

RE: Risk to centenary elm on Parliament Hill

On Mar 25, 2019, at 9:31 AM, Jennifer Garrett <Jennifer.Garrett@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca> wrote:

Dear Mr. Johanis,

I am writing to confirm PSPC's commitment to hold a moratorium on cutting the American until engagement with the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs Committee occurs.

In the interim and in coordination with the University of Guelph, the Department is proceeding with the collection of twigs from the American Elm for propagation purposes, a procedure that will not harm the tree in any way and will deepen the scientific community's understanding of Elm trees. As a result, a crane will be on-site, in proximity to the tree, as early as today, for a few days.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Garrett

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From: PAUL JOHANIS [mailto:pjohanis@rogers.com]

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Subject: Re: Risk to centenary elm on Parliament Hill

Ms Garrett,

Thank you very much for this notification. This was our main short term concern. As you may know, we are also concerned about the other mature trees in that enclave and will be calling on the Minister to hold off any removal until the Standing Committee has the opportunity to consider the question.

Sincerely,

Paul Johanis
