to be considered, please provide them at the end of this survey. Required

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Low-income households	34.33% 230	15.67% 105	13.88% 93	11.94% 80	24.18% 162	670	2.76
Affordable housing developments	27.46% 184	13.73% 92	16.12% 108	13.13% 88	29.55% 198	670	3.04

6. Please let us know any alternatives you would like the project team to consider, including for: Prohibiting cutting in Environmental Protection Areas Minimum property size Exemptions Fees Fee waivers

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Sentiment



Positive
2% (9)

Mixed
6% (25)

Negative
57% (244)

Neutral
35% (149)

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Tree Preservation By-Law: Responses

Question: Please let us know any alternatives you would like the project team to consider, including for: prohibiting cutting in environmental protection areas, minimum property size, exemptions, fees and fee waivers.

Responses:

"This proposal is just another level of government reach with the number of loopholes such as tree being cut for firewood or unhealthy trees trees being poisoned so they die.

We would a property owner that is in 1.5 ha have to pay more than others that own 1 ha

How many additional public employees are needed to be hired to inspect these trees and issue permits. We should be looking for ways to save public funds necessary to support existing programs not finding ways to spend more tax payers money"

"This will require more overpaid government employees. Definitely a waste of money given the deficit the city already has.

Just leave the whole thing alone. This is a cost that is not necessary."

No tree cutting bylaw on personal property. If you want to have laws about who is and who isn't allowed to cut a tree then you have to own the property that the tree is on first because the municipality authority to dictate land use extends from the municipality act which is conferred to it by the province so the municipality cannot supercede private property rights that are pre-existing agreements between private property owners and the province.

What about all these bloody farmers removing so many trees to grow more corn, soy right to the edge of the road? Destruction of so much wildlife habitat has been going on too long in this municipality.

leave the tree owners alone 98 percent of us appreciate our trees we dont need a bloated beurocracy to tell us how to manage our property . if a bylaw comes to pass any person who cant cut their own tree should be adequatly compensated by the municipality . if you want to do something great for the enviorment and the people of the municipality halt all building on class 1 and 2 farmland

Stay away from our property if you aren't paying my taxes stay off my land with all your crappie rules

It shouldn't be any of your business what people do on their own property. Concern yourself with the public issues you don't handle competently, like road maintenance and stay off private property

Just a money grab stay the hell out of peoples lives

Private property should be just that.... private! Sounds like another money grab in Kawartha Mistakes...

For new developments this with only cause more valuable farm land to be used.

There are plenty of trees in the Kawartha Lakes, why do we need more regulation and more government?

There needs to be understanding for wood burning stoves, farmers and the need to clear land for fence rows, and land clearing for agriculture. For years farmers have removed and kept in check sick Hazardous trees without the need of a "professional" to tell them a tree is sick. Frankly it's common sense to identify dead standing wood and sick trees. Seems like yet another fee/cost that is just being added on to the middle class. This is primarily a rural farming area, maybe actually consult farmers and rural tax payers before forcing new bylaws on your citizens

Stay out of people's private property.

There is nothing mentioned concerned dead trees. These may not necessarily pose a risk but should be cut, no questions asked.

Fix the roads.

This proposal will not provide a single benefit to the Community. There must be other more worthy projects that need attention and are not such a blatant wastes of taxpayer Money. This proposal sounds like a bureaucrats pet project, it will benefit no one and cost many.

This is a horrendous cash grab on already overtaxed seasonal property mainly cottages. It will not stop private homeowners from cutting down trees they own and cherish. What will it accomplish other than subsidizing a bloated municipal budget and benifitting arborists that are already highly paid. expanding a septic tile bed is already horrendously expensive, add a level of bureacracy about trees and it will only get worse. The end result people wont undertake projects that would otherwise benifit water quality. This is cheap window dressing by council and smacks of government overreach. Let the Ministry continue to issue logging permits and quarry licenses and rape the land with no proper oversight, then cover it up with tree bylaws? What are you doing?

Who decides what is an "Environmental Protection area"? Who decides what tree is appropriate for removal? At what cost and time to a land owner? Why implement another layer of regulations on Landowners? Mature trees do not live forever, many are

rotten or diseased and many times this cannot be determined till its been cut down and examined. Once again more government over reach to address a non problem and impact negatively the ability of property owners to manage their wood lots for some economic return. I don't believe any assurances that this will not encroach further into agriculture and wood lot properties. I am not in support of this at all. Jeff Karelsen.

I payed for my property and pay the taxes so I will not let the city tell what to do and pay for it. Only if they worked this hard on things that matter like looking after their employees and paying accordingly. If they did waste \$\$\$ changing their logo

This will unnecessarily increase costs of maintaining the property. Even for cutting down healthy tree we would need to hire "experts ". This is money grab scheme and nothing else.

The complete by-law should be rescinded . it is not the job of City staff to form these type of policies without proper need. Only elected officials have the right to create these policies so that the publics best interests are considered. There should be zero input from staff or By-law enforcement to use taxpayers dollars to harm citizens of the municipality financially and encroach on sovereign rights of the taxpayers. This is a costly programme with no transparency and a huge draw on the rights of taxpayers. City staff must serve the taxpayers as a service agent in a dejure government and end this defacto overreach of power. let the taxpayers decide there own policies.

Shorelines should be kept in their natural state as much as possible. These shorelines provide irreplaceable access to water and trees routes help to solidify the shorelines. As humans we have the ability to understand how detrimental it is to keep nature natural and cutting down trees unnecessarily has long term negative affects.

The best alternative is to not put in another bylaw at all. We have far too many laws and too much spending by our government. We need to decrease the size and scope of all government and decrease the number of regulations to curtail all government spending, if we are to remain any semblance of a free country.

Farm Properties need to be exempt from requiring permits.

Keep you hands out of my pockets, how will this help developers keep new construction costs down? How will the city have a level playing field for single family homes verses sub division projects. I would propose if the trees need to be cut down to provide room for a new home that fees would be waived.

Eliminate the professional assessment requirements. The cost will cripple the intended good benefits of maintain our healthy, safe properties. Tree management is part being a property owner . As an environmental technician graduate not qualify me to manage my own property or would I have to waste my hard earned money a report/approval

report that I am qualified to do. Is Tree management out side the scope of the township skill set and ability.

"As someone who has worked with trees my whole life, I'd suggest the status quo while more considered research is done that reflects the realities of a largely rural "city". Research forest management best practices (you'll find this includes the culling/thinning of trees).

This policy, imported from densely populated urban municipalities, doesn't translate to a rural community like ours. I'm already seeing the unintended consequences of this proposal with neighbours cutting down trees they'd otherwise leave because they are worried about the fee down the road.

I think you would be better served to focus on urban trees - protecting the large old trees of Lindsay, encouraging the planting of native species, etc. look to the town of Amherstberg as an example."

"This entire concept, despite presumably positive intentions, is absurd. It infringes on personal property rights and incentivizes perverse behaviour without having any positive demonstrable impact of creating a "healthy environment". It will make our city and community less competitive while trying legislate change to a macro challenge that is beyond the scope of council's ability to resolve.

The fact that narrow special interests and arbitrary measures have been identified is also perplexing and promotes a sense of "rules for thee and not for me".

Our city is trying to thrive and grow after decades of mismanagement and myopia and thoughtless policies and rule-making like this threatens the prospects many in the community have created via their own blood, sweat and tears, despite any thoughtful collaboration from local government."

Bylaw appears to allow clearcutting for a price. Focus should be tree preservation rather than income generation from ccccut trees.

Let people use their own property. People pay enough to own property that they shouldn't be nickel and dimed to use their property as they see fit.

This bylaw is ridiculous! We have a tree that is too close the house. It needs to be cut down but we will not be able to afford the fee to you, plus a tree removal company and would not qualify under low income. Charge a fee to the companies that come in and clear cut to build new expensive homes.

"The definition of a mature tree on a property should be amended to 8 inches in diameter.

Properties within 30 metres of a shoreline should be exempt unless the property is greater than 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) since these are subject conservation policies and other water and shoreline management policies.

Fire prevention practices put out by the Ontario government and other agencies should be allowed."

The ignorance of council to attempt to take more money from its citizens with over-regulating private property, during a time in which the tax payers funds are already stretched thin is just un-imaginable. Stop the micro-managing of your community just to make money!

Exemptions for agriculture and open pit mines should not be allowed. These wood forest habitats should be protected.

"Stop controlling citizens lives. So many things are not predictable into an unknown future. Stop treating everyone/everything as one rule for all. This by-law appears to be another distraction, while world corporations continue to control us behind the scenes, like the control of the now corrupted United Nations, of which, in the fine print, you are agreeing to taking control away from the individual and giving it to unelected psychopath billionaires that are overtaking total control of our world. Elected Government leaders, including Municipal Government, are now at the mercy of world control, by accepting the large grants of money , with promises that are almost impossible to meet. One mayor power may seem pie in the sky at the moment, but DO NOT BE SO NIEVE, MONEY IS CONTROLING AND ABUSING OUR WORLD. YOU ARE MERE PUPPETS SELLING US OUT TO SATANIC BILLIONAIRES. ONE DAY YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO AGREEING TO SELLING US ALL INTO COMMUNISM.

TYRANY HAS NOT GONE AWAY, IT HAS JUST BECOME BETTER OVER THE LAST 70 YEARS AT TAKING OVER AND EXTERMINATING PEOPLE WITH THEIR OWN FEARFUL PERMISSION. YOU ARE ALSO PART OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUMS ""USELESS EATERS"", WHICH WILL BE EXTERMINATED AFTER YOUR USEFULNESS IS FULFILLED."

"I find the opening sentence above and the word ""destruction"" to be poorly chosen and could display a bias, maybe ""removal"" should be used. Most property owners I would like to think are ""Managing"" their trees and shrubs on their properties in a responsible manner.

-I am a waterfront property and believe the 30M from shoreline should be reduced to 15M. Many of the waterfront properties have structures 20-40M back from the shoreline and many of these properties were farm fields prior to the 1950's, not woodlots.

-Instead of taxing and creating a need for additional staff with the policing of peoples properties, create a system with positive incentives instead of punishing. The last thing most CKL tax payers want is yet more municipal costs.

-Why don't we Introduce a Managed Tax Incentive for smaller Residential properties owners?

-If a tree must be removed replace it

-In my opinion, as it is currently structured it is simply a tax facilitating Municipal overreach on privately owned land

-A description of how this regulation would administered is needed"

Unwarranted fee pushed onto the residents of Kawartha Lakes

"Not sure that this bylaw is really needed to begin with.

I worry that this might become a he said she said situation.

Who decides if a tree meets or does not meet the regulation?

We have enough red tape in CKL.

I vote against this bylaw."

In the proposed by-law where one wants to cut down a tree due to septic system or within 30 metres of a repair on shoreline, these occupancies should be approved by our inspectors before an owner can cut a tree down. However if the tree is a old but healthy tree, I would prefer alternative solutions to be considered before removing such a tree.

"1) If a building permit is issued there should be no fee

2) Fee should not be determined by property size or location such as shoreline. All properties or none

3) Fee should be for certain trees only ie Maple, Oak, Ash etc. Not short Lived tree species like Poplar, Willow

4) Everybody pays - if you are a property owner you pay

5) Fees are too high per tree - Saplings or seedlings should be allowed to replace trees. Saplings can be hard to get to survive. Some areas are too hard to dig deep enough to plant."

"If a by-law is passed, the fee amount should be lower and should apply to all homeowners regardless of income level.

The fee should be based on the number of trees removed and not property size.

An alternative to the fee, should be the planting of an equivalent number of replacement trees or 2 new trees to 1 tree removed, and include the option to plant seedlings or mature saplings."

"No bylaw

Tree planting program instead

Development provisions to support tree planting

Do proper consultation with affected groups and tax payers"

The only acceptable alternative to this proposal is to scrap it completely. In a time when people are struggling to make ends meet, we do not need to be making additional payments just to maintain our properties. Create ruling to affect subdivision developers, not the average homeowner.

"This is overreaching.

Appears to punish homeowners while allowing exemptions to low income whom are already supported by government funds and companies. Seems that a few contributing community members will be targeted. Who exactly is the target of this plan?"

This is a terrible idea. We don't need more micromanaging bureaucracy introduced that will cost taxpayers more money and we don't need to make their lives harder seeking permits for unimportant things. Focus on basic services.

For low income and affordable houses provide replacement trees at no cost.

"The intent of this bylaw makes sense if there is a current problem with healthy trees being removed indiscriminately. As a longtime resident of the area, I do not believe this is the case. Healthy trees are only removed for building/property improvement projects.

I am very concerned about the administrative costs of enforcing this bylaw. I don't believe this is a workable solution since the end result will be higher taxes to the property owners.

I believe this proposed bylaw should be put on hold until studies can be done (and communicated) to determine:

- what is the extent of the problem being addressed? If the bylaw was in place today, how many trees would have been prevented from being removed? (Eg. the massive housing development on the north side of Lindsay)

- what will be the administrative cost to enforce this program and how will the city pay for it without an impact on property taxes?

I strongly recommend that the project team should consider adding tree removal information to the building permit application process as a first step. This will provide more information on the extent of the problem."

Giving CKL control over what we do on our private property does not make sense. We take care of the land and forest we own, caring for the healthy trees, cleaning up and clearing out the dead standing. It's our responsibility, not yours. And to pay a fee to be told a tree can or can't be removed when we do it to protect our land... Nonsense. Leave it alone and allow people the freedom to be stewards of the land they own and pay for.

As someone with a forestry degree, I very much disagree with all of this. If someone is cutting down a tree, there is a reason for it. Especially on a property they already pay taxes for. Unless the city of Kawartha Lakes will be paying for the cost of saplings, complete crap.

Why is my strongest opposition option "Somewhat Disagree" instead of "Definitely Disagree"?

"Kawartha Lakes should have created a Tree-cutting By-law prior to a Tree Preservation By-Law. All trees need protection, not just ""heritage"" trees. A permit should be required to cut down a certain acreage of trees. If the trees on a property do not meet the 15 cm threshold, than a clear-cut can occur on the property.

The fee should not be based on the property, but the number of trees they are wanting to remove."

"Government is over-stepping. This is my land, all 25 acres of it. We pay property taxes (for what, I'm unsure); but you have ZERO RIGHT to step foot on, or tell me how to manage, my property.

Step way back government - focus on your potholes, lack of police and the subdivisions devouring the country side with not increase in basic services."

"Q#1 - My read of proposed by-law seems to indicate scope is beyond just environmentally protected areas (eg shoreline) which is what I totally disagree with; bona fide shoreline/EP areas are understandable within reasonable limits but across-the-board application on ALL private property over 1.2 acres is unacceptable.

Q#2 - As per above comments, I fully disagree with ANY by-law that restricts tree management on private property that is not within shoreline boundaries or within a bona fide EP area. No exceptions.

Q#3 - Proposed ""fees"" are excessive and are not congruent with a reasonable and justified administrative process; they are more reflective pre-assessed ""fines"" and/or ""penalty"". Perhaps if the scope of this proposed tree management/preservation by-law for areas outside of shoreline/EP areas were more correctly aimed at those parties who are actually causing the large scale damage (eg developers), then high fees of this nature could more reasonably be considered but to expect regular residents to absorb that kind of cost is unacceptable and an irresponsible direction for a municipal government to take. And there doesn't seem to be any max. upper limit on proposed fees either...again, maybe that makes sense if the target audience was limited to developers but, otherwise, it seems unreasonable. I also cannot see how the municipality thinks it is going to even properly staff an operation such as is currently being proposed; with that tight of a noose around the neck of the population, the administrative and approval bottlenecks will be massive and immediately obvious to all.

Q#4 - I disagree with the majority of the proposed exemptions with the exceptions being agriculture and cemeteries. While I also do agree there should be an exemption for property owners who cut their own wood to heat their own home, I don't understand why there wouldn't also be an exemption for small businesses who cut wood for others to purchase in order to heat their own private homes? There seems to have been an oddly chosen selection of commercial activities which would be able to operate outside the scope of this by-law (eg. golf; aggregates; forestry) - why has it been determined these specific commercial operators are above everyone else?

Q#4 - I agree with exemption for invasive tree species (there's more than Buckthorn in that category though)

Q#5 - Totally disagree with exemptions for deemed 'low income' households and deemed 'affordable housing' projects. From what I see in Bobcaygeon, ""affordable housing"" attracts and retains nothing but problematic individuals who prowl, break-in, steal from and otherwise frighten other residents who should not have to be subjected to this crap., No exemptions for these people; if you own a home, you are accountable to the same rules as the rest of us are going to be held hostage to.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input, however, it would have been appreciated if the City had been more transparent about this proposed by-law vs. trying to fly it 'under the radar' it seems. Why no broad communication of this proposed action when it clearly has a massive scope for the residents of CKL? Perhaps I missed the PR campaign and opportunities for wider input/conversation and, if so, I do apologize for preceding comment. After my spouse and I became aware of this intended course of action though, we communicated to everyone and anyone we knew as a 'heads up' and I don't think we encountered ANYONE who had a clue this proposed by-law was motion. I truly hope the municipality takes a serious and realistic revisit of this proposed by-law. A cohesive approach for the protection of sensitive shoreline areas and other areas that fall within a bona fide EP area is understandable but that is not what is being proposed in this by-law."

There should be no permits needed. For rural areas. In town permits make sense.

"I do not think fees are required at all. People bought these properties without these restrictions.

