

**TOPIC:** Neighbor complaint; reduce height of trees in front of our fence to 2 meters (6'7)

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Property Owners: Justyna & Mark Zammit

# Trees Lining Backyard

- Purchased our home in April 2016



# Privacy

- ▶ Corner lot home
- ▶ We have 3 small children (ages 6,4 & 2) who play in the backyard all year round and we feel a sense of privacy and safety for our kids when they are back there knowing no pedestrians or neighbours can see into our backyard.
- ▶ We have a swimming pool
- ▶ Catwalk directly across from our home which leads to Etobicoke Creek Trail (high foot traffic in the area by visitors)
- ▶ Sidewalk to the east side of our property where pedestrians walk and visitors to the area or those accessing Etobicoke Creek Trail park their vehicles along.

For all the above mentioned, our trees serve as a privacy and safety screen.



# Current State of Backyard

Vehicles park along this side of our backyard



Neighbour to our south side complaining



Our west side neighbour does not have an issue with the existing tree height

# Environmental Impact

- ▶ Cutting the trees down to a max height of 2 meters (6'7") would cause severe injury that would cause a decline in tree health, structural integrity and death to the subject trees.
- ▶ We have landscapers who manage our property on a weekly basis and perform spring and fall cleanup (including pruning of trees)
- ▶ An Arborist Report will be attached separately and distributed to Council.

(From Jordan Barker, M.Sc, Arborist, Davey Resource Group).

# Conclusion

- ▶ We would like to receive a height variance/exemption to the City Bylaw for the previously mentioned reasons.
- ▶ We grew up in the area as kids and have our family living within minutes of us. We moved here because we fell in love with the home and property, including all the beautiful mature trees. We have built a family home here and a true backyard oasis for our family.