

Urban Forest Management Plan Update

The Westboro Community Association was out in force at the launch of the Urban Forest Management Plan on September 23rd. Concerned residents had joined the WCA to raise awareness about the rising numbers of Westboro's big trees being cut down to make way for infill development. Each of the four Westboro placards gave an example of how City Forestry's lack of action on enforcing tree protection bylaws has led to the loss of many healthy big trees.

Westboro's efforts drew attention thanks to the energetic support of two Nepean High School students. Their storyboard placards telling the sad tale of how the dramatic loss of tree canopy has impacted their neighbourhood. Their activism caught the eye of Mayor Jim Watson and the Councillor Jeff Leiper.



Hayley and Molly Goodman, both Nepean High School students, holding their placard examples Westboro's loss of large, mature trees.



Westboro tree advocates describing the impact of the loss of neighbourhood trees to Mayor Watson and Councillor Jeff Leiper.

The students, the residents and the WCA members all agreed that the Mayor is not aware of the Westboro big trees clear cuts. The Mayor is fixed on his initiative to plant one million saplings by 2017. He does not realize that it will take over 25 years for these baby trees to have the beneficial impact on air quality that Westboro's mature trees. If you care about your

neighbourhood's environment and want to save our big trees, take action to help the Mayor understand big trees need to have the bylaws protecting them enforced.

This intervention was organized by the **BIG TREES of Kitchissippi**, a grassroots organization of community associations and groups that have come together to save our ward's diminishing tree canopy.

What you can do to save Westboro's mature trees

- Email [Mayor Watson](#) and let him know that you would like City Forestry to protect Kitchissippi's big, mature trees.
- Report any tree loss in YOUR neighborhood to the the BigTreeWestboro Rep at bigtreeswestboro@gmail.com of the Westboro Community Association.
- Volunteer with the Big Tree Westboro group or as a Westboro Community Association Board Member.

Together we can stop the destructon of our tree canopy. Help us save our big trees to ensure our neighbourhoods stay healthy and beautiful.

Please note:

AGM of the Westboro Community Association on 22nd of Oct, 2015, 7pm at the Churchill's Senior Centre. A presentation of the Big Trees of Kitchissippi group will be featured.