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RE: Staff Report **OPR001-23** concerning the **PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW AND ECOLOGICAL OFFSETTING REVIEW** that will be discussed at the General Committee meeting **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Dear Honourable Mayor Nuttall and Council Members,

On behalf of the Ontario Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISAO) and the Ontario Commercial Arborist Association (OCAA), we are reaching out to you to raise awareness and express our collective concern as it relates to the restrictions of some of the language included in the proposed Private Tree Bylaw. The ISAO is an arborist industry organization representing over 1100 arborist in Ontario and manages an international certification program for arborist across the world; and the OCAA is a provincial organization that represents the Commercial Arborists within Ontario. We would like to express our concerns for the current omission of the allowance of Certified Arborist and specifically ISA Certified Arborists to submit the reports accompanied to applications as it is not in alignment with current industry practices and will create loss of income and jobs to local qualified tree care companies. In particular, section 5(c) states:

“Where a permit is required under this bylaw: [...]

c) Every application shall be accompanied by a report from either:

(i) a Landscape Architect or Registered Professional Forester providing such information with respect to the property as may be specified in Schedule “A” and certifying that the injury or destruction of tree(s) is required to permit the establishment or extension of a use permitted by the Zoning By-law and there is no reasonable alternative to the injury or destruction of the tree(s); OR

(ii) a Registered Professional Forester providing such information with respect to the woodlot as may be specified in Schedule “A” and, if applicable, certifying that the proposed injury to or destruction of the tree(s) is in accordance with good forestry practices.

ISA Certified Arborists have the specific training, knowledge, and experience to complete arborist reports and preservation plans in regard to individual trees or trees within the urban

forest. This is the current practice for most municipalities in Southern Ontario, and it is also in alignment with the Professional Foresters Act, 2000 and its Regulation 145/01 (section 3 (4)).

Not including the term "Certified Arborist" within section 5 (c)(i) will result in the loss of work and income to local, professional, and qualified Arborist companies who manage and complete work on private properties in the urban forest.

Please let us know if you have any questions on this matter and further; ISA Ontario and OCAA would like to **formally request** to each have a representative delegate speak on behalf of this matter at the upcoming **April 19th** Council meeting.

We feel that this is an urgent matter that not only affects the City of Barrie, but it will affect the larger arboriculture industry and would appreciate a response and would be available to answer further questions.

Respectfully,



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