If this proceeds, please consider grandfathering current owners."

"Hi I am Greg Kaster of Kaster logging. We have been in business for over 45 years and harvested timber in your county for a long time. I think if you guy's want to put in a tree cutting By-law should copy the Northumberland county tree cutting by-law. It is a very good and easy by-law to deal with.

Even though there is No tree cutting By-law in your county right now. This is what we have used when we harvest wood lots in your area. I real do not think you need a tree cutting by-law at all for wood lots that are owned by farmers and land owners in rule areas. You just need to protect the trees along shore lines around lakes.

I would like to assist you in putting in a workable tree cutting by-law in your county as I was on the committee to put the Northumberland county tree cutting by-law in. It is a very good by-law that all land owners like. It is very important to me that we put in the right by-law as it will affect my company and many others like me and we get the support of the public.

Please contact me for further discussions

Thank you Greg Kaster 705-722-1634"

Minimum diameter permits for 5 inch, is ambitious and incredibly understaffed, even with the proposal of new staffing. There is no indication that a permit will be denied. I have interpreted that a tree can be removed if it is hazardous without a permit but there is no clarity on who considers it hazardous. The owner? An arborist? What are their

qualifications? TRAQ? Can anyone get a permit otherwise? Are permits issued so trees are still removed with the exception that the owner pays are will permits be denied if the tree is not accepted for removal?

"Q1- I agree trees and shorelines need to be protected. From what I have seen, the properties that I have worked on as an owner operator of a local tree care company many people are willing to do what it takes to protect the trees on their property and in their communities. They do a great job of looking after their shorelines and trees. I suggest that instead of banning the removal of trees, you educate the benefits of keeping trees on your property. Fleming College, City of Kawartha Lakes arborists and other International Society of Arboriculture certified arborists in the area are great resources for this. As a former arborist for City of Kawartha Lakes I know we have partnered up with Fleming College and found them a great help.

Q2) How about set a certain distance from the water on lake fronts, and tributary fronts instead of hectares. By doing this you then protect the trees doing the work along the water ways, but you also leave the homeowners with some control over what they do with their trees on their property. I.e. 10 meter distance from the water edge.

Q3) The proposed fees will not cover your time going to check if the new trees are planted, nor the people needed to process applications, check the trees, enforce the bylaw. There are many trees in the area that are getting removed by many different people, professional and not. It is going to take a huge budget to cover the cost of this proposed bylaw if it is enforced. Let's not push the debt of our great city further into the red. As suggested above, an education program might be a better use of time and resources. If fees are what is desired what about a water/E.P. front development fee. A trend I have seen in the field has been that empty wooded lots are being sold and then the new owner clears the lot for a new build. Put stipulations on these lots. There are less of them which would be easier to manage but more profitable for the city. Less overhead and higher fees for these developments.

Thank you for your time reading my suggestions.

It should apply to all properties regardless of size. Seems in our community new people move in and one of the first things done is to remove trees. At this rate we will lose all our bird habit.

I would suggest that, especially for the larger properties, waivers should be based on why the cutting is occurring. As such, if I as a landowner, cut a clearing to put in a vegetable garden for example, I feel that requires different consideration than cutting down a large area to build a subdivision. Additionally, application to the cutting of every tree does not feel equal when looking at the small lot vs. the large lot. I.e. impact of one tree on 25 acres is quite different than on 1 acre.

stay out of and don't regulate privately owed land

I believe this bylaw is a complete waste of time! To ask a resident of Kawartha Lakes to apply for a permit to remove a tree on their private property is absolutely wrong. This proposed bill is just another tax that city residents cannot afford. Please think about how absurd this is

It is my opinion that land containing a forest of trees should be managed. By that I mean the deadwood should be removed and used for firewood, or for some other purpose thereby allowing existing trees to capture sunlight. I definitely do not agree with developers removing existing trees. While it is good that they will be replaced, it will take years for them to obtain the growth that they were at.

No fees are necessary. All property owners should be able to use best discretion at all times. Clear cutting should not be an option. People pay enough taxes already; additional fees are not necessary. This passes too much control to the municipal government

"Throw out the whole project. This was a make-work project for the city solicitor to do while she lives in Nicaragua and has nothing else to do. First it was how long the grass can be grown in our yards now this. She doesn't take the time to work with our Councilors and honestly what can she do when she is not living in the same country - that's not working from home.

A complete waste of time."

"Why are you creating all these new fees and rules when there is not a problem. You are in essence making the average resident a criminal for cutting down a tree on their property unless they pay a fee.

I personally love trees but government does not need to intrude into people's lives like this.

It always seems lately that city politicians like to impose these punitive rules across the whole city.

Outside of Lindsay, we do not need such rules as 99% of country residents are great stewards of this resource and have been for a long time. Some common sense has to prevail and I understand the canopy case within city town limits but you do not need fees to accomplish this goal. It is just another tax grab on top of the cost to replace a tree"

Some residents have trees that were planted way too close together by previous owners and have to be cut down along with unhealthy trees. There shouldn't be fees because most people plant seedlings anyways

Please make businesses and golf courses subject to the same fees as tax paying residents.

Tree cutting should only be prohibited in Environmentally Protected areas.

Would consider expanding the non native invasive species list to include any non native invasive species rather than only the one specific tree.

Leave people alone, we don't have a deforestation problem!

Defeat the By-law

The fees must be higher to serve as a deterrent

"I bought my property! I pay my taxes! The only services I receive are garbage pickup and very poorly plowed winter roads. (The roads are no joke, I leave at 4am every day. hitting the durham region line is like crossing into Florida on a snowy morning!)

My taxes regualry go up but my services DO NOT improve!

Why in hell should I have to pay to maintain my own property? If i want to cut a tree I will.

Focus on somthing that actually matters, like the homeless and addicts that are running rampant around town.

Shove this Tree Preservation By-law up your rear."

We pay enough taxes, and you can't even keep the potholes filled. You've cost me \$2300 in tires and rims in the last 2.5 years. If you don't fix Sunnywood Road I will, and submit you an invoice. You should be ashamed of yourselves for considering this foolish tax grab. Quit wasting money in Lindsay, and quit neglecting rural folks. Tax us more so you can waste it in town again, truly unbelievable.

My land my choice.

I think it's ridiculous to try and enforce this bylaw. There is a lot of well managed wood lots in the kawartha lakes. Cutting down mature trees like poplar is beneficial for their regrowth as the suck from the exposed roots. This bylaw is nothing more than a power and money grab. Grade the back roads and leave property owners alone.

Stop wasting taxpayers money and time on crap like this. How many trees were wasted to do this survey?

Stop wasting money on surveys like this, that cost millions of tax payer dollars every year. How many trees were killed in the progress of this survey??

"A few years ago, lightning struck a power line resulting in a fire that spread to the ground and nearby trees just 100 meters from our property. This event got us thinking about ways to protect our property from fire, especially with the dramatic increase in wildfires. We would like you to consider making exemptions to the proposed by-law based on the Province of Ontario ""Be FireSmart"" recommendations (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart>). These recommendations include removal of evergreens within specific distances of your house/cottage in order to minimize the risk of destruction or damage to property and safety for occupants. Proper tree management is essential especially considering the limited firefighting resources outside of the main cities. Our property is 0.3 hectare and, most of it, all within 30 meters of a shoreline. We have a very dense tree coverage that we have started to carefully thin out (according to the Be FireSmart guidelines). This careful forest management plan could be compromised by the potential application of this proposed by-law.

In addition, shorelines and surrounding areas are already protected by other by-laws or rules and regulations. As long as these other property standards and by-laws are met, smaller properties (0.5 hectares) should also be exempt from this proposed by-law.

The Be FireSmart recommendations are a great tool that you might consider posting in your Fire Safety and Prevention webpage.

Also, the exemption for home heating should include cooking of food and small maple syrup producers using wood.

Thank you,"

I do not support imposing fees on private property owners if they decide for whatever reason that mature trees must come down. Most people would do this for safety reasons anyways.

I don't think that the city should be involved in these decisions. Most property owners who look after their property plant trees and only remove what is necessary.

Let property owners have some control over what happens on their properties.

This is a cash grab. If you own a lot of acres this is going to add up a lot

The fees seem like a cash grab.

No by law at all . Dictating what people can do or not do on private property is not democratic. You have no staff to do this and if you think you are going to hire more people and build more bldgs to administer this when people can't afford food and

housing already and the big taxes of city of Kawartha Lakes then you need to rethink this. Who's idea was this anyways?

What is the \$ amount for low-income households?

"Don't see logic in property size or distance from water, vague and open to interpretation, should be one rule for all, then clear exemptions

Owners should have option of replacement with smaller trees, in appropriate larger quantities, perhaps there depending on property size, that could be planted by hand without bringing in heavy equipment and damaging the environment further. ALL research shows small trees transplant much more successfully, and they can be obtained from conservation authority. Give people credit for sweat labour replanting native species as seedlings and don't exempt the poor or charity. Unclear whether plantings must be on same lot. Bylaw should not be cash cow for landscaping businesses and city taxes without solid environmental protection and progress to reestablishing tree canopy. As it stands it could discourage replanting.

Not logical to exempt cemeteries, golf clubs or tree nurseries, who are already agricultural

Not fair to only exempt some septic repairs - what is the logic there if a tree has grown into someone's tile bed?

Buckthorn is not the only problematic non-native and invasive species whose removal should not be discouraged, ie Norway maples take over in some areas, and surely invasive buckthorn should be removed even from Environmental Protection Areas?"

If a property owner wants to cut down some trees to better enjoy their property it should be allowed!

This is a dangerous autocratic/dictatorial approach, and the City should respect the rights of property owners who will not be cutting down mature trees for no apparent reason. This initiative is being perceived as a dangerous 'cash-grab' - consider more worthwhile causes! Shame on you!

This exercise would be much more useful if I knew what areas are EPAs in Kawartha Lakes

Keep your hands out of private taxpayer pockets. If they want to cut down a tree on their property so be it. Who is going to pay for the person or persons to administer and enforce these permits??

"I think the fees should be looked at by our arborists in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes areas..not outsiders and be fair

If the cutting is for new homes, golf courses etc ,anywhere there are residential homes,the homeowners should have a say costs to businesses

Tree shouldn't be cut down just because they can

We need our farm tree lines and mature trees etc for our birds and animals they make a difference too"

Information so far on the subject seems slightly ihly hard to understand. Property listing should be made available to residents for those that qualify under fee waivers

"Is this something that needs to be fixed? How about focusing on important issues...the unhoused, crime, safety, more recreation programs to start.

Not permits, permits permits....waste of time."

Exemption for trees planted in inappropriate spots due to lack of planning or understanding. Homeowner purchasing an older property with badly planned planting should not be penalized. Example: too close to asphalt driveway and asphalt is lifting and cracking. Or too close to a house foundation causing damage. A one year grace period from date of purchase to remove nuisance plantings.

Why would golf courses be exempt?

"I strongly believe that if I am a landowner, I have the ability to do what I want on my property. There should be NO fee if I wish to remove a tree on my property. Typically there is a reason for an old rotting tree that could be dangerous to people and surrounding homes to be cut down.

This sounds like a way for Kawartha lakes to unfairly tax / fine property owners."

"This is a bylaw that belongs in Toronto but is impossible to enforce in the country. I see it as a chance for the City to hire more staff when it isn't really necessary. In addition, the bylaw misses the point with large properties used for agriculture, developments, golf courses, etc. They move in with bulldozers and tear down fence rows without any consideration to how those trees could be put to good use first. Often there are large trees that could be taken for lumber, lesser trees could be sold for firewood. Think in terms of ""harvesting"" the trees rather than just destroying them. I know that is time consuming. However, it is irresponsible to allow property owners to push the fence rows into a pile and burn it. They don't even need a special burn permit. Have you any idea how disruptive that is to the neighbours, what it does to the air quality. I do. On a nice summer day, I couldn't open my windows or go outside because the air quality was so poor. My family has farmed. We have taken out fence rows - responsibly. I know that it can be done. They are NOT the groups that deserve an exemption.

In addition, your survey is flawed. Many people won't notice that they need to scroll across to get to ""definitely disagree""."

In the course of excavating for new builds, additions and renos, sometimes trees have to be removed. In the interest of streamlining the building process in order to align with current federal, provincial and municipal initiatives to encourage construction, it would behoove CoKL to include construction in the list of exemptions.

Our woodlands in southern Ontario have been so poorly managed for many years. We do need to have mature trees and mature wood lots, but the necessity of selective cut logging, even in smaller tracts, to increase forest and wildlife diversity and health has had its value misunderstood. As someone that spends much time in the forest of our area it's quite visible to see and understand the growth and benefits of opening up the forest canopy in a selective fashion to allow new shoots and a more diverse mix of species. Adding a permit isn't going to solve the problem the problem is poor woodlot management. That said within town limits I do think that all trees should be left unless they provide a hazard to people, property, pose a risk of spreading disease or infestation or are dead or dying or to facilitate the building of new dwellings or structures.

"1.2 acres is pretty big

Prohibit cutting in any environmentally protected area"

"Unless there are environmental reasons for cutting in Environmental Protection Areas, cutting should be prohibited.

There should be a cutting bylaw that applies to all properties.

1. Rules for urban areas need to be included in this bylaw or developed in a separate bylaw.
2. There are documents on best tree practices and the benefit of trees on golf courses. Golf courses should be required to have a best practices plan in place for preserving the tree canopy.
3. I hesitate to ask for an application process as that requires manpower and takes time to process. However requiring that a property owner provide notification of their intention to remove a tree x amount of time prior to removal would at least give the City an opportunity to inspect the site and provide the land owner with a decision. I would qualify my hesitation regarding an application process with my belief that in many environmental areas we have been negligent. If an application process is the most effective, then it's the price we have to pay."

"The new bylaw as proposed appears to do nothing to preserve or enhance the current urban tree canopy

I also think it should apply to ALL properties, not just shoreline and those over 0.5 hectare.

Cutting trees for fuel is not environmentally sound. I don't understand an exemption in this case.

I like the wording of Peterborough's bylaw: ""Tree owners are required to submit an application to the City in advance of any work being completed. This can be done by the property owner, a Licensed Tree Service Provider (LTSP), or an applicant on the owner's behalf. Processing times for these applications is based on the accuracy of information submitted. It is highly recommended that you seek the assistance of a LTSP or an arborist to ensure your application is correct.""

Bylaw should cover entire city, not just the narrow defined area. Fees should be low and data collected to make better informed decisions on local areas throughout CKL. Free permit for exempted, but still collect data. Bylaw should also be reviewed by independent environmental experts to be better defined for goal of "healthy environment".

Who is going to monitor any tree cutting in the entire City? Will there be delays while home owners wait for approvals? Who will be making any final decisions? Is there a process for home owners who do not agree? What process will be in place for trees affecting more than one property? Can someone force a neighbour to cut down a tree if it impacts their property? Why require fees? What will determine a 'sapling' size to replace a mature tree? I have been told not to plant maple trees as there is a disease that affects only maples on my property so will issues like this be considered? Will you dictate the type of tree that can be planted? Will there be a quick response process for damaged trees or those that pose a risk to others?

"Developers should have to plant minimum 3 mature trees for every tree they cut down.

Golf courses should NOT be exempt from fees for cutting down trees. No more golf courses should be allowed in Kawartha Lakes. The run off from their pesticides & herbicides is unacceptable. So is the amount of water they use. They use as much water in a year as 1800 households."

"Owner should be asked for a Tree Preservation Plan or a Replanting Plan on site.

Owner should provide reasons for proposed removals.

Developers should pay more and have a special category.

More to come, this is one of my specialties, I am a member of the defunct CCKL."

"City needs to focus on maintaining mature healthy trees on development sites to the greatest extent possible. Not all saplings grow into mature trees and even if they do, they require ongoing care to make it through the first few years and it takes years for new trees to reach a point where they can provide the amount protection from heat and sun to nearby buildings, people and ground that mature trees can provide. In addition, trees hold water, capture carbon and their root structure helps secure and protect soil, preventing erosion from wind, water and foot traffic.

The city needs to enforce this bylaw particularly in the case of new development or redevelopment to ensure that development does not lead to vast open areas susceptible to wind and water erosion.

Cash in lieu does not get used equally around the city and it by definition, causes a delay in the replacement of trees. All areas of the City, not just major urban areas need trees in their parks, hedgerows, streetscapes, shorelines and new or redevelopment projects.

Long overdue."

People should not have to pay a fee to the city (or anyone) to come out and look at trees to determine they are a hazard. Question 4 seems to be misleading, as past information stated a property owner would need to have the tree inspected prior to cutting. If the property owner considers the tree a hazard, then it's a hazard and should not have to apply for a permit to remove. In the end, we do not need a mature tree bylaw, except in EP areas.

"This is purely a cash grab.

Utterly over reaching.

The fees are outrageous, it's private land that is over taxed already!

In today's environment anyone having income of \$50,000 or under is struggling to keep mortgages, taxes and bills paid."

Bi-law is overstepping properly owner rights / Strongly disagree with proposed bi-law

For the cost of replacing trees, would this be by tree removed to replace with a sapling on the same property? How would it be ensured that the replacement trees are surviving to maturity and that the location where trees are planted do not negatively impact the ecosystem (ie. planting trees in wetlands, choosing species that are incorrect for local ecosystem)? In the exemptions, I do not believe that a golf course should be exempt as they are proposing a use that could otherwise be used for agricultural

production potentially. Will the restrictions on cutting down trees apply to more than just properties zoned Environmental Protection? Some properties may not be accurately captured in old zoning by-laws and not reflect Official Plan designation. How will you avoid people using the excuse of cutting the wood down for fuel? Will there be a way to verify they are not abusing this clause? Will arborists be responsible for reporting properties that are looking to remove healthy trees if they are hired to do so? Will enforcement only be based on when someone is reported for cutting trees? How will it be determined if someone is cutting down trees when not visible from the road? Will the consequences for cutting down a tree be retroactive in case it is not discovered for some time or will the owner need to be caught in the act? For the agricultural exemption, the property owner should need to demonstrate that they are a bona-fide farmer to use the clause in order to avoid home owners exploiting system. Are there properties where property owners can have the saplings planted off their property to aid in reforestation and creating a carbon capture program in the City. Who will oversee the carbon storage offered by the program through the preservation of trees and replacement to show the impact of the program? When a tree is replaced by a property owner on their own property, will a follow-up be done to ensure that the tree is planted and after a certain time period is still alive (in place of planting then letting it die). Could there be an option for relocating healthy trees from one property to another supported by City (like buying trees from private property to put elsewhere). For planting new trees, this should be done with consideration for a changing climate as the trees of the past may not continue to be the species suited to future climate. This program may aid in providing an expedited transition of more southerly species currently faces extirpation to new parts of the province which may be more suited to them in the changing climate. In addition, will the program ensure a variety of species as well as tree sexes are planted to ensure healthy ecosystem? If the City has policies currently in place limiting the sex of trees to be planted, these may need to be addressed as having excessive amounts of pollen producing trees can lead to a decrease in air quality impacting people living there. For the exemptions, inclusion of an exemption to remove trees that may promote transference of disease may be good to include such as was done for Ash trees to remove the trees so that the Emerald Ash Borer spread was limited. Need to ensure the system is not exploited to avoid reforestation and that the choices made for reforestation reflect today's best practices.

No alternatives will be needed unless this is passed as a bylaw. This bylaw is not needed in any way and only creates more burden and red tape on the property owner.

"clear cutting fence rows to facilitate large cash cropping

clear cutting fence rows providing shields against blowing soil or snow

the above should not be permitted"

Leave things alone and shove your bylaw up your a** stop implementing communism

Essentially, the whole idea should be dropped.

waterfront property

"This is another money grab by staff to underwrite their annual increase in salaries. It is another power grab by Staff. It is another maneuver to increase the size of staff. The only problem I have seen is that staff have authorized, and carried out, the slaughter of trees in Bobcaygeon in three places. That follows on the complete destruction of the Lilac grove, followed by staff mismanagement of the replanting of the uprooted trees.

The very first step for any new byelaw is to identify, itemize, and evaluate the problem. Is there a problem with trees on private property? If so what is it exactly? Have staff explained WHY we need a new bureaucratic empire to deal with a non-existing problem, ?

Who gives the city the authority to create laws, and then enforce them, with egregious punishments? You are the SERVANTS of the people, yet you create laws, and then act as judge, and jury. This is an OUTRAGE! Peter Weygang"

Property owners do not need government telling them what trees they can or cannot cut down. There is no need for this by-law!

I emphatically wish to point out that the dramatic random shearing /cutting of roadside trees must STOP. Currently this cutting has not advised property owners when this destructive activity is to occur. In addition this random cutting has been very destructive to fences and buildings that are close to roadside. eg some of the sheared tree limbs actually landed on our verandah, as well our electric fence, bordering on pasture was destroyed. Marlene Edwards

who decides if a tree is healthy/unhealthy?

This is just a cash grab by the city. I'm arranging to have at least 15 trees on my property cut down before this stupid bylaw passes so I don't have to deal with the city. I would leave the trees if I knew the bylaw wasn't being considered. Buy stock in a tree cutting business as they will be very busy before this bylaw passes.

The government has no right to dictate how a property owner tends their land. The notion that people do not respect the natural environment and must be legislated into doing so is faulty.

Consider trees growing on public right of ways and growing on public roads to be cleared, and roadways repaired to assumed road standards in all wards, by the city workers.

The entire exercise here is far too narrow. A tree bylaw should also address the progressive loss of urban forest canopy by restricting the cutting of healthy trees in urban areas and aggressive replanting on the many mature trees that continue to be lost to disease and storms. It should also restrict the continued loss of hedgerows in agricultural areas.

We need existing by-laws to be adhered to before making up unnecessary and expensive new ones. This is a make work project which we don't have the manpower to follow through with. Let's look at the existing by-laws and figure out how to economically ensure they are followed I.e, parking, rentals etc.

"There should be NO FEES to cut down trees on your OWN PROPERTY!!"

Sometimes you purchase a home with trees you DO NOT WANT!

This is just another money grabbing scheme from the council.

JUST SAY NO TO SUCH FEES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

We are in a prime agriculture zone and farmers should be exempt from this by law to produce more food for our growing population.

I think a replacement 2 trees for 1 cut tree policy for developers should be implemented. The fees for businesses should be at least double what they are for individual home owners.

Don't regulate tree cutting on private properties

The cost of having a tree professional come to site and make a judgement should be paid out by the city

"add Manitoba maple to allowed species

concerned how this bylaw will be policed

if fees are too high it will force people to go underground"

All trees all the time. Golf courses shouldn't be exempt.

"You need to differentiate between properties that are >1.2 acres, > 10 acres, > 50 acres, >100 acres, etc.

You have also omitted forest management and thinning practices."

I believe that "clear cutting" should be restricted, however we should not support maintenance clearing of select trees on a lot. For example, trees obstructing view, or dirty/messy trees, or trees in the way of something.

Fees

"Two immediate issues I have with this are non-inclusion of private hydro lines and non-inclusion of removal of trees in support of necessary infrastructure - In my instance a new well. Just as Ontario Hydro cuts down thousands of trees each year to keep hydro lines up, we have private lines on our property. While we prefer to maintain our mature trees sometimes it is necessary to remove a tree. Simple hydro line maintenance would cost extra thousands under the proposed by law. Next up, I need to potentially put a new well in at the back of my property where I have a large forested area. In the end lets say I need to clear a 40'x40' area to accommodate the process and infrastructure. Now lets assume say 5 mature trees per 10'sq = about 80 trees = \$136000! That is a lot to have to pay for water I can drink.

There are other reasons you might need to remove some trees - say to improve drainage or repair a private drive. This bylaw would take an already expensive proposition and make it untenable.

Suggestions: Widen the definition of reasons you can cut down a tree. Reduce the fee - it is pretty usurious."

"Minimum property size - consider 2.5 acres as minimum size

Exemptions- golf clubs should not be exempt

Fees - fees quadrupled going from under 1.2 acres to over, that's an unreasonable increase. Have a more appropriate scale for fees with more options for lot size, scaling up gradually. , i.e. 1 tree/\$400 under 1.2 acres; 2 trees/\$650 1.2 - 3 acres; 3 trees/\$900 3 - 6 acres, etc. Increase fees, or # saplings based on how many trees are being removed."

The restriction on properties greater than 1.2 acres in rural areas of the City is obviously only a cash grab. perhaps the city will pay me for every new tree that I grow on my property to balance it out. If you own a forested property on 5-10 acres and you need to clear the forested parts the cost of managing the property would be cost prohibitive at \$1700. for every 4 trees you need to remove. It makes sense on waterfront properties to protect the shoreline and to protect wetlands. This is government overreach and a cash grab in a municipality that is largely rural and forested.

Exempt trees that are shading solar installations on homes.

"How in the world do you feel that you have any say on private property what I can cut to heat my home and keep my children. Let alone you going to look into everyone's bank accounts to see if they can't afford the fees this year or wave them! It sure sounds Like The Kawartha Lakes is thinking of crossing the line and controlling things that they have absolutely no right or need.

If you want to control or designate private land the only way is for you to compensate the land owner by law so

BACK OFF OUR LAND!

You can control City property and Provincial and Crown lands that is more than enough lands to keep you busy.

This survey was not friendly and looks like you trying to lead the answers more than truly concerned what landowners feel ."

Fees. Would like to know better where these fees will be going and what service the city will be providing to justify them

"I read the Municipal Act and as far as I can see, the municipality cannot regulate private property.

It is time to reduce our debt, not hire people to regulate things that should be and can be left alone.

It is time to cut staff and services and pay off the debt, that is where you should be concentrating your efforts."

This is an unnecessary bylaw as it relates to properties that are not located on lakes/rivers. Why cutting of trees on large acreages needs to be regulated is beyond me and is an unnecessary overstep by municipal government. I understand regulating sensitive environments, so the by-law should be targeted towards that. The proposed fees are way too high (e.g \$1,700) and are nothing more than a cash grab. Why no exemption for cutting as part of development of a property or making an outdoor area for recreation purposes?

I find it very destructive to see developers clear cut subdivision large areas. I live on Alcorn Drive and moved from Cedartree Lane, Bobcaygeon. The subdivision along Jennings Creek bulldozers pushed over beautiful old cedar trees with no conscience and leaves them bent over to die...just discusting. The clear cut at the end of Cedartree in Bobcaygeon was also uncalled for. Gorgeous mature healthy white pines, Ontario majestic symbolic tree, just destroyed, nothing saved, looks horrible. Left to rot and smolder, I have seen smoke in the piles of sawdust left behind from heat generating

from the piles of sawdust in the summer. Pure neglect. Where is our environmental conscience. Bring on some tree by laws, it's about time. When they built port 32 they built around trees why can't they do that now.

These fees are way too high for average people. It's already very expensive to have trees cleared. Charge developers and people clearing trees for driveways and buildings through the permit process with only replacement of tree regulations for work along shoreline properties-those are the only things i feel should be applicable to this bylaw..But if you insist on money grabbing everyone be realistic.. Being that the size of rural properties varies significantly across the City I think these property sizes need to be adjusted. No fees for clearing trees of any size on a small parcel of land-3 acres or less. Then reasonable fees like \$200 3-5 acres, \$300 5-10 acres, \$500 10 acres+ with obvious exemptions for agri-business & larger fees based on properties of any size being developed.Golf clubs should not get exemption as a for profit business they should pay like everybody else.

I have lived (farmed) in Victoria County all of my life as has my ancestors. We made it a priority to preserve trees and plant as many as possible over the years.. It's disgusting that the Garden alvar has been destroyed by the aggregate industry for the sake of huge \$\$\$. And those aggregate companies are to be protected for the destruction they cause! Your new bylaws are a joke meant to demean the honest citizen that is trying to live a good life in this so called city... Good luck!

Other than within 100m of water, there should be no restrictions on cutting down trees on PRIVATE property. This proposed bylaw is a major overreach for a municipal government.

"No. No. No. No. No. This is textbook government over reach and a cash grab. Leave property owners alone to manage their trees as they see fit on the property they own. The alternative I would suggest is to drop this idea completely. No need for Prohibiting cutting in Environmental Protection Areas,

Minimum property size, Exemptions, Fees, Fee waivers.

If you want to encourage landowners to have more trees on their property (so you can score ESG points - I'm sure this is what's behind this), offer incentives to plant more trees, not penalties and taxes for removing them. Carrots, not sticks.

How much extra administration and bureaucracy is this going to add to the already bloated city government? We don't need more government and taxes and authoritarianism. We need less."

we live next to a shoreline where active beaver damage trees including hedges located near the shore. they may not be classified as dangerous so will I need a permit to

remove trees that were thus damaged? will hedges be classified as trees? will I need a permit to plant trees on my property, close to shore?

"Private residential home owners are not destroying mature trees in CKL. This bylaw is just another burden on an over taxed rate payer population. The CKL doesn't have the staff to support this kind of bylaw. This will drive up insurance rates due to the amount of unmaintained trees.

Minimum lot = 2 acres

Exemption = residential building lots (no exemption for quarries or developers) tree size should be 13".

Fees = should be based piece of property not per tree

Waivers are too much of a burden on CKL staff.

Please scrap this proposed bylaw ASAP!"

scrap this bylaw

"Tree work is already expensive enough. The municipality should have zero input on homeowners want, need or rationality on whether a tree needs to be removed.

The municipality should not profit from an already unwanted expense of homeowners."

It would have been easier if you had put this with each item. How are we to remember the precise question to give our correct answer? In a nutshell, then, we need strict prohibitions of cutting in EPAs with stiffer fines, more in the thousands, regardless of whether a farmer, building low income housing, or are of low income. Destroying nature still occurs no matter what the circumstances are. Our trees and forests clean the air, retain soil, prevent wind, provide habitat for wildlife, and help maintain the water table, all of which are more important that ever in this time of extreme climate change. We need to increase the bylaws to include properties of ANY size, not 1.2 acres minimum. We need to have ecological assessments, not just the financial purpose of the destruction, to guide how to best protect forests, trees, shrubs and edge habitat on farms. Just because we have a false sense that 'ownership' includes 'the right to destroy nature' does mean this outdated thinking cannot be changed. It is up to you to change it. In CKL I've seen rampant clearing of trees just for the purpose of creating a monoculture of commercial lawn grass for out of touch conceptions of aesthetics. I've seen farmers clear every last tree from their properties, including along roadways (where they would provide windbreaks, shade, water and soil retention and wildlife habitat, not to mention natural beauty in our CKL environment), thinking that extra couple of feet of 'growing soil' is worth the exorbitant cost to our quality of life. Let's

keep the trees, shrubs and vegetation so we can all enjoy them. I like the 100 feet set back from the shorelines, which seems to be customary now in cottage areas. But without enforcement, it is just words. People bulldoze down to the shore, and take the tiny fine as a cost of doing what they want. These fines need to be 2,000 minimum, and a 'permit' should actually be a required assessment from an ecologist / biologist / scientist, with no ties to commercial entities that sway the scientific opinions. If there are alternatives to cutting down trees of any size, we need to explore them. We need a big education program in CKL about the importance of trees, wetlands, retaining fencerows on farms, retaining trees along roadways, converting grass lawns to smaller patches and replanting native species around the edges of our properties to become a part of nature, not a mortal enemy to it in everything we do.

coupons for sapling plantings at various time of the year other than the quantities offered once a year in minimum purchase of twenty five by the Conservation Authority to encourage planting.

I strongly do not feel that the municipality needs to extend its authority to collect permit fees for removal of trees on private property. Currently, when trying to develop a property the municipality already subjects an owner to multiple miscellaneous permits and fees.

I own my trees, they are on my property which I pay high property taxes. I don't cut down trees for fun, there cut because I feel it's required , and many of the trees I've planted from saplings. Sounds like another money grab from the middle class working family. Thanks

The rules should be equally applicable irrespective of income.

Paying more because your property is larger makes no sense. I have 30 acres with 1000's of trees. If I want to cut one down I have to pay more then someone in town that may only have one tree on their property??? That is ridiculous

Make land developers pay for more trees per property and make more green space on there development land

"If i planted it on my Property it's my tree

If i no longer want that tree on my Property

ITS MY CHOICE"

People should be allowed to do what they like with their property. Give people freedom to do what they want and what they think is right the property they have paid for and they pay taxes for yearly. Piss off with the fees, waivers and rules.

Stop trying to control every inch a person does on their personal property. We are not a communist country, nor do we want to become one

I believe consideration should be given to those land owners who participate and are actively working within in the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), run by the Ontario Provincial Government. Landowners must have a Registered Forestry Planner create and submit a 10 year plan to the Province, in order to be approved. These plans are essentially conservation based, where owners commit to managing their wood lot / properties responsibly, with conservation at the core of the program. After 5 years an update on progress must be submitted to the province and at the 10 year mark a new plan must be submitted and approved in order to continue in the program. Things such as tree planting, control and removal of invasive species (buckthorn, dog-strangling vine, garlic mustard, others), installation of duck nesting boxes, bat houses, and other environmental protection and conservation activities are all acceptable projects and activities (there are many others). In some cases, a planned tree harvest. My property was agriculture at one time, but is currently classified as Environmental Protection / Open Space. We have been participating in the program for over 15 years, and in my case, my plan calls for a harvest of cedar trees from the property. I must have the trees marked by a Certified Tree Marker and the harvesting must be in my approved Management plan. The harvest must will be sustainable and of a tree species (white cedar) that regenerate quickly and easily. Given this plan is already approved by a Provincially Certified Forestry Manager, and approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and will be done in a responsible manner (not clear cut, limited in area, mature trees left for seeding / regeneration), would I still need a permit from the City? I think consideration should be given to those land owners who participate in the MFTIP, who are already committed to conservation and have been approved by the Provincial Government, and who plan for a tree harvest, to be exempt from this City by-law. Certainly I support the by-law as a tool to stop reckless tree or timber harvest that does not support conservation or causes environmental damage or habitat destruction, or is otherwise unjustified by the suggested exemptions.

There is no need for such a by-law at all. The need for landowners to prove qualification for an exemption would be a major burden on rate payers. Furthermore the enforcement of this bylaw would be a waste of taxpayers resources.

Property size should be considered as people with large property must maintain there land which involves cutting down trees and cleaning up the forest on a regular basis any property over 1/2 acre or out side town limits should be exempt

"Stop trying to think of new ways to raise money and use what you already get more wisely.

Getting rid of the useless abundant do nothing employees would really help. Bureaucratic bullshit is all this city has proven to be good for."

With regards to home heating, the words "own home" puts a potential restriction regarding retail wood sourcing. It may be interpreted in the future that if you don't cut the wood yourself a permit will apply. This will negatively affect firewood producers. Secondly I opened Google Earth and scanned Kawartha Lakes. There is not a tree shortage thus I am opposed to all measures restricting people's property rights. Planting trees is a good idea so offer trees for free and people will plant them without extortion by the city on the property owner. We have thousands of high school students that need volunteer hours to graduate so here is a potential workforce. Elections were last year and this was not discussed. City staff need to address real issues such as a system for building new homes without the ridiculous process and fees they have created. Letting the regular taxpayer develop their property and not favour Flato and his billionaire buddies only. Stop lowering speed limits on county roads. Erase every bylaw created after Jan 1st 1990!!!!!! It's time to stop increasing the city debt and punishing property owners.

Too close he should not get blanket exemption but replacement ratio

This is just another sneaky cash grab! If the government is so concerned about the amount of trees, you own land everywhere to keep planting. Not penalize private property that pay more than enough taxes!! Golf courses and cemeteries in exemptions would be ridiculous. As they make money clearing the way.

This is ridiculous. I would never pay for a permit to cut down a tree on my own property. This sounds like a liberal money grab. I'll cut down every tree on my property before this comes into effect. Disgusting.

Extend bylaws to include all residential areas. Must apply for permit.

"This whole idea seems like nothing more than a money grab for the city. Where entire forest is being stripped out by developers, then they should have to pay for the destruction of the trees. I do not agree that individual home owners should be required to have a permit to remove an unwanted tree from their own land. Having previously lived in a city with such nonsense bylaw, I can assure you that homeowners who want a tree removed and are denied the right to remove it, healthy or not, will find other ways, less safe for the environment, of removing/ killing the tree. Kawartha Lakes has no shortage of trees. I do not see anyone, except the developers of large projects, cutting down so many trees that a bylaw effecting everyone would need to be implemented. Take your bylaw and address it to the culprits of tree destruction, large corporations, instead of hiding behind ordinary citizens who do not abuse their right to maintain their own property.

Grab the money from those that have it....the developers and leave we citizens alone to look after the trees on our PRIVATE properties. If you want to control trees on city property, then have at it. Sick and tired of governments using the environmental card

every time for everything especially when there has been no need to. That translates into a money grab and nothing else."

"How/who would enforce the by-laws? Private property owners hire commercial arborists. How will the arborist know if a permit is required? Are you expecting arborist to become by-law officers?

How long would it take to get a permit? do you have staff to confirm if tree needs permit. do you expect arborist companies to do the assessing of each potential tree removal and then tell client if they need the permit.

Why should a golf course be allowed to cut down healthy trees?

Who decided what constitutes a mature tree? Size/maturity depends a lot on species.

Fees are too expensive. removal of a tree is expensive enough, adding a permit fee is over the top.

FYI, check what happened when Peterborough tried to impose a tree cutting bylaw."

I don't think there should be any fee on large lots. If you have a forested rural property you should be able to cut down some trees and sell the wood without a fee. I understand restricting tree cutting near shorelines but there doesn't appear to be enough rationale for why fees are being charged on inland large properties.

Prohibit cutting in Environmental Protected Areas.

Laws should be strict about mature trees. The fee when applicable should be more than what it would cost to trim a tree, since some might make their case to cut when a good trim might be enough, including for developments. Developers, golf courses, farmers should work around mature trees, just as roads of old worked around property lines or even trees.

No bylaws to apply outside of Urban areas, period. I already have a managed forest, and will not comply with these proposed changes to my titled proper. My trees are a fixture on my land and are not common property to be regulated in a fee grab.

i planted a few thousand pine trees when i was 16 to 18 years of age . I am now 81 years old and ready to harvest them. Any interference with that 65?year process would severly upset me as it would any farmer who needed a permit to harvest his corn .
Jerry Rintoul.

Total Exemptions and no fees for...Responsible tree removal by the property owner when the property is larger than 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) in or near Environmental Protection Areas or Shorelines.

"This is a very intrusive bylaw proposal that interferes with the ability of any landowner to make appropriate and reasoned decisions concerning land use.

This proposal should be scrapped.

There are prohibitions already in place at the Provincial level regulating usage on Environmentally Protected lands.

CKL should not be wasting municipal taxpayer's monies in providing oversight and bylaw policing on this issue, which already has Provincial regulations for E.P. lands.

Every year, we try to hold the line on Municipal tax rate increases, yet this kind of addition seems to creep onto the To Do list.

Do not restrict landowners."

We don't agree with city monitoring peoples private property like this. As adults we should be able to decide ourselves. This seems like a money grab because as soon as u start with exemptions it muddys the water ,its about trees or not. We don't want anything to change.

"This isnt about protecting trees. This is a money grab. Should be ashamed trying to charge tax paying land owners for the things they do on thier land. I may not be a profesional but i can tell when one of my mature ash trees needs to cut down. I use those trees for outdoor fires and outdoor cooking. Why would i want to pay a fee to cut them down or buy wood from someone else so i dont pay fee.

This isnt comstitutional and.is an overreach into hard working land owners rights."

Sounds like a municipal money grab

Gol Courses should not be exempt - ever! They pollute and should have to pay more than any other property.

Fees are way to high

I think it should be up to the property owners what they do on THEIR property that they pay for and own

The survey does not take into account the fact that some affordable housing developments are owned by the municipality, and could be multi unit housing. Because of this, what discretion would be used to best serve the community when protecting mature trees? Will these trees be exempt from the bylaws in place? This bylaw also doesn't take into consideration the impact of new mass development of new construction which is taking place in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Careful planning and

discretion should be taking place to protect and preserve where ever possible the bio diversity of species and tree canopies in our area as large housing developments take place. While these areas may not be considered Environmental Protection areas, they may and often fit the criteria for protection of green belt. As we know, many new developments are being proposed for agricultural lands, which is unfortunate, but at least specific hedge rows can be protected where possible. There should be bylaws in place so developers must work within that framework.

I have hydro lines running through my property. If this law came into effect I would be forced to have hydro remove those lines as I am not the one that is allowed to trim trees, and I am not going to get in the middle of Hydro and CKL. They cut down trees every couple of years and they only do that when the trees get bigger, so they will have to remove the polls and wires off my property for me and my insurance company to ensure we comply with any laws you dream up. Also who is going to pay to have someone come to my property to decide if the trees are a hazard to property or individuals. I also have a road allowance and the user of the road cuts trees back and down every year, so I guess they will not be able to do that going forward? How many people will the CKL have to higher to deal with this process and how much will is cost the tax payors of CKL? Have you contacted all cottage owners for their voice to be heard, they pay taxes also? These are just some of my concerns of your proposal.

This entire concept is ridiculous and poorly thought out! .Myself, as well as thousands of other CKL landowners already manage the health of the forest stands, EP areas, AOCs on their property with a well planned provincial MFP(Managed Forest Plan) that was custom tailored for my property by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). Timber harvest is an integral part of most MFP's. My MFP includes extensive tree cutting in what are deemed to be Environmental Protection areas. The goal is to maintain these areas in an early successional state, to favour the growth of early successional tree species, boost woody browse production and nesting habitat for wildlife, provide downed woody debris as a habitat requirement for wildlife species on my property, maintain optimal crown closure and tree species composition in a stand managed for wildlife, etc. of Why are golf courses included in your exemption list? With widespread deforestation, habitat destruction, environmentally damaging hazardous pesticide and fertilizer use, they are easily one of the worst unregulated environmental offenders in the city. We disregard public and environmental health, at great cost, so that a privileged group of people can play a sport! If you want to do something useful, add some teeth to your existing planning and building bylaws, to keep individuals like Flato from raping what is left of our environment and agricultural lands. His proposed clear cut clearing of the forested lands at Cameron for a golf course and luxury resort is criminal. Eg. have it in the bylaw that a developer must have a property professionally inventoried prior to development and a set percentage mature trees and existing forest cover must be maintained

This is an intrusion on property owner rights and we will fight it!

___ removes Scotch PINE on his property as they are invasive in the context of the land. He then replaces them with a mix of other young trees that will be better for the climate projected in the future. He abides by good forest management principals. Be very careful this black and white by-law doesn't have unintended consequences. Also if this is in fact an environmental initiative, I ask that the township care for the trees planted in parks that were mandated to be planted. Many young trees are neglected after planting, are a waste of money and a reminder that imposing by-laws on others comes with a cost and responsibility. Model what you expect of others.

This a money grab in no uncertain way these are my trees I didn't see the city step up to help me purchase the property therefore you have no right to stop me from taking down any tree on my private property. Your proposal would mean upwards of 4-5 thousand dollars to remove a single tree. Will the city take responsibility for any damage caused by a tree they didn't approve for removal that should be part of your bylaw that if the city deems a tree to be a chargeable tree and it causes damage in the mean time they should cover all damages

Leave my trees alone, grow your own, It is not just about offering trees to owners to plant it is about all species down to the microcosm including fungi and milkweed, bushes and mosses, asters and bogs, rotten aspens are where the bumble bees live, you have no clue what you are talking about and is best left to the professionals, the private land owner that allowed that tree to grow to this point and protecting trees hurts them as I do not want any butternut trees on my land at all of you say I can not disturb 150 ft around it, I do not want ginseng, I do not want anything that is going to restrict in order to save. Some times a healthy tree needs to be removed so 100's of other trees can get light. Grow up, get off my property and stay out of my affairs. You want a mature tree, plant on your property, mine is 100% perfect, you are the flaw that cut yours down now you want to "protect" mine????

This proposal is nothing but a cash grab. Purchase of a property includes all the trees on it. You are arrogating a right to the township to dictate to landowners what they can do with a property. If trees need to be removed for legal activities then there is no need to be further involved and no fees are needed. The "mature sapling" replacement scheme has the same smell as "the carbon tax is revenue neutral" with no mention of where the saplings will be obtained or where they will be planted. I will point out to you that removal of scrub trees, such as you describe, is environmentally insignificant and healthy for woodlots and forested areas and furthermore, the removal of significant trees is already very expensive causing people to live with danger trees for years because of not being able to afford the removal of such trees. I am very much in favour of preservation of the littoral area of the lakes but this is not the way to do it. Scrap this bylaw outright.

Stop trying to generate revenue for you bloated bureaucracy

I am not in favor of destroying healthy trees, however land owners must have title over their property. If the city is truly concerned about the preservation of healthy trees, a permit system with fees should not be implemented. In addition, the financial burden to tax payers to enforce this bylaw is not justifiable and will be extremely difficult to enforce. There are more important issues that require attention and justify the use of tax dollars.

"Before jumping the gun and blindly posting permits on citizens, the city first needs to do a comparative study to find out the mature tree population and the environmentally protected area coverage and tree canopies there. Has the tree coverage declined in Environmentally Protected areas in the last five years? If so, which areas within city limits have experienced this loss and why? Does the city have enough resources for enforcing such bylaw or is it just another red tape measure that would require more of city's resources to enforce, maintain and execute permitting ?

Tree cutting by property owners could be for several reasons (not all can be covered under one permit with steep permit fees).

I would suggest to remove the permit fee and incentivize an honour system to cut a tree and plant a tree instead.

The proposal exempts all businesses like farms , forestry and golf courses from this bylaw which is contradictory. Since golf courses are specifically recreational and used by less than 5% of the city population.

Before enforcing such regulations on property owners, city needs to define concrete goals as to what they want to achieve, justify the permit requirements, give more thought to the affect of such regulation (livelihood of people who make a living selling wood/wood products) and lastly , not enforce a bylaw on property owners that hinders with their freedom to use their property as they deem necessary (carve a trail, clear a patch for vegetable garden, sell lumber, etc)."

Have a sliding scale fee based on property size. If you have 0.55 ac, you shouldn't have to pay \$1700, same as a 15 ac property. Trees that are deemed to be a danger to a structure must be reviewed by a non-biased and knowledgeable party to confirm that risk assessment. Posing a danger can be a loosely interpreted approach. Perhaps "significant danger". Also, tree health must be part of the equation. If the tree is dead or in the final stages of dying due to disease, removal should be allowed without a fee. It devalues a home to have a large dead tree on your property or hanging over your property from a neighboring property. Determine the reason you are saving the trees - if it is to reduce carbon by photosynthesis, then dead trees have no value. Dead standing trees pose a number of threats, including harboring potentially damaging bug / fungi populations.

"Common sense, these are rural areas not the town of Lindsay.

This survey whether intentional or not does not populate completely on computer screen basically eliminating an individuals choice to definitely disagree."

It isn't clear what you are defining as an Environmental Protection Area. In general, I think permits should be required and that all development projects should be required to maintain and protect existing healthy trees. I've seen too much of the attitude of 'get 'er done, then pay the fine' in CKL.

"It is not fair to assume that an individual has money to cut down a tree on their property and replace it. What happens if someone is trying to make a pathway or parking spot or get some sunlight to their place or larger properties that need access to a field or different area. Are you taking into consideration how many trees are already on a property, how many saplings have been planted recently.

Private property is private property, you should not have say in what people do with this."

Septic systems must be exempt. Start with the city properties and see how it goes, there are a ton of personal issues that are not factored in for costs. With the tree cover in the area this is not needed. More tax grabs are not needed.

I completely disagree with this proposed bylaw especially since the city is using climate change and the environment as an excuse to implement a money grab and increase taxes on owners of private property. Private property is just that—PRIVATE! When the municipality interferes with a property owners rights and freedoms to the use of their property, then it becomes blatant COMMUNISM. I wonder who came up with this idea? "Let's regulate the trees on private property, What a great way to raise revenues for the city's ever-expanding expenses!" Rather than looking for ways to control costs, the Mayor and council is trying to tax property owners to raise revenues and use a supposed "climate change emergency" (dictated by an unelected UN) to justify it. If the city council is determined to pass this obvious tax grab bylaw, and treats ordinary citizens like idiots, they will be replaced by a mayor and council that supports its constituents.

Leave it the way it is. It is just a money grab.

Farmers should have the ability to remove trees on their property without permits.

"Lots of people cut down trees to not only to fuel your own home. There are some business that are heated by wood. Also, there are some wood fired items used for food processing like maple syrup, outdoor ovens etc. Would this bylaw not allow me to manage my maple syrup bush and burn the wood out of it to create food for family? I

would like to point out that sometimes trees are cut down to manage forest on your own property. 1 large mature maple tree is shading out multiple healthy small maple trees from thriving.

Many families also sell wood to campers and cottagers to help create extra income or teach their kids how to make money and hard work. Trust me, these families do not want to clear-cut their bush, just to sell all the trees in one year and be left with an open field. They only want to help manage the forest to keep it healthy so they can continue to profit on it for many of years. Personal this was one of my first jobs as a child cutting, splitting wood and selling it to help pay for my first car. We then are forcing campers and cottagers to buy bagged wood only from business that clear-cut forest and wood is shipped from who knows how far away that increases the spread of diseases, especially like the emerald ash borer.

Mature Saplings are also not cheap and unrealistic for most households to buy. 1 Sugar Maple (Ontario Native Tree) from Rockwood Forest is \$350.00. If the City would like to supplement the cost of this, I know many people who would love to plant more trees around their property. More trees located around your home helps cut the cost of hydro (trees are a wind break to your house). If the city wants to encourage forest management and help the environment buy use of less fuel, better air quality and habitat for wildlife, how about you fund planting trees on your property instead of taking money from hardworking taxpayers cutting down a couple trees on there property."

"I feel very strongly that it is NOT the place of the city or its staff to propose a By-Law to prohibit cutting down ANY type of tree on privately owned property. The city may manage its own trees only on public properties and park lands, and leave private landowners to be the stewards of their lands; and manage their trees and canopy as they choose. I am aware that other Ontario municipalities have passed Tree Preservation ByLaws and to do so is completely illegal. City staff and council may be interested to know that any Tree Preservation By-Laws are in complete violation of well established, and documented Sovereign Land Owner Rights. In addition, I believe that this survey is entirely inadequate to capture the input and opinion of those who object to the very nature of this proposed ByLaw. Finally, our municipal, provincial and federal public lands at every level of government have an extreme plethora and abundance of trees and canopy cover to manage. ""The term Crown Land in essence means Public Land. Crown Land in Canada represents about 89% of Canada's land area, almost 9 million sq km. Approximately 41% is federal Crown Land, 48% is provincial Crown Land and the remaining is privately owned."" With only approximately 11% of Canada's land held by private land owners, I believe it is entirely acceptable that we continue to uphold strong Land Owner Rights within the City of Kawartha Lakes, and reduce bureaucratic by-laws that ultimately have a negligible impact on anything quantifiable - least of all carbon capturing. Since the founding of this great municipality we have trusted land owners to manage their own trees, and I believe we may have confidence that capable

and hardworking citizens of this community will continue to do so within this tradition, un-fettered by municipal ByLaws and cumbersome fees.

Lastly, may I note that by waiving fees for "low-income households" and "affordable housing developments" you create a two tier legal system between those the Municipality believes can bear the burden of additional fees and thus a type of additional tax on their incomes and lands. This is fundamentally unconstitutional and sets a dangerous precedent within our municipality for any Bylaw to be financially burdened by those deemed to be capable of shouldering additional fees. If this is already practiced with other By-Laws in the municipality, I disagree with it.

In conclusion, while this survey is woefully inadequate a space to capture the full extent of mine and many other's concerns about this proposed ByLaw, I hope that city staff will hear loud and clear that many private land owners have no interest in conceding their rights to the town and be subjugated to additional dictatorial conditions of land ownership, for the benefit of the trees or not."

