

Infill Housing Displacing Trees
November 28, 2012

Hi everyone,

Please find a letter to the Mayor of Ottawa re Infill Housing Displacing Trees

For those not able to open pdf files, I'll also post this on the GA website, in the "Living in the Land" forum.

Please share this letter if you wish with tree and conservation groups in Ottawa.

salud,

Lorne Peterson

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Infill housing displacing trees

Dear Mayor Watson:

I am writing as a resident of Ottawa regarding the consequences of your current policies promoting infill housing. Put directly, *excessive infill housing* is displacing too many trees in our neighborhoods and communities.

We are losing the well-treed nature of our neighborhoods. For example, in Kichisipi/Westboro, at Cole and Princeton Avenues, a corner lot will be filled with three housing units. The trees and shrubs will be cut down and uprooted as part of the demolition of the house. One of the mature trees is an uncommon Black Walnut. (See the attached photos of Cole and Princeton Avenues, showing trees soon to be cut and uprooted.)

All this has been approved by the City's various Committees, and by you and most City Councillors. You need to rethink what you are approving. Trees need to be conserved in every building plan and permit reviewed by the City.

It's not too late for you as the City Mayor to stop inappropriate infill housing decisions in Westboro, and in other communities. Please stop the cutting-down and uprooting of our neighborhood trees. And please put an emergency hold on the excessive infill housing project at Princeton and Cole Avenues.

We need ways of creating infill housing that conserve trees and respect the natural heritage of neighborhoods.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Lorne Peterson

A resident of Kichisipi/Westboro

cc: interested residents, City of Ottawa Councillors, and tree greenspace conservation groups