

Paparella, Stephanie

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To: City of Hamilton

Re: Urban Woodland Conservation By-Law (Meeting Tuesday, August 12, 2014)

As a resident of Hamilton, Ontario, and I have significant concerns regarding the current regulations that do not adequately protect the few remaining urban woodlots in the City of Hamilton.

The current Regional Woodlands by-law is ineffective and the existing tree protection by-laws in Ancaster, Stoney Creek and Dundas are obviously not sufficient to protect important urban woodlands throughout much of the City of Hamilton. Most recent tragedies: Crerar Woods, Stonehenge in the Meadowlands, 403 and Wilson off ramp.

I encourage you to support the proposed new "Urban Woodland Conservation By-law Within the Urban Area (City Wide)" and ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to guarantee that it can be implemented and enforced effectively.

Many scientific studies and common sense confirm that trees and urban woodlands provide countless social and health benefits, and serve important ecological and economic functions and are thus a critical aspect of our 'green infrastructure'. Hamilton is a great place to live and work, in part, because of our urban woodlands. Please take action now to protect these important assets.

Sincerely,

Angelique-Marie Mori