The perfect alternative is to back off and leave private property owners alone. They should have the right to decide what they do with their own trees.

It is critical that agricultural is exempt from a tree by-law. It is totally inappropriate for the City to prevent farmers from using land for agriculture.

These By-Laws often sound good on paper, but the devil is in the details and implementation where they can often have an overall negative effect where residents begin seeing trees as potential liabilities to be eliminated before they become mature. I would highly recommend looking to other jurisdictions that have provided incentives, rather than penalties. Additionally, I recommend that exemptions be allowed only with proper, professional direction from members in good standing with organizations such as the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.

Minimum property size should be 5 acres.

"I don't think the city should be charging a fee for people cutting trees on their own property."

Why do golf courses get an exemption. They should be stewards of the land

Exemptions should include those who are harvesting wood to use in building projects if they are harvested according to good forestry practices under management (MFTIP). Not sure if this is covered under "Forestry". The DBH of 12 cm is small and should be reconsidered to be more in line with other municipalities (e.g. City of Toronto is 30 cm). These bylaws are difficult to enforce, especially over such a large land base, so please

consider who will enforce this if every tree over 12 cm dbh is considered. The last piece would be about the cost to the landowner for an "Expert" to assess the tree to ascertain whether it poses a risk before removal.

"Tree cutting for dock access

There should not be a minimum property size, but all properties with EP should be affected

The fees are unclear. Is this amount per tree that the landowner wants to cut or a fee for a permit? Regardless, it seems very high.

Exemption for forestry should include that property is in the MFTIP program and the owner has advice from a Registered Professional Forester

Exemption for hazard tree should include name/signature of Certified Arborist.

Exemption for firewood could be misused. There should be a way to prove this, such as the amount of wood they need for heat per year, or MFTIP etc"

"Many woodlands (including some EP areas) benefit from forest management activities to enhance and protect ecosystems and to prepare for anticipated changes in climate, new pests and diseases etc. This is something that Professional Foresters do and is regulated by the Professional Foresters Act 2000. There seems to be no recognition of the profession of forestry at all in this bylaw. Please refer to opfa.ca (Ontario Professional Foresters Association) for more information. Another good source of information for municipalities in Ontario is <https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/Bylaw-FAQs>

Please make an effort to consult with the people who have made their careers and businesses in the field of forestry and forest conservation before considering adopting this bylaw. The Ontario Woodlot Association is a good start for consultation, as well as local professionals."

Just another money grab.. its not like everyone is going around clearing trees.

Instead of focusing on trees maybe you should focus on hospital infrastructure or other health services in the communities instead of closing them down. Spend the money this will cost to run on the thousands of potholes that are in the roads. Maybe leave the trees to the responsible home owner who isn't about to destroy his property taking trees down unnecessarily. This is just a money grab. How about working on election promises and do the job your constituents elected you to do.

This is taking private property too far. Turning into the dictatorship of Kawartha Lakes. Absolutely disgusting. Instead of charging people, you should be educating people and

asking that they plant a tree for every one they take down. But you have no problem, clear cutting trees and farms in our beautiful area when it suits your purpose!

Wouldn't the local CA or MNR already regulate tree removals in Environmental Protected areas? It seems like a cash grab by Municipality for something that already has regulation to protect. There shouldn't be exemptions for low income or affordable housing, sets dangerous precedent for two tiers of citizen in municipality. Main issue is does the City have the by-law staffing to handle this program and is the city responsible for determining if a tree is hazardous? This program is likely to cause more problems than it would solve. If someone wants to build a garage in backyard but has a tree there, are they going to be denied a building permit because they have a tree the City says they aren't allowed to cut down? I think we should leave environmental protection to the agencies that already do this and have laws to back up their mandates and worry about the current by-laws that we're still facing challenges to enforce.

Golf courses should not be an exception to this. They are environmental hazards and should start paying their fair share.

Will there be anyone enforcing these? If a tree is cut and disposed of on private property before a bylaw officer is aware, how could it be determined if it applied to an exemption or not? If removal of the tree was urgent for safety reasons, will we be required to provide evidence that it was required? I love the idea of preserving all trees, and am all for it, but would like more language on how it will be enforced and followed.

The town of Lindsay is an absolute nightmare to deal with as far as permits are concerned. (Inefficient and incompetent) You have no right to dictate what people do on their private property and you certainly have no right to steal their money. How the township is somehow entitled to my hard earned money because I wish to remove my own tree is completely inconceivable. Just like the CCTV project, this is another gross overreach by the Township

"Does this just apply to town of Lindsay or all of Kawartha Lakes?"

If it's just Lindsay, some of my concern won't apply...

Minimum property size seems small as we are many rural communities who tend to have larger property sizes with areas that are treed.

Fees are way too high!! e.g. If I'm putting addition on home, I'd have to pay to remove my private tree(s) + permit + pay to plant replacements when property size is now reduced (what if no room) ?

Culling of trees is often required for health of overall group of trees as per forest management best practices. Has this been considered ; not identified in exemptions.

Exemptions don't discuss removal of trees as part of property access maintenance (tree encroachment on driveway that need removal).

Exemptions don't discuss difference of properties who have multiple trees & want to remove one as opposed to folks who have NO trees ... owner with trees is penalized for being environmentally conscious- hardly fair...

Exemptions don't discuss trees that are damaged during storms & pose hazard to folks using/accessing property, only if "hazard to structure". Storm of 2022 required removal of multiple trees for that reason ...

Exemptions for trees cut for fuel should include structures requiring heat on own property (e.g. garages, work sheds, cottages, sleep camps , etc...) not just "own home".

Exemptions for smaller properties (e.g. "

"Do we currently have a problem or issue with landowners indiscriminately removing mature trees?

If not, this will just add unnecessary bureaucracy and bigger government."

we need more incentives and education to the public on why trees are great for our planet, our health and for biodiversity. Often people cut down trees because they are "too messy" (pine needles, leaves, walnuts) but this isn't a good enough reason to cut down trees. Educational promotions around town, in the Lindsay Advocate, and in hardware stores (where one might go to buy supplies to cut down a tree) might help raise awareness on why trees are so vital to our lives - and how hard it is for them to grow. Just because you charge fees to someone and demand they plant new trees doesn't mean these new trees will grow to be healthy and mature, its actually very unlikely. So cutting down a tree, charging a fee and planting a new one does not equal the loss of the mature, healthy tree.

"I believe most people in the City of Kawartha Lakes are environmentally conscientious and don't need fees to cut a tree on their own property. This by law is a way for the city to take money from regular middle class citizens while catering to large operations such as golf courses. I found it quite interesting that a golf course would be exempt allowing them to clearcut huge areas for business purposes but a homeowner has to pay and run it by the municipality to cut a single tree. This is a very disappointing proposition that further outlines the larger issue with the City of Kawartha Lakes ideals. Thanks,"

Instead of punishing those who cut can we find a way to incentivize people to plant trees?

Remove Land Taxes and you can tell property owners what they can do!

"1. I disagree with the regulating of tree cutting on rural properties. Factors exist in rural areas that are extremely different than urban areas. The majority of rural property owners successfully manage their own properties and have done so for many decades. Those rural property owners (many of which are members of the Ontario Woodlot Association) are committed to sustainable land management practices because that is the life they have chosen to live. Members of this community who choose to live in rural areas should not face further financial hardships with more taxation because of the honourable lifestyle they have chosen to live.

2. In urban areas, most tree cutting is done by professional tree services. Those services are provided by trained professionals in that field and carry liability insurance. These services are expensive to the property owner and further taxes on area residents at this time when the cost of living is so high, simply places more unnecessary pressure on the financial situation of all the area residents. I understand that neighbourhoods can be impacted by the removal of large trees from a residential yard in an urban setting. Regulating that situation could be accomplished if the permits were less expensive to the owner. The city could place conditions on the permit that would include the requirement of a licensed/insured tree removal service to carry out the tree removal, if the tree is of considerable size and a potential risk to neighbouring homes from the felling of that tree.

3. I am hoping that this regulation proposal is not in response to complaints being lodged against the city for their consideration of the large scale residential developments that are being considered on our rural and agricultural lands in this community. As you know, the residential development of "Fenelon Trails" includes a significantly large number of mature trees. As you also know, fractured tree locations are nowhere near as beneficial to the natural environment as large-scale tree canopies (which are found on this development property). The removal of such vast numbers of trees in a forested area such as this will never be compensated by the sporadic residential tree regulation proposal.

4. I hope the city will supply a clear and concise explanation for the purpose of this proposed tree removal regulation.

Thank you."

The Municipality should not be involved in the use and enjoyment of private properties. This appears as a money grab rather than environmental management. If there is a desired direction offer incentives, not fees.

Advise where are protection areas

an exemption for cutting trees to allow a home to be built or for using the wood as part of the construction of a home (assuming the other needed permits are received)

There should Not be waivers for Any housing developments. Mature saplings should be planted by housing developments.

Please explain "in addition to all properties 30 meters (98.4 ft) from shoreline regardless of property size.". Does this mean if your property starts 30m from the shore line, or, does it mean you cannot cut trees that are 30m from the shore line. The fines are too big since the fee for cutting down large trees is high to begin with.

IF the trees are not healthy shouldn't have a fee to cut down

The fees you propose are excessive. \$10 is quite enough!

Enough environmental awareness these days, this is obvious a bureaucratic cash grab. People are educated enough to decide which trees need to come down or stay. Fix the roads do a perform better on task you have, you can't handle more.

homeowners should be entitled to remove any tree that does not affect other neighbors. there are many reasons for tree removal- none mentioned here. eg fire hazard, large tree that overwhelms property etc etc etc. Anybody that owns a property and has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars owns the right to making the right decision on their property with being subject to a money grab.

It is illegal and against the Municipal Act to control private property. The Municipality may only control property it owns. This attempt of Tree Bi-law control of privately owned trees has been attempted in other municipalities to great adverse reaction by the constituents, and incredible expense wasted on resources in repeated attempts to implement this unnecessary infringement of property rights.

Septic tanks have been mentioned, but not sewer lines. If a healthy , mature tree blocks those, it may have to be cut down. But the owner, who couldn't predict this, should not be charged. As for low income households and affordable housing developments, no, but regulation to insure that only trees that interfere with immediate safety to life and limb and septic, water lines and shorelines are cut down.

My biggest concern is not being able to cut down a mature tree that I feel poses a threat to my house. From how I read this, there would need to be damage before that would even be allowed. I am not sure how you prevent someone from just saying they think a tree is a threat without actual damage but I should be able to prevent a problem before it happens. Waiting for the City to approve and / or relying on someone who does not

live on my property to make that decision seems like a pain point for property owners as well. I don't have a solution but there has to be some consideration included in the ByLaw that takes into account the needs of the property owner, without adding undue hardship and still meets the intent of the ByLaw itself.

Protect the property rights of property owners by scrapping all bylaws and regulations that interfere with their use of their property. Property owners will generally make good decisions regarding their property within the City from interfering.

"This whole thing is more red tape and more beauracracy at city hall. This is a joke. You all can barely keep up with housing and other permits let alone add trees and consultations to this process.

No developer of any building should be exempt when their point is to make money of of the development. That's exactly who should pay any fee.

This whole bylaw is a joke. The way its written is a joke. I'll be contacting my councilor to relay my thoughts as well."

I think the city should just let property OWNERS do what they want with the trees that they OWN including cutting down trees for any reason that the property OWNER sees fit. This proposal is an overreach by the municipal government and infringes on my rights as a property owner. Please just focus on things that benefit property owners.

Any areas that are designated as EP land should not be touched for any reason

I agree with these. I think "exemptions" and "fee waivers" should be very limited.

Kawartha Lakes is NOT Toronto and this is a tax that is opportunistic in my view. There is no shortage of mature trees in KL. Having spent thousands to remove dead ash trees recently I would be disgusted to be paying any taxation fees in addition to the expense to maintain a property. I AM A TREE LOVER but not a taxation fan.

There are concerns about cottage type properties that need to install septic systems. They could be mandated to replace the trees once construction is completed. Even on agricultural lands there should be some management of the tree canopy, otherwise we may lose too many.

We absolutely do not need a bylaw regarding trees on private property period.

"Farmers do not pay a tax to harvest a crop on an annual basis.

I have paid good money for a future income that I can no longer harvest with out paying taxes! The by-laws have come after the planting so this could not be disclosed first. Had I known this I would not have wasted my time, money or farm land.

But out big brother!"

"Tree cover in some areas of Kawartha Lakes is well above best practice guidelines and in other areas falls below, or is impacted by factors such as agricultural use, lakes, or large industrial, or dense residential building and roadway footprints. The background need points to waterfront concerns and EP areas. This by-law should be scaled back to focus on waterfront, with reduced (15 m) setback, and on EP areas, and have some way of treating areas with low percentage tree cover differently from areas with high tree cover. The positive and proactive approach is somewhat missed within the by-law by not including incentives for proactive planting. Could there be off-set credits for tree planting on other portions of the property or nearby properties, if the focus is ultimately the overall tree canopy? Urban area developments should be required to include 2 trees per new residential lot rather than the current 1. Larger numbers of whip saplings should be included as the replacement, rather than the very costly mature saplings. If massive clearing for large residential developments is the issue then consider some class of regulation and fees for removal of larger numbers of trees. Could there be a general exemption for removal of 1 tree per lot per year for any reason as well as an increase in lot size for applicability of the by-law to 5ha outside of shoreline or EP areas?

Expand exemptions to include all agricultural activities, not just for agricultural operations (for profit farming operations), with the intent to expand the exemption to include hobby farms. Provide exemptions for septic and well installation and upgrades.

Provide exemptions for tree removal for single residential lot developments for the building footprint of the dwelling and garage and driveway, and a setback of 15m surrounding the dwelling on all sides to allow for necessary building and service equipment access at least some use able yard space. The setback may need to be adjusted in consultation with residential construction businesses. The intent would be to allow for the space to construct the home, garage, septic, well and garage with at least a small yard, but if the lot were a fully treed lot, that trees in the other portions of the lot would remain, or be subject to the fees for removal.

The use of a blanket term of EP area is risky, since the creation of mapping was related to trying to identify areas of wetlands. The presence of tree cover alone was sometimes used as a potential indicator of possible areas of wetlands. We had this explanation when looking at 'regulated areas' within Conservation Mapping. If protection of water features by maintaining vegetative/tree cover adjacent to it, then there should be provisions for considerations related to wetland features, not using 'all EP lands' as the area of restriction. Some EP lands are grasslands by nature. The mapped EP area would already have a set-back built in from the edge of the feature. Set-backs are not

always consistent depending on the type of feature. The setbacks and restrictions were for building/development, not management of the vegetation. There are also many classes of EP lands and Open Space lands, depending on the regulatory document. Clarity is needed.

What effect will this by-law have on the long-term regeneration if people begin cutting/removing the smaller trees and saplings on their properties so that they are not dealing with a potential costly tree to manage?"

Maybe I missed it but what is considered an environmental protection area . I've owned a woodlot for 30 years and have never cut a healthy tree for firewood . There is just too many sick and dying and overly crooked trees to fill that need . Also on my woodlot there is an over abundance of large healthy trees . Are you telling us that I must get a permit if I want to take one down . If so maybe the government is wanting to be a little too involved in my affairs . There would have to be an exemption for managed woodlots . Thankyou

Please consider the requirement for 'Good Forestry Practices' permits for any commercial forest harvesting on private lands

this proposed bylaw is intrusive and proposes more red tape and it looks like a money grab. If a homeowner wishes to remove a tree on their own property for whatever reason, it is their own business and doesn't require city input for any reason!

The city should consider rules prohibiting the clear cutting of the few remaining densely forested areas still located on residential zoned properties within the boundaries of urban areas in the COKL to protect them from further development if they already have an existing dwelling on them. This would allow for the removal of individual trees that might pose a safety hazard but would prevent the removal of more than a certain maximum number of trees (perhaps three) per annum from any given residential property. This suggestion would only impact residential properties with existing dwellings and only those within city limits.

"There should not be an exemption for agriculture, aggregates, or golf clubs. The same rules should apply. The largest deforestation is our area and southern Ontario as a whole is due to these activities, as well as development. Farmers and business owners need bylaw incentive to retain the very limited tree cover that remains on those landscapes. Further, forestry operations must require a certified tree marking and permit, or forestry will not be sustainable.

This bylaw has a huge potential to not only disincentive tree cutting via fees, but greatly improve landowner education around trees and their value. For example, do farmers understand the value of these trees on their landscape for water retention, wind

protection, riparian protection? How can this be communicated in dollars and cents so that farmers will not WANT to cut down the trees in the first place?

Along with fee payments, and education, there must be some funds diverted to paying for tree planting and maintenance efforts on land that is greater than 0.5 acres. These lands provide a great public benefit, and the landowners are not adequately compensated for the public service they provide by having these large tracts of treed land. Please explore options to make it less costly for these land owners to do the good work that needs to be done to ensure these lands are healthy (ie. Subsidized tree consulting services, sub sized tree marking and forestry consulting, sub-sized firewood harvest, sub-sized tree planting).

Thank you."

"Bullet #1 Oxymoron

Bullet #2 Why not apply indiscriminate cutting rules to all properties.

Bullet #3 Why do you discriminate between the have and have nots?

Bullet #4 An amount of \$450 for a permit is outrageous.

As a CoKL taxpayer I am NOT in favour of the hiring of an Environment Officer and Certified Arborist fulltime with vehicles supplied. This municipality cannot afford this ongoing cost.

From a financial point of view, this service should be contracted out."

All fee should be waived if a replacement tree sapling is planted on the property at a different location with-in a specified period of time for example 1 year.

How about government stay out of property owners business, always too much government overreach! Seems like the same people injecting their beliefs on Others! Stop!

If I no longer have the right to cut down trees on my own property, it would suggest then, that I really do not have full ownership of that property. Therefore, it would then seem reasonable to me that I would not be expected to pay taxes on that property as a full and complete piece of land.

My biggest concern is how this will be administered/enforced. How will you ensure that offenders will be charged or will it only be the people that follow the right process that will be charged.

The Kawarthas are not a highly density population, cottages & farms. Property owners should have the RIGHT to remove trees on their property!!!!

It's called PRIVATE property for a reason. You want to be Communists, move to China. You have NO right to tell anyone what they can do on their own PRIVATE property. Try that here and you'd best bring a warrant.

What an unbelievable waste of time and money to spend on this. Every tree belongs to the property owner. They and they alone ought to be the only one who decides which trees stay and which trees go.

The government needs to back off. Start cutting the city staff who proposed this nonsense.

The fees should be higher. Lakeshore properties should not be allowed to cut all their trees under any circumstances

The minimum property size seems somewhat arbitrary. I suggest there is no minimum but that it applies to all properties. I also suggest that the exemptions need to be examined by a forester to be sure that the tree removals are done responsibly and sustainably (in the case of forestry that it is done in accordance to best sustainable practices, in the case of golf courses that adequate tree cover be maintained to provide shade, habitat, etc.) Housing developments should be sure that some tree cover is maintained on each lot.

This bylaw is immoral. Private property is the most important right in the creation of a caring community where all people are respected. 13% of Ontario's landmass in private property and should be left 100% to the benefit and use of the private property owner.

If the goal is the protection of ecological integrity and diversity (and it should be), then permits should only be considered if tree removal is part of a comprehensive landscape plan that includes protection of all threatened species, critical habitat and no net loss of standing timber. Half hectare is too high a threshold and \$450. Is too low a fee to deter abuse by deep pockets or politically connected property owners.

"I'm an ISA Certified Arborist and property owner and I can't get behind a tree bylaw in CKL.

Having worked for multiple reputable companies in the Kawarthas, and now an owner of my own, many people already take the initiative to replace trees when cutting one down. Forcing people to do this or pay a what you're calling a fee, but is really a fine, should be illegal and is disgraceful, let people have autonomy of their own property.

I don't own waterfront property so have no bias in the matter but having no minimum size property for waterfront gives the feeling that you're just taking the rich cottagers for a ride. There's no ecological reason for the special preservation of trees on properties within 30m of a shoreline. Trees directly on the shoreline that help stabilize shoreline erosion are one thing but every tree on the property is a gross overstep. This whole section needs to be scrapped and redone to match the minimum property size for all other regulations with possible special consideration for trees of 24" DBH or larger within 5m of a shoreline of a major body of water or tributary.

At a time when more people are struggling to pay for things, you think adding up to \$2000 for the removal of a single tree is the play? Are you out of your mind? A large portion of the properties in CKL are larger than 1.2acre and now you're saying these people are just expected to absorb thousands to have their property taken care of. The replant and fine needs to be totally scrapped. If people are already paying for a permit they don't need to pay more if they chose not to have a tree. Many times I've cut down trees in municipalities that have this requirement and there's no realistic spot for the replants. Example, wooded front yard with a 100x80' back yard. Mature tree with a 60' wide canopy between house to the south hedge to the north and west and pool to the east. Tree is killing the hedge and shading the pool. Now I'd recommend replacements that more fit their needs such as a small ornamental or some fruit trees but surely not 4 of them and if they would rather have a yard to throw a ball around then they should be charged \$2000 for that.

The CKL covers a massive area, there is no way you have the budget to properly run a tree bylaw program in a way where people are having tree work done in a timely manor. The city of Peterborough introduced a tree bylaw 6 years ago that was a total train wreck because it was written by people with little to no industry experience and couldn't staff the demand within city limits and if you think you can do it from pontypool to Kinmount you're lying to yourselves.

If the idea is to preserve "mature" trees (which means what exactly you don't say) then the only acceptable alternative in my mind is for lot clearing and construction purposes you'd need to have a special permit for mature tree destruction and leave everybody else alone."

"Fines are important deterrents but replanting requirement should be higher. Wood for home heating should come from already downed trees rather than cutting down living.

No mention of enforcement. Rules, by-laws mean nothing without an enforcement plan."

"The proposed bylaw is a ridiculous one. Kawartha Lakes is approximately 3,084 square kilometers in size. The territory is massive and mostly forested, with some bodies of water within. The population of this area alone represents approximately 0.5% of the total population of Ontario. There is no deforestation problem here, and no no

measurable impact on climate change from the tree cutting activities of the small population in this large region. There is no need for property owners to ask or beg for permission to cut down one of their own trees, on their own property.

If the staff of the Kawartha Lakes municipal office find themselves to be bored and are looking for ideas to keep themselves busy during the work day then I suggest they tackle more pressing problems such as waste removal in our towns, and why the number of garbage bins have been halved, and the remaining ones hidden from view so as to discourage their use, promoting littering instead. Maybe focus more on providing lots of publicly located recycling bins in addition to more publicly located garbage bins, and devising a public education campaign teaching folks to recycle - that would have more impact on our municipality's environment than a few people cutting down their own trees on their own property."

I think crowding should also be taken into consideration. If the tree is hindering other plants ability to thrive it should be considered necessary. Also low income households shouldn't get special treatment if the tree doesn't meet any of the exemptions. It's expensive for everyone, and low income properties and housing shouldn't be leading an example when it comes to vanity over functionality.

Please consider either prohibiting or gradually introducing prohibition of cutting down trees in the urban locations. Please consider introducing the prohibition over time that will allow property-owners to prepare for the expense and/or plan responsibly. I do not mean to allow for mass cutting down in a rush to avoid the prohibition, but to be fair if this comes as news to propertyowners.

I do not see how any aspect of this proposed bylaw would be enforceable.

Tree cutting for the purpose of having a view or enabling construction vehicles should be controlled through restrictions. Cutting trees on municipal owned property should be prohibited. Protection of trees on shore lines should be upheld regardless to help reduce erosion. If trees are cut, thoughts on impacts to drainage need to be considered. If someone is cutting trees on their property consideration of impacts to others is needed. Maybe a study is needed with their application that states that no issues from drainage or loss of shade will occur.

My property, my tree, my choice!!

"I would like to be able to conserve 2 or 3 large willows, that are over 125 years old, in our Port Hoover community. These trees are on the shoreline and on private property and were planted before Port Hoover became a ghost town.

As to 98ft from shoreline, doesn't help these trees. On acreage 1.5 acres in size doesn't preserve these trees. Also, giving exceptions just because people are poor or a community wants to build housing should be no excuse for cutting down mature trees."

I would like to see farm properties that border hwy 36 be mandated to plant trees along the fence lines to help prevent wind blown snow on highways

This is the most ridiculous thing I have now heard. A permit to cut down trees on private property - and who is going to enforce this? A permit for tree removal should be in place for commercial/industrial land use, such as a subdivision/quarry/factory/warehouse - not private property. Yet another permit required to bog down any progress in this city.

Need to reach out to other municipalities with current bylaws in place and see what they have to offer- Markham for example is 30cm or greater at breast height requires a permit- no exemptions for golf courses, cemeteries etc. doesn't make sense to allow that. There needs to be high \$ fines in place if there is negligence to the by law once in effect. Maintaining a mature canopy cover for Kawartha lakes is a huge priority that needs to be taken seriously. New residents to the area cutting down huge healthy trees because they don't like leaves or are nervous for their home are left uneducated in the circumstances regarding the science of tree biology. Having a Norway maple next to a home versus a sugar maple is a big difference of likelihood of failure from the tree.

There should be a greater fees for large developers building big, expensive homes.

I'm uncomfortable with the principle of charging a fee for cutting trees on your own property, except for the EP areas which I wholeheartedly agree should be protected. With the number of proposed exemptions, it's also unclear to me under what conditions someone WOULD pay this fee? Developers? I completely agree with giving developers a reason to protect or replace trees in their developments.

in rural areas hedge rows are being removed, nothing here to cover that and why should trees be removed in affordable housing what ever that means and why aren't those buyers entitled to having mature trees in their housing development. look what we made wind farms and solar farms do. i thought there was already a bylaw in place that you couldn't cut down a tree on city property in front of your home if the city won't or can't remove it. it took me 5 years to get a cluster of 5 dead ash trees that were 50 ft tall and finally the city cut them down. no saplings (what is a sapling) were planted. double standard. i agree somewhat that, after the May 24th/ 2022 incident that trees close to a home or building should be distanced from the structure or trimmed to ensure that if it falls it won't damage the structure. you have't addressed trees that hang over a neighbours property and cause a problem, ie black walnut, fruit trees etc. who decides whether it is trimmed or removed.

"I think that the exemption for cutting trees used as wood fuel for your own home should only be available for larger properties with wood lots. I wouldn't want to see a small urban lot with only a few trees be allowed to cut down a tree to use as wood fuel. That just creates a loop-hole for people to cut down a tree without having to follow the by-law.

I also believe that other nuisance trees (non-native and native) and invasive trees should be exempted. Scotch pines are non-native and seed easily. I don't know if they are considered invasive, but they are a nuisance tree that require maintenance. Manitoba maples are native, but prolific seeders. These trees have been called ""weed trees"" that require a high degree of maintenance. I have experience with these trees so I am familiar with them. I am sure there are other similar trees that should be exempt.

I am interested in developing my property with native plants. I have a lot of trees on my property with only a small area outside of my tile bed where I can barely grow a vegetable garden. I am on waterfront. I don't want more trees, but I would like to replace non-native trees with native trees. I think that there should be an exemption that allows a non-native tree to be replaced with a native tree. I would also like to encourage others to replace a non-native tree with a native tree and not have to commit to 4 trees. That is a benefit to our ecosystem."

Is this outrageous tax and property grab even legal. You criminals should be ashamed of yourselves.

Why do we need this bylaw? We need less governance not more. If I decide to remove a tree on my property, that is my decision. I don't feel the need to get approval from a bureaucrat and then pay them for that approval.

If someone's personal property is less than an acre, the decision should be up to the home owner, and government/municipality should not get involved in the decision making in anyway. They purchased the property they are living on and the home owner should be able to make the decision whether to cut a tree down or not in a safe manor.

Private property and the trees on it should be left to the discretion of the owner. The city is over stepping their authority

Let me do what I want with my property and focus on the destruction by new development!!!

I disagree with this bylaw, it is the same as telling me I only have two choices to paint my house

The alternative is to not take advantage of home owners and to focus on your own public land and what you want to do with it and leave private owners alone. This

crosses a line and is unbelievably prideful to think you know what's best for others. Do not exploit home owners. Focus on your own inefficiencies within the government like building permit approvals for example.

The land we purchase with our hard-earned, after-tax dollars is OUR land. Leave us alone. We own everything on the land including the trees and can do what we want with all of it. It's called private property rights. You can regulate what happens to trees on public lands, and that's enough. You are overreaching again. Stop it.

"My opinion on this new change is not really relevant as I am not informed enough to make a decision. I do not know have any information as to what the situation is now and if there is a problem

with trees being unnecessarily removed from our city."

"What gives the city the right to create laws that ultimately tell people what they are able to do with property which they paid for and abide in and conforms with any applicable safety standard.

A majority of our own councillors have sided with and was noted by councillor Charlie McDonald in voicing "We shouldn't be going around telling people what they can and cannot do with their property".

Why has this been brought to the table? Has there been significant clear cutting on larger properties or simply good maintenance practices? I would be very interest to view the statistics upon which the City has prepared this potential By-Law. You have it aligned with commercial and agricultural properties being exempt. I have no problem with agriculture properties being exempt, having grown up on a 300-acre farm property assisting with the natural clearing of the forest in order for it to thrive. I strongly question commercial properties such as golf courses etc. being exempt. Simple Economics analysis concludes that you are targeting a specific demographic in regard to income and collection of fees. What is your threshold in today's economic conditions when it comes to low income? I am positive the number is much lower than reality dictates. In conclusion, I deem this By-law to be unnecessary pending factual and actuarial data being gathered. The funds that would be spent on Administration and Enforcement would be more effective; if the true intent is to preserve our trees, perhaps by making available once a year, either free or at a reduced cost saplings to your residents to plant. Or, simply plant this seemingly Fee driven potential By-Law into the ground.

"Stay out of it completely. If the city gets involved, it will become a mess. Private Property will no longer be Private. Whole project sounds like a "money crab" and will create a sea of "Red Tape". If it is not broken, don't fix it!!

My alternative is to scrap the whole project and stop wasting time and money on it. There are more important issues that need to be addressed."

There is no evidence that a tree-preservation by-law is required in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

I think you used the proper word at the beginning of the survey" private property ". The city doesn't need to control and dictate what a home owner is doing on his property in regards of cutting trees, among other things. Explain why a rural property with acreage needs to consult the city in tree removal. The city and council need to stop overstepping their authority and worry more about maintaining the city and bringing jobs to the city.

New construction on a property.

Let people do as they please(within reason) on private property. We left the GTA to get away from unnecessary intrusion such as this idiotic proposal.

Tree cutting regulations should be more in line with CO2 emission reductions. We need more trees not less. I suggest 1/2 way between the suggestions above.... a fee for anyone taking down a tree must pay the fee of \$425 unless they plant at least 4 more. I also think that trees that are cut down that are going to environmentally friendly applications such as no burning, should be exempt (Good examples here are for Log home or cabin building or furniture making...Trees cut down for this purpose are good for the climate by sequestering the carbon) There should be rules around the disposal of branches such as chipper-shredding, back to the soil, again not to be burnt in a bon fire. The challenge would be enforcing this. I therefore think the burn permit is perhaps an easier way to go, as most burns are tree/branch related. I would be interested to understand if this will be a basic paper bylaw, or something with teeth that can and will be enforced

"What is the goal of the By-law? Urban Tree Canopy (crude but useful objective), preservation of Heritage Trees

Should be 30m from any waterbody including watercourses and wetlands

Should be no size limit and apply to all parcels. Size should be a criterion for approval (e.g., hazard tree on small lot would be permitted)

Exemptions: That list is too general. Cemeteries and golf courses should comply.

Make a list of invasive species that could be removed without a permit – e.g., Manitoba Maple

Re: septic – should be a process to ensure restoration of infrastructure installation, not an exemption. E.g., cottager dug up the shoreline damaging roots of many trees and ditched right into the lake. Poor installation, never filled in and trees likely to all die as the excavation in such a sensitive area should have been by hand; not backhoe

Re wood fuel: it is relative to the size of the property, the density of trees and ability to replant/regenerate.

Waiver only if the required replacements are funded by the City"

"I don't understand why there is a minimum property size, as unless the tree is hazardous, why does property size matter?"

I don't think that necessity of replanting should be waived for low income or affordable housing developments. I do however feel that the cost of replanting could be subsidized. I strongly feel that low income and affordable housing occupants (or development as this states) have the same benefit from the urban canopy and share the same responsibility for maintaining it. I fail to imagine any reason to cut down a healthy, non hazardous tree that is not either for income or for appearances,decoration, so I don't see it as a right or a necessity . I do see it as a responsibility of ALL of us to maintain and build our forests.

Finally I assume that there is some assurance that fees collected would go to replanting further trees. I'm sure that some will be required for administration of the programme.

Finally I believe that if this is truly going to make a difference that we must insist on the ""mature saplings"" being native species."

Prohibit cutting in protected areas.

You must be kidding me. I find this proposed bylaw totally absurd and totalitarian. The economy is a wreck. Affordable housing non-existent. Interest rates at high levels. Groceries going through the roof and heaven forbid paying GST on the carbon tax to heat my home. The bylaw is offensive and a perceived tax grab. Not one of my neighbours whom I have spoken with agree with the bylaw. I suggest the project team focus on something that will contribute to the betterment of the community rather than penalizing(taxing) it. I don't support the bylaw so my alternative for the project team to consider is to scrap it.

"Exemptions should not be issued as of right for Specific Operations. They should be individually considered and approved by the City and a fee applied if trees are cut down for golf courses, aggregate harvesting, tree nurseries, etc. Regarding prohibition within 30 metres of shoreline, I suggest that it should be greater, perhaps 45 metres to preserve growth along shorelines and to prevent erosion close to waterways. Septic

beds should be farther away than 30 metres from shorelines but, if allowed, the City should need to approve and the owner charged a fee. Regarding fuel, there are so many dead or vulnerable trees around that needing trees for fuel should not be an exemption. We should be discouraging burning fossil fuels anyway but definitely not cutting down mature trees only for fuel. Regarding low income persons, mature trees do not know or care what the person's income is. Trees should be preserved as much as possible but, perhaps a sliding scale put out by the City in terms of the fee might be a better option for a reduced fee for low income people. Regarding affordable housing developments, the only people that would benefit from fee exemptions would be developers who do not need these benefits. If the argument is that they will pass on savings to potential low income households, that is not likely to happen.

Also the by-law should address boundary trees and the owners of the adjoining properties MUST agree if removal is to be contemplated so that this aligns with the Forestry Act.

