

To whom it may concern,

Hello neighbor, my name is Seán Baker. I am a grade eleven student at Thom Collegiate. I have concerns for the city's plans for Regent Par 3 Golf Course. The trees you plan to cut down, are the oldest living trees in the city, and they are very important for our environment. The more trees we cut down, the more carbon dioxide (CO₂) will remain in the air, which could cause less oxygen in the air. Lots of people are very concerned about climate change, and trying to prevent it from becoming progressively worse. But cutting these trees are just adding onto the top issues of the climate crisis, considering a low amount of trees causes global warming. There is also plenty of organisms that live in the trees, like birds, squirrels, bugs, and a variety of other organisms. They depend on the trees for safety and for shelter. Cutting