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EXHIBITION PLACE

March 15, 2000

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Joe Pantalone, Chair

Subject: Tree Planting

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Interim General Manager in consultation with the Canadian National Exhibition and the Chair of the Board of Governors Exhibition Place develop a plan which will implement the attached "Tree Planting" proposal.

I believe that Mr. John Downing is a hundred percent correct in wanting to provide the CNE and Exhibition Place with an educational opportunity as to the City's Urban Forest in our grounds.

In order to achieve the foregoing, the following steps must be undertaken:

- (1) a suitable area has to be identified for planting the species of trees,
- (2) a detailed inventory needs to be done of the already existing trees on our grounds; and
- (3) a plan including the recruitment of volunteers needs to be developed.

Such a planting site should be in the area west of the Queen Elizabeth Building since it is more of a park-like setting with less redevelopment potential than the area east or south of the Queen Elizabeth Building.

Obviously this project will require some time, therefore our objective should be to achieve all of the above for implementation in early 2001.

Thank you for your consideration of this request

Fatima Scagnol
for Joe Pantalone, Chair
And City Trees Advocate

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MEMORANDUM

March 8, 2000

TO: Joe Pantalone
Chair, Exhibition Place

FROM: John Downing
President, CNEA

SUBJECT: **Regarding the Tree Proposal I gave you at City Council**

My idea is that there should be somewhere on Exhibition Place for a grove of trees. We could pick a place where it is quite obvious we will never build and that we will not interfere with site lines. My idea is that the grove would consist of all the trees that you and City Arbourists think are the best trees to plant in the city. So there would be one or two trees of each variety with a little plaque explaining what kind of tree they are, how big they grow, and approximately how much they would cost to plant. You as the city tree advocate could use this as a place to display the kind of trees that the city would like to see residents plant in their backyards and the kind of trees that developers should plant along the edge of their property.

When I use to eat lunch in Exhibition Place as a teenager – I use to work on Fraser Avenue, immediately north of what was then a park – I remember the Ex as a cool shady place. While some would say it still is, I think that we could have a lot more trees around the place, and after all they are natures air conditioners.

John