Also cutting down a tree is not the only way to damage trees. Construction and construction materials, especially if over roots, might also be hazardous to trees. The by-law should mandate the City to cause an owner to remove materials that might damage tree roots over a longer term especially if an arborist has deemed that material to be likely to kill a tree."

"In relation to question 2, 30 is not enough from shoreline. I would suggest 45m.

Question 4 re cutting trees at 30 metres from shoreline is too short of a distance.

With a septic system the city should review it before allowing trees to be cut down.

With affordable housing developments trees should be saved as much as possible and not clear cut to increase higher density.

Developers should provide a certain number of trees on a site so the environment becomes a healthier place to live. Landscaping fees should all be covered by developers.

Border trees should be taken into consideration when a new building is taking place at an adjacent property. No damage whatsoever is justified with a boundary tree by any landscaping endeavour of that adjacent property."

This By-law is focused on individual trees. It ignores woodlots, which are more significant environmentally, and which require tree culling to remain healthy. This Bylaw actually works against the preservation of large woodlots. They are neither defined, nor protected in any manner - and they SHOULD be, even if they are on golf courses, farmland, or land for cemeteries etc. You have focused on the tree and been oblivious

of the more important "forest" and the tree canopy provided by that. This is a completely flawed focus.

1. Absolutely cutting should be prohibited in EPAs for any reason other than forest stewardship. 2. While golf course serve a recreational and economic purpose, they overall are a climate-unfriendly enterprise. Cutting down trees for the purposes of creating and maintaining golf courses, in my opinion, a problem.

using wood as heating fuel is very environmentally unfriendly so lets not encourage that by waiving fees.

"The minimum property size is difficult. A large tree can overhang many properties and even healthy chinese elms (as a for instance) can drop branches on a very regular basis, possibly causing damage to your or your neighbour's property.

Who determines the health of the tree for taking the tree down? On a 100 + acre farm, who is going to be monitoring and enforcing these bylaws?

I completely understand the impetus to want to preserve stands of trees, but I'm not entirely sure how this is enforceable. Would not providing a carrot of a subsidy to plant more trees be a better way to go, with the exception of cutting down swaths of forest for buildings, either commercial or residential? And for large scale tree removal, why does that only need to be within an Environmental Protection area? I think any large scale removal should be regulated, whether or not it is exists within the current definition of Environmental Protection area."

Why is this being considered? Why does it matter whether the property is near the shoreline? Why can't the property owner simply plant a replacement tree on their own property? Who is going to arbitrate the exemptions and fee waivers, how much is it going to cost, how much time is it going to take, how much paper work will be involved, etc? Take a look at some shoreline properties, such as Stanley Road in Bolsover. The tree density is extreme. Is removing one tree from a property going to impact the tree canopy? The originators of this proposal need to shake their heads, and kill the project.

The fees are too high. I would suggest \$300 fee for smaller properties and \$1200 for larger properties. Also the permits should be free if a permit is needed to cut down a tree.

"Why a fee. We pay taxes, why can't someone just check the reason for taking down a tree. If there is a fee, why should the income of a person determine the fee? Everyone pays the same fine/fee not based on income for speeding, parking, property tax etc.

No mention of trimming trees"

There should be no law for a person to cut trees on their own property, this is an over reach of Government power and control. I do NOT agree with this at all.

I think the fee(fine) needs to be higher depending on income. Some builder or people will put it down as a cost to do business. If a shift in location saves tree then it should be built here.

Evergreen trees such as scotch pine should be allowed to be cut down if they are a fire hazard.

"if I own my property why should I pay a fee to cut down a tree at all.? this is is a blatant money scam, to once again bleed the homeowner/tax payer of their income.

I 100% disagree with this proposal. it is totally wrong, never will I ask to cut down my own trees on my own property. I will advise people to never move to city of kawarthas if this proposal goes through."

Prohibited in environment protected areas

" - I would like to see a guaranteed permit approval turn around time as part of the By-law. Permits from the city are notoriously slow and adding another By-law/permit application/review/enforcement stream for trees will clog up the system even more.

- healthy trees not posing a hazard should only come down during certain times of the year so as not to interfere with the breeding cycles of birds and other animals as well as migratory birds

- Any provisions for ""dead"" trees that provide habitat for animals such as squirrels and birds who nest in cavities in the trees and woodpeckers that feed off the insects and larva in trees (ex. palliated woodpecker)

- The only exemptions for people who heat their homes with wood should be based upon property size. Ex. >50 acres in size could be exempt as the harvesting of wood for heating can be demonstrated to be sustainable. As an aside, wood as a primary heat source should be discouraged in the Kawarthas in this day and age.

- I would support a 2 for 1 sapling replacement for each mature tree taken down. 4 for 1 seems excessive

- I would keep the same fees for low income households but support a \$100 tax refund for every additional mature sapling planted on low income household properties.

- A list of preferred replacement species (and site suitability) should be available to home owners who are replacing trees."

None. The bylaw is good policy as written

Just another money grab.Back off

Golf courses and cemeteries should not be exempt

I think this is just another way to gouge the taxpayers of the City and remove yet another freedom from property owners This seems totally ridiculous considering every park that has been developed in the city has had all the established trees cut down. Not to mention the time and paperwork that will probably be involved in administering this. How will this be enforced??? Will neighbours report others if a tree is cut down??? What happens if someone cuts a tree without a permit???? Is there a fine??? Instead of putting money into this idea which will probably cost why not concentrate the resources into roads. Something that is sorrily needed and everyone uses!!!!

"Shoreline property must include rivers and lakes. Perhaps this could be clarified.

The slaughter of 200+ trees in the former golf course of Kings Bay, without any development approval, is causing tremendous disruption within our community and our avian population. The exemption for golf courses should make it clear that only active / functioning operations are exempt. Those that have become ""land banks"" for developers must not be exempted."

"There should be a fine for damaging mature trees through soil compaction and grade changes on any property or development. Too many trees (including two large maples on my own property line) are being lost due to construction and landscaping projects that ignore the danger to mature trees. If you are going to allow an exemption for trees that are damaged or unhealthy, you must first determine WHY the trees are in this state, otherwise trees could be deliberately damaged or damaged as a result of landscaping, construction or development grading that should not have been allowed to proceed.

There should also be an educational program that makes it clear to residents, businesses and developers that trees can be damaged in by soil grade changes, paving and vehicle access, and compaction, and that there are fines for doing so."

Prohibiting cutting in Environmental Protection Areas

I don't think any of this should be implemented on private property

Stop controlling what land owners do on their own property

"This By-law should only apply in built up urban areas with a defined density. It is ridiculous to apply this By-law in rural areas of the City. Basically if a person is going to cut down a tree damaged or infested they have to pay a professional to declare it so and wait to obtain one. This is just another layer of government bureaucracy for private

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property owners. This By-law is really only applicable to those clear cutting land for forestry reasons or agriculture or for a large housing project or commercially selling firewood.

The number of nurseries evident everywhere is an indication that private property owners are buying and planting shrubs and trees more than ever before.

If the City is truly concerned about the canopy of trees they should get more involved in diseases and pests that are killing many of our trees like the Pine beetle, Ash bore, Gypsy moth, etc. instead of leaving that to the individual property owner to deal with.

I am an avid gardener and involved in landscaping with natural species and I see this as no more than a cash grab that adds another layer of red tape for the property owners trying to effectively manage their property.

This is an overreach of government especially in rural areas."

Golf clubs should NOT have an exemption on their ability to cut down mature, healthy trees. It's a recreation that can easily accommodate a course that works with trees. Of all the businesses in the Kawarthas, this is one that should be PROTECTING parts of their property given the harmful / toxic impact that their greens and lawns have on the environment.

Some of the waivers will just become loopholes.

Trees on a property are the property of the owner. What they choose to do should be their choice.

I do not believe that there is a serious need for a tree preservation by-law in Kawartha Lakes. And I object to having to obtain a permit in order to cut down trees. Totally unnecessary and a money-grab.

What does the fee accomplish? This eliminates the tax grab comment.

DON'T DO THIS

"Replace with saplings of same species

Create nursery to have a good supply of saplings"

I do not agree with a By-Law which would restrict my use of personal trees on my personal property. Along with imposing fees to do so. This sounds like a money grab to me.

Minimum property size: A property owner should not be allowed to cut down any trees regardless of the size of the property.

"There should be no property size threshold - all sizes should be subject to bylaw.

No fee - replace with mature sapling only."

No minimum property size ... also, paying for the privilege of cutting down trees is not environmentally sound ... we should not be cutting healthy trees, PERIOD.

I don't want the city telling me how to landscape my property or making me jump through hoops and pay fees to do so. I believe in conservation and the preservation of trees and other habitat, but I don't need some bureaucrats to tell me what I can or cannot do on my own property as long as that property is my personal homesite and not of a significant acreage. Stick to taking care of public lands and larger acreages that negatively impact the public space or public concerns.

"There needs to be a bona fide reason to take down any mature tree. A permit should definitely be required and the property should be monitored. Clear cutting of old forest healthy trees occurs on the shores of Balsam Lake without any permits. One owner down the road on the lake, just cut at least 20 plus trees, some 150 yrs old, and healthy.

Fees need to be higher and fines should be huge if the bylaw is violated. Lots of owners are willing to pay fines .

Golf courses or building developments should not be allowed to cut old growth forests down. There is enough open land in Kawartha Lakes."

should be on all properties, regardless of size or proximity to lake.

Government should not be dictating and profiting on private property in relation to trees, unless it is specifically on land that is conservation/protected area.

Just make sure that restrictions are not put on any farmers operations period.

"It seems to me that rural properties should be considered differently than ones in town.

I definitely agree than trees within more built up areas should be preserved whenever possible. The benefits are many, especially esthetically and the amelioration of the heat in summer.

However when a tree must be removed one issue I see is that the proposed bylaw doesn't specify what size is a 'mature sapling'. What about people wanting to clear saplings of the specified replacement size? Why is that not an issue?

In more rural settings what about people who have many trees and want some air and light at their home? What if people want to thin out trees on a building lot?

If I take down a tree that is half an inch less than the specified diameter, that is still a reasonably large tree. I foresee that people may take down healthy trees before they reach the specified size in order to avoid having to get a permit.

With regards to special operations such as golf courses and aggregates, I don't agree they should be allowed to freely remove multiple trees, even hundreds of trees just because they are a business. When businesses want to set up shop there are many steps to get the necessary permits and approvals. It seems to me that the impact of necessary tree removals should be part of the environmental studies required and appropriate fees applied. Perhaps this is already the case. If so, please disregard this observation."

Ensure all housing developments must have these fees or replacement trees applied, with due care to nurturing replacement trees for their first 5 years. Tribute has just cut down a large number of fence-line trees and I expect other future developers will do the same. If property owners are fined for cutting down trees for heating, it would encourage other sources of heat (wind, solar, etc.) and preserve the canopy. Developers of low cost housing should not receive a break on destroying healthy trees.

If the tree is diseased or in a hazardous condition property owner should be able to cut down the tree

people should not cut down healthy trees and do as much as they can to protect, in all situations - not dependant on property size.

Canada has Trillion and Trillions of Trees. You have no right to interfere with private property, There is NO reason for this change

Stop trying to control private property

"Property owners should be allowed to cut down trees on their property if necessary. Invasive trees and plants should be removed as they cause more trouble in the long run. If the county or government wants trees removed off someone's private property, then the private property owner should be paid for the loss. On larger scales of land of trees, any mature trees that get cut down should be replaced with mature saplings, so we don't run out of resources and oxygenated air to breathe. Not to mention the animals that depend on trees for a living.

Companies that run a tree's service for cutting and removing trees shouldn't be allowed to jack the prices so high.

Trees that are in protected areas should not be cut down, unless it's a hazard in some bad way, otherwise just leave them alone."

I would strongly prefer the bylaw apply to all sizes of property, with the only exemptions being for trees that pose a hazard for falling onto electrical wires or buildings, or that have the potential to crack foundations or affect septic systems. I would also like to see the planting of a replacement tree be mandatory, with some kind of last resort right of appeal that would be stringently applied. On larger properties (more than five acres, perhaps) cutting for firewood should be permitted but for private/household use only. Managing forests is essential but should be done with the guidance of a forester. Clearcuts should be penalized severely.

"Cutting mature trees for golf courses are Environmentally Protected Areas.

Minimum property size should be 1 acre or less."

"i also think there should be a by law for cutting and removing dead and hazardous trees. Even if there is a fee attached.

this way it will lessen damage to private and public property"

There should be higher fees for 'harvesting' trees on larger properties and a permit should be required for any harvesting of trees for heating purposes and the same permits required for persons selling firewood for heating purposes. A harvested tree is a dead tree and negatively impacts the environment.

Do not regulate at all. Leave people alone with the trees on their own property.

"I think the city has more important issues to deal with than a home owner wanting to cut down trees. Such as paving roads and lowering taxes. There are lots of dead trees on city property that

need to be removed before they fall on roads or houses."

Definitely agree with prohibiting cutting in all environmental protection areas. With regards to fees, I would like to see the fees increased for anyone owning a very expensive property (say for instance a property assessed at over \$1 million) or developing a property other than low income (such as realtors or developers) for sale. It is too easy for those with a lot of money at their disposal to pay fees whereas for someone with little money it would be a deterrent. I wish you much success in saving the large older trees that beautify Kawartha Lakes.

Reduce property size to 0.5 acres, increase fines to \$2000 and 4 saplings.

"The fee for cutting down a tree that is smaller than 1.2 acres should be \$700 plus planting a new tree and the fee for cutting down a tree that's on much bigger acres lot should be \$2,000 plus planting a new tree.

When affordable housing or low income is built, the developer must work around the mature tree(s) and that includes not cutting or trimming a single branch or properly remove the mature tree(dig it out of the ground) and replant the mature tree back onto the property after the construction is complete. If a mature tree is cut during construction a fine should be a signed of \$10,000 plus a new tree(s) planted."

"Why are you doing this?

Its private property, the owners can do as they choose.

You dont own it, MYOB

owners eventually grow there own trees as needed. no shortage."

The more the regulation the more we need enforcement, lets respect the taxpayer, we do not need needless regulations.

Clearing brush or trees growing too close together should also be an exemption. As long as its to "clear the air" the area around a young tree to thrive better. (Preferably a native tree)

No to this entire idea

Disagree with proposed bylaw. Cash grab by COKL and adds bureaucracy and fees to residents. If I choose to cut a tree on property that will eventually pose risk to home due to prior owners ignorance on location to plant original tree or prior owner not maintaining tree properly with effective pruning, then that is my business and not any concern of oversight/bylaw. It would be punative to seek professional and have to pay them for that opinion. No need to enact this bylaw.

"This proposal is laden with government overreach.

What people DO with their private property should not be dictated by the government, barring damage to shorelines or any other notable environmental impact.

There are bigger issues at hand, within CKL."

I don't believe it is the Local Councils right to dictate and set requirements to someone's Private Land be it a small parcel or large. It will be seen as government gouging the residents and it is, let's be honest.

"Everyone should be required to replace each tree with four saplings.

I think the COKL should do a blitz and provide everyone with trees to plants at no cost"

The fees are another example of charging for something the City neither nurtured or contributed to. Another cash grab. If the city wants to collect fees then they should start maintaining these trees by fertilizing, spraying for insects and removing non native trees.

" - If I understand the proposal, there would be no exemptions to cutting a mature healthy tree down. This seems rather restrictive. For instance, if a fence was required and a tree was in the way, or if a communications cable or electrical lines were required, then what? Please consider petitioning for exemptions and fee waivers. Try to aim to support the community should be considered the first priority in balance with the idealistic views of saving the environment.

- The proposed fees are hefty and may create financial hardship for many. I suggest reducing the fee as there is no municipal action required such as actually planting the actual tree. I recently donated a fee for a 10-yr old tree under a program that is now be planted at the UEL Heritage Park, a historic site in Ontario and it was only \$250. with a charitable receipt. Please keep in line with other municipalities. This just looks like a shameful money grab and is viewed as a civic punishment. How will the fine money be used? Are you going to plant trees with that funding? How can you possibly enforced this? Why not focus on replacement costs - In Mississauga, you can either replant the tree or pay the city to plant one for you with the associated costs.

- If I understand this, the municipality would exempt land developers from paying a fee for ripping up mature trees while putting in affordable housing. This is too much of a double standard to even stomach. I would prefer to see trees of a certain diameter and/species be protected from destruction and enforced. The developers can keep the money from selling the wood. And, the city needs to approved the plans that will protect the environment. Many developers have been known to rip up old trees anyway, despite protection, paying the municipal fine to get housing completed. What assurance will you put in place to protect the trees?"

I do not agree with the city getting involved in tree maintenance on private property

"This bylaw is ill conceived, and a complete overstep of government authority. It is infringing on the rights of property owners under the guise of environmental stewardship. It is totally unnecessary and only gives municipal bureaucrats something to pat themselves on the back for.

The survey questions are stacked against honest feedback, asking if certain properties or landowners should be exempt. They shouldn't be exempt, there should be no law in the first place."

All shoreline should be protected as well along creek and river banks. No cutting zones

We have real challenges in the community about development, affordability and planning. Really? Is this what council has time to do? You are spending way too much time and energy on these token green things. If such a by-law is in place then it should apply to every single tree in all of CKL especially agriculture (so many farmers just clear cut and burn up the forests to grow more with chemicals and fertilizers). Environmental protection areas rules should be province wide not municipally managed. This is totally a non-starter. Is the driving force that you need to get more revenue and you are trying anything to avoid looking like you are raising taxes for the already lousy service and value we get from CKL? I'd consider selling and moving with this kind of stupid policy thinking. This will end up being a bureaucratic nightmare, with absolutely no benefit to anyone. I oppose this in strongest terms. Thinking that having exemptions, property minimums etc will somehow make this ok is typical government making policies that look to be good but are not in fact effective, fair or otherwise. Shelve this without further study.

