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Email - Communication - Tony Zuck - Deforestation of River Bank - File CK 4139-4

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Comments

Dear city Council,

It is sad for me to see trees, especially larger trees many decades old, being removed from the river bank, particularly along Spadina/White Swan Drive. I'm curious as to what those trees would be valued at and charged for if they had been damaged or removed by a building contractor?

The obvious cause is beavers. Can we not control the damage the beavers are doing by protecting the trees or simply trapping the beavers? No matter what improvements the city or Meawasin is doing to improve the trails (thanks for those efforts) the trail experience and the possibility of shade and wind protection are being removed at a terrible rate.

If coyotes or cougars were running a-mock destroying property (pets) I'm sure something would be done. Can the beavers not also be considered a problem and dealt with to preserve our trees, views, shade and I'd go so far as to say "quality of life".

One other possibility is to plant fir trees along these banks, as it seems beavers do not want them. Perhaps encourage a fir tree planting surge by eliciting volunteer help from citizens. You could also likely sell City Bonds To Save Trees to fund efforts, or take donations for that effort, if necessary.

Thank you for your good work and consideration of this dilemma.

Sincerely Tony Zuck, avid user of the trails

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