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Ms. Joyce Savoline, Chair
Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, ON, L6M 3L1

Dear Chair Savoline :

SUBJECT: White Oak on Bronte Rd.

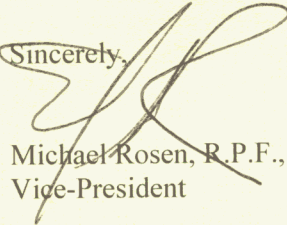
As you are well aware, the preservation of heritage trees has become an issue of great importance to the citizens of Halton Region. What you may not be aware of is how strongly this same issue resonates with Canadians. Where in past years the preservation of a single tree may have been a low priority, we at Tree Canada are noticing an awakening of community efforts to protect these trees, right across the country. As Canada's largest not-for-profit tree organization, we lend support to communities' urban forest programs, including the inventorying and protection of heritage trees.

From the correspondence we have received from your area Councillors, the Ontario Urban Forest Council and even from the very man who defined the term "urban forestry", Dr. Erik Jorgensen, it would be extremely difficult for our organization to not support the efforts to protect this magnificent and historic tree, an important symbol of your heritage, a living legacy to your past and an all too obvious symbol of Oakville itself.

Trees of this size and health are a rarity in the southern Ontario landscape – their protection is done routinely in Europe where natural heritage is revered. We implore you to look at whatever vehicles are at your disposal to save this marvellous arboreal remnant, a symbol of the heritage of your municipality. Our Foundation, founded in 1992 and supported by individual donors, corporations and the public sector, could extend its influence to profile the protection of this tree in one of our future newsletters, to consider the story of its protection in a future issue of our popular magazine, *Canadian Trees* and offer you the chance to apply to our competitive program *Green Streets Canada* to help inventory, "The Remarkable Trees of Halton Region".

Please let us know if we can assist you in any other way in the protection of "Oakville's Oak".

Sincerely,


Michael Rosen, R.P.F., Cert. Arb.
Vice-President

c.c. Councillors Sandelowsky and Elgar, Town of Oakville

Trees do their part...Let's do ours. / Les arbres font leur part...Faisons la nôtre.