The size of the properties should be all households. Not just large land sizes. I believe golf courses should not be considered for exemptions.

"Properties 30 meters from shoreline is confusing. Does this mean 30 meters or more, or just those properties that run along the 30 m line?-

While I'm pro conservation of our tree canopy, the permitting structure for taking out nuisance trees needs to be fast, economical and robust. Victoria, BC has a similar tree bylaw and it has not been welcomed by the residents. It took 9 months and thousands of dollars for my parents to get permission to remove a Doug fir that had split in a storm. There are also far less arborists working in the area now and it has become very expensive to remove trees. The tree mentioned cost 9000 to have taken down. Not fining low income individuals for removing trees is fine, but if they can't afford to remove them in the first place it will just mean poorly placed, diseased or damaged trees will cause more damage as they grow or fall in storms."

What, does this mean if there a dead tree on property that I own, I cannot cut it down regardless of what type of property it is?

I just see a money grab. Private property is that. People pay yearly taxes the city should mind its business. If I have a tree I want down. I'll cut it down. My neighbor has a hazardous tree affecting my property touching my garage roof after a snow. Roots are busting the floor in my garage yet I'm told I can't touch it.

There should only be fees for cutting down trees that are part of the streetscape or development properties and not in backyards, side yards, or fields. There should be no fees for cutting down trees on principal residences for members of the community or commercial enterprises and this should be added as an exemption. If this is not feasible, there should be a limit on how many trees one can cut down without a fee being charged for a principal residence ex 4 for properties less than 0.5 hectares 8 for properties greater than 0.5 hectares (these numbers are just an example). Please consider separating fees for properties that are personal use/business and those where the trees are being removed for development purposes. There should be a greater level of fees or sapling replacements for properties that are being clear cut for development versus those which are for personal use as this will rebalance the removal of nature.

This is private property, meaning these are trees owned by the home owner. I understand conservation is important but there are already conservation permits that need to be paid for now you want to charge fees for tree removal. WRONG.

"I feel a bylaw May be relevant in urban areas. However, with all the wild fires taking place world wide, a person should be able to protect their property from fire.

Also, what's low income exceptions? Definitely not the numbers you mentioned?"

"Do not stop anyone from cutting down trees on their own property.

Focus on building more houses and apt buildings."

SUCH A MONEY GRAB AND PEOPLE WILL BE TIED UP FOREVER IN APPLICATION PROCESS

I think we should be stopping tree cut down on any size lot. In my neighborhood there was a lot less than 1 acre and every tree was taken down

" - By-Law should stipulate a minimum size for all trees on private property i.e. 20 cm DBH. Not only mature healthy trees should be protected. These criteria need to be measurable and defensible...wording is too too subjective as proposed.

- Protection should be for all trees in Municipality.
- Exemptions only for dead, high risk (as verified by ISA qualified Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Certified Arborist) or invasive alien species(European Buckthorn, Norway Maple, Tree of Heaven)
- There should be no minimum property size
- Fees should be increased to cover future maintenance

- shoreline property setback should be increased to 50 metres"

Unnecessary tree cutting is wrong but paying the city to allow you to cut a tree on private property that you own and pay taxes on is more than wrong its extortion!!

Prohibiting cutting in environmental protection areas. Minimum lot size put into place. Permit fees should be much higher. \$450.00 change to \$1000. \$1700 change to \$3000.00. There should be a clause that states if a healthy tree is cut down without a permit a fine of \$5000 or more added to their their taxes if they don't pay up front. The permit should be per tree and the cost as well. Everyone no matter who has to pay. No exemptions unless the tree is dead, invasive or diseased.

"CLASS WETLANDS AREAS AND CERTAIN FORESTED AREA ARE REGULATED BY THE PROVINCE AND NOT THE MUNICIPALITY.

WOOD MAY BE HARVESTED FOR WOOD BURNING OR LOGGING ACTIVITIES. IF PROPERTIES ARE GREATER THAN 5 ARCERS THEY SHOULD BE EXCEPT FROM THIS BYLAW."

The fees are FAR TOO HIGH, especially for smaller properties. And why should only septic repair within 30 m of a shoreline be exempt? If I need to remove a tree because its roots are interfering with my or my neighbour's septic, that's still a potential environmental hazard that needs to be addressed and we shouldn't be penalized for doing the right thing. Oh, but I can cut it down if I want to burn it, so that's cool? Ridiculous.

Private property is private period

Might tie the fee to the scale of the assessed value. Paying the fee will be just the cost of doing business for wealthy homeowners. If it is supposed to be punitive to deter taking healthy trees then it must hurt.

Where does the definition of a mature tree come from? 5 inches in diameter seems pretty small. The fees are too expensive.

I strongly feel that it should apply to ALL properties, not just those larger than 1.2 acres. We need to protect trees in all settlement areas.

"If the bylaw is passed, then the public needs to be educated on identifying environmentally protected areas of their properties and on the appropriate process to follow.

There also needs to be significant penalties associated with violating the bylaw and a means for the public to identify those that do without consequence to those reporting the issues."

"This concept is ridiculous in a rural/agrarian area like ours. Restrictions can be applied to secondary plans to provide area specific considerations, but the notion that CKL will effectively manage a policy of this scope is difficult to perceive.

This reeks of a bald cash grab that is unnecessary and, as proposed, is FAR too broad.

If this is about maintaining waterfront then fine, make a bylaw for that narrow purpose.

If this is about levying yet another fee on developers to make it less attractive to develop in CKL then fine, make a bylaw for that narrow purpose that is triggered when a certain number of trees over a particular threshold - like +100 trees - are removed (or as you say here 'destroyed').

There are too many instances in which this will simply be a friction with CKL: dangerous trees after a wind-storm or other weather event, people removing dead/diseased trees; cutting for firewood; clearing for agriculture; managed forests; etc. If you have so many proposed exceptions its probably a good indication that its not a good area to try to regulate - implying narrow, precise regulation would be better IF its actually required.

Overall this is far too controlling of property owners, instills bad feelings for CKL and will be spectacularly difficult to manage, monitor and enforce."

A good reference with lots of years in managing the tree preservation bylaw is the City Of Toronto tree preservation bylaw. This could be a great resource for City of Kawartha Lakes to reference and build from. Thank you!

Property owners must be able to maintain their properties without permission or fees. If there are trees of a certain species or age that should be considered prior to cutting, then make that the process. Adding additional red tape and fees will just result in people circumventing the process. A suggestion would be to provide guidelines and then allow property owners to make decisions on their own, without fees, within these boundaries. The city isn't able to enforce bylaws now. Stop making additional rules that no one will enforce and that punishes landowners.

This is just another cash grab for the CKI. Existing owners should be grandfathered

Permit exemption for trees that pose a hazard within a Conservation Area (hanging over trails, etc.)

"Personally, I understand the desire for sustained tree canopy for 'in-town' situations because fools with a chainsaw often equals property damage or personal injury.

RURAL area properties are already generally unsupported, over taxed(as in low value for taxes paid) and generally unacknowledged except by bureaucratic measures to micromanage. RURAL properties should not be burdened with CKL's deep desire to grab more money and assess layers of micromanagement paperwork.

Already demarcated Environmental Protection areas should have some measures to protect canopy but absolutely not at the expense of personal or property safety.

City/town lots should have controls in place. Permits, maybe. Fees ABSOLUTELY NOT, unless CKL is paying to take the tree down. Taxes vs value of services is already at a breaking point, in my opinion. Frankly city location properties should be able to remove ugly trees/bushes to contribute to the beautification process. Just because a tree is standing doesn't make it have intrinsic value to the local environment. CKL, I would think, would prefer beautification rather than some unattractive planting - all with a mind to encouragement of tourism.

There should be NO fees regardless of household income. This is just some make work project to keep underutilized personnel on the payroll.

Good God CKL, get your head out of your butt and find something of actual value to dig into like the drunk drivers, crime sprees, delinquent youth, supporting seniors, FOOD INSECURITY. I am wholly certain you can find better value directing this make work project into aforementioned actual crises in this region."

Bylaw might better apply to 2 acres (+ equivalent in hectares). Also, people should be permitted to cut trees without charge, near waterfront or not, that are injured due to storm damage. For example, last year's derecho broke and/or felled 4 trees at my cottage. As I read it you would be charging me \$425 (+ cost to arborist, usually around \$1,000 per tree) to finish taking down or cutting up fallen trees due to what insurance calls "an act of God." We should be able to take down trees that are unsafe, near water, near buildings, or not. Should branches or damaged trees come down on someone then I am said to have liability. I think I should have the right to cut storm damaged trees without fees, though I would support requiring proof in the form of emailed attached photos so that people couldn't get away with just cutting and claiming wind damage. Also, I would support freely cutting any invasive species tree(s) identified by CKL as invasive.

- 1) Should be able to remove up to three trees per year without any permit requirement.
- 2) Should not apply to rural areas outside of built-up towns or city properties (e.g. areas served by public utilities such as water and sewer).
- 3) Prohibit cutting in environmental protected areas except as outlined in Q4.

I feel your exemptions are too restrictive. What about the property owner who wishes to add a pool to enjoy their property or build a garage. You are restricting the property's owners from using their property as they want.

I'd like to see a robust in towns policy....

Folks ... are we talking conservation or a new revenue stream ???. A cost of 1700\$ is less than the lumber cost to build a small deck . You need to decide what the real purpose of this initiative is and adjust your numbers and intent accordingly. In my mind this does not provide any protection for a 200 year old tree when you are clearing a lot to build a 2 million dollar home.

Please leave the decision to cut down trees to the property owners.

"Hi thank you for acting on this very important topic.

My question is; how can herbicide and pesticide use be reduced ?

Specifically at golf clubs, which do not grow food but very much burden the ground water , the air as well as destroy insects.

Thank you"

Who determines or what are the parameters of wishing to remove a tree. I.e. what is dangerous

any species on protected list or species at risk, not to be touched. Properties with Farm Registered Numbers should be exempt to all rules and fees except species at risk. which means properties with animals / birds at risk need certain environment so those properties need to be protected from cutting period.

Who determines the status of the tree? Will the property owner have to hire, at their expense, a specialist to assess the condition of the tree and what qualifications are required? Also, what is the added cost to the municipality to administer this added administration cost? This is not well thought out and will cause added burden on rural residents.

Lets just leave it as it is no bylaw required.

How are "low income" and "affordable housing developments" being defined? How is this by-law being enforced? What are the permit details (fees, application process, duration of permit, etc.)? Will EP areas be CLEARLY communicated to all landowners who will be impacted by this proposed by-law?

List of the environmental protection area??

"Regarding question 5, there should not be any fee waivers for any households looking to remove trees that do not fall under the waivers previously outlined in question 4, as well as the option for allowing the homeowner to plant a specific number of trees in place of the tree they want to remove. There is a potential to provide VOUCHERS for planting trees for low income or affordable housing developments but the planting of trees should be greatly promoted instead of just waiving fees. There may also be an opportunity to promote homeowners to prune and maintain their healthy, mature trees instead of removing them. Tax breaks or other incentives to keep their trees could help promote maintaining CKL's canopy.

Regarding question 6, if there is a MFTIP in place for a property and they are operating within that Forest Management Plan, they should not require any extra permits for harvesting trees on their property."

I am a staunch supporter of planting and saving trees. I would like to see a minimum of two trees planted for every one tree removed if the property is less than 1.2 acres and I am okay with the four trees planted for every one removed if the property is over 1.2 acres. I propose that if the property is more than ten acres then it should be six trees planted for every one removed. Planting trees is good for the climate as well as they removed CO2 and create oxygen.

All of the above. Just another tax grab in the part of CKL.

People wanting to cut down mature trees on their own properties, particularly in urban areas, need to consult with authorities before doing so. Trees that are very old like the Black Walnut trees in Lindsay, but that are also very strong in spite of their age need to be designated as a 'heritage species'. It is unconscionable for anyone to cut down a 150 year old tree, just because they don't want it on their property. Replacing it with mature saplings is not a good solution. It will take 150 years to grow a new one. A tree that age cannot be replaced. There are other fairly rare species, that are not invasive that need to be protected also. We need more broad leafed, strong and relatively fast growing species to be planted to replace the decimated tree canopy in our City. Question: How is this new by-law to be monitored that people are abiding by it? If a neighbour cuts down a tree will authorities only respond if a complaint is lodged? I think that there will need to be designated department devoted to advising citizens and inspecting trees and properties where people are wanting to deal with their tree problems.

Total exemption for small lots ... say less than 0.5 acres

Please don't limit to properties within a certain distance of the shoreline only for smaller (under 1.2 acres) properties. All properties should be considered not just those close to the shoreline. There are mature trees within the town limits that should be protected, not just those along the shoreline. Consider a higher fee for developers. Development

can be done with existing trees in mind and preserving as many as possible - a perfect example is Port 32 in Bobcaygeon

" -proposed bylaw says ""non-hazardous trees in Environmental Protection areas for any reason"". This exempts all cutting in residential zones not impacted by bylaw.

-if residential zones are considered as part of bylaw, then NO BYLAW should be passed. there is already too much government control on our municipal properties.

-fees - no need for cutting fees if bylaw prevents cutting"

Overall this Bylaw consideration oversteps your authority and will provide no advantage and will cause a large increase in cost for tree removal. Especially with the more frequent removal of diseased Elm and Ash trees before they fall down or become a hazard. Focus on Community owned property and trees located on road allowance.

Memorandum

Date: May 16, 2024

To: Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee

From: Robyn Carlson, City Solicitor

Re: Tree Preservation By-law Proposal: Summary of Responses from Public Engagement, Costs of Program & Status Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee ("KLEAC") with a summary of the responses received to date to the City's public engagement and recommended amendments to draft resulting from same, estimated costs of the program, and a status update, including upcoming dates.

The City conducted engagement with the public via survey on its Jump In website, and as well responded to emails received by treebylaw@kawarthalakes.ca. The survey results are attached.

After receiving feedback to date, I am of the opinion that a shift to incentivization from regulation for the non-development context would be an appropriate resolution for Council in at this time.

Consultation on the draft by-laws with the Williams Treaties First Nations is currently underway:

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Georgina First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Rama First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

... as well as with the Metis Nation of Ontario (Peterborough and District Office).

Engagement with the Ontario Woodlot Association and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will commence in July 2024.

The results of public engagement, engagement with this Committee and the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee, and consultation with First Nations and the Metis Nation of Ontario (Peterborough and District Office) will be presented to Council on September 24, 2024.

The administration of the program will require 2 new members of staff and one vehicle. This would be an annual salary investment of approximately \$120,000 over the two positions (administrative position and arborist), with an upfront investment of approximately \$52,000 for the vehicle. Benefits are added to the salary costs. Maintenance replacement costs are added to the fleet costs over time.

In discussions with Fleming College, they suggested partnering with their Arborist program and hiring a summer student and co-op student. I will incorporate this recommendation into the report back to Council.

As a result of engagement to date, I will be recommending the following amendments to the Tree Preservation By-law for City-owned Trees, as well as to the Tree Preservation By-law for Privately-owned Trees applicable to multi-residential development (i.e. subdivisions and plans of condominium):

- Threshold for full property application of the by-law (under the assumption that the purpose of the tree removal is multi-residential development in the absence of evidence to the contrary) is increased from 0.5 ha to 5 ha;
- A payment of \$1,500 per mature healthy native tree removed, in place of \$1,700; and
- A cap of \$250,000 to be paid per development

... to ensure that the by-law does not prohibit development of this nature. Otherwise, the impact of the by-laws on development was largely not contentious by the general ratepayer. The development community would prefer that they pay nothing, and a senior housing developer preferred an exemption for senior's housing, but my recommendation of a financial cap does allow money from tree loss to be used to fund tree canopy creation elsewhere, while not prohibiting development. The existing proposal provides an exemption for affordable housing.

I will be also be recommending the following amendments to the Tree Preservation By-law for Privately-owned Trees applicable to individual and infill residential development (i.e. consents to sever 1 residential lot into 2 lots; and building permits for single family dwellings):

- A payment of \$375 per mature healthy native tree removed, in place of \$1,700 for properties greater than 0.5 ha; and
- A cap of \$5,000 to be paid per development

... to ensure that the by-law does not prohibit development of this nature.

I have received valuable feedback from certified arborists and registered professional foresters with respect to replanting options, and will be incorporating those recommendations into the recommended amendments to the draft by-law.

These professionals have also indicated that separating the by-law provisions into separate by-laws (one aimed at shoreline preservation and one aimed at the development industry) would be beneficial. I concur with this recommendation, and will make the amendments to draft prior to returning the matter to Council in September.

Furthermore, both the professional industry and the public were interested in review of options pertaining to tree cover in urban areas as well as in woodlots. I will be recommending in September that these areas receive study and return to Council in 2025.

I will be recommending that, if the By-laws are not approved, or are approved with a reduced scope such that additional staff and fleet costs will not be required to implement the by-laws, that the costs that would have been directed to by-law administration be directed into the Tree Canopy Reserve annually (i.e. \$172,000 payment from general revenue to the Tree Canopy Reserve annually).



Robyn Carlson

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