

Re: Application for Site Plan Approval for 181 Beechwood Crescent

Dear Mayor, Councillors and Planning Department:

Thank you for keeping a keen eye on this situation, as promised; however, I would still like to voice my dismay that four additional trees are going to be destroyed on this site that was originally a well-treed single-dwelling property. Over the last few years this section of the north Beechwood forest has been ravaged by the destruction of 20+ mature trees. As a result there is a gaping hole in the tree canopy.

One new street tree to be planted on the boulevard is welcomed; however, the three other trees removed with payment does nothing to preserve the tree canopy in this specific area.

I am happy to see that the developer has worked with immediate neighbours and they have come to an agreement; also, that the Town is keeping a keen eye on the situation and employing a professional arborist, but my concern for the tree canopy remains.

I believe the tree destruction on Beechwood Crescent is a wake-up call for Newmarket. It is my hope that the Established Neighbourhoods Compatibility Plan and a formal by-law for tree removal on private property will help save our tree canopy from those who seem to value money over community and the environment. Without the aforementioned Plan and By-law, both fully enacted and enforced, this will be an ongoing issue.

Sincerely,
Nancy Fish