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Dear Members of Council,

In reading the report, we could not agree more that the Vaughan Tree By-law needs updating, especially as it relates to woodlots. We always found it odd that York Region regulated woodlots, while Vaughan only regulated individual trees not in woodlots. Vaughan has some of the most robust forests in York Region and we believe that the City of Vaughan should be tasked with protecting them.

Our neighborhood has seen its fair share of tree cutting, however, we have found a supportive staff to be the best solution to the problem. For example, we were able to implement a buffer into a development adjacent to our neighbourhood with the cooperation of Vaughan staff as a creative benefit for losing trees. These proactive solutions involving reconciliation and restorative measures are sometimes better than blanket fines levied against landowners. We believe we were able to achieve this result because of a staff that was willing to work with the community and engage in dialogue with the developer to move toward proactive solutions involving restorative measures. Buffers are not common, but staff made an exception in this circumstance. The new Tree compensation Protocol allows for this, when in the past it was silent.

We are looking forward to seeing more community-based solutions like this in Vaughan that are neighbourhood-friendly and proactive.

Best,

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