

Date: **March 17, 2003**

To: **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee**

From: **Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt**

Re: **Private Property Tree Bylaw**

At the March 10, 2003 Council Meeting a delegation addressed Council regarding the lack of a City bylaw to prevent the removal of significant trees on private property.

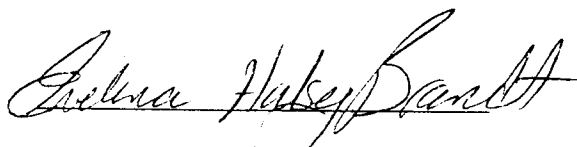
While I do not agree with many of the comments and suggestions made during that presentation I do believe that some valid points were raised regarding this issue.

The City has a very good bylaw in place to deal with trees on public property as well as for private properties that require re-zoning and or a development permit. The one area that is lacking any type of control regarding the removal of trees is private property that is not the subject of a rezoning or a development permit.

I believe that Council should try to address this issue in a manner that respects the rights and needs of the property owner as well as the desire of the city's residents to protect significant trees whenever possible.

I therefore recommend that:

Staff prepare a report for the appropriate Committee of Council listing the various options available for the protection of trees on private property.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Evelina Halsey-Brandt".

Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt