

June 15, 2021

Mayor Sandy Brown & Members of Council
Town of Orangeville
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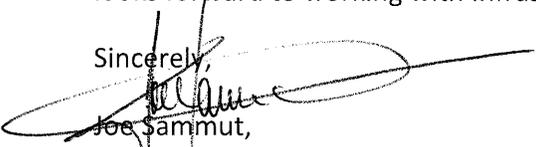
Dear Mayor Brown and Members of Council,

With the recent adoption of the tree canopy recommendations (2021 May 31: GP/MW DRAFT #3 Tree Canopy Sustainability and Maintenance) at its June 14th meeting, Council affirmed that Orangeville's tree canopy play an important role in our community's livability and sustainability. Of the 88 trees that were planted downtown in 1991, only 61 remain. The Broadway sidewalk redevelopment project currently scheduled for late summer, could mean the loss of a further 12 boulevard trees, leaving downtown Orangeville with just a few more than half of the trees that downtown had 30 years ago. With the inevitability of more boulevard trees heaving the sidewalks and necessitating their removal and further devastating downtown's tree canopy in the coming years, the time to protect downtown's leafy boulevards is now.

The downtown boulevard trees not only contribute to Downtown Orangeville's tree canopy and all the environmental and economic benefits they provide, but these trees also help create the leafy, welcoming atmosphere that is so important to our downtown businesses as well as improving livability for our residential community. The Orangeville BIA Board of Management respectfully requests that the Broadway sidewalk redevelopment project includes either the replacement of these trees as part of the construction project OR incorporates any required pre-design accommodations so the replacement trees can be planted the year following the construction with minimal disruption to the new boulevards.

The OBIA Board of Management appreciates Council's consideration in this important matter and looks forward to working with Infrastructure Services staff to on this important project.

Sincerely,



Joe Sammut,

OBIA Board of Management Chair

Cc: Doug Jones, General Manager Infrastructure Services;
John Lackey, Manager of Transportation & Development
Tony Dulisse, Transportation & Development Technologist
Howard Wray, Triton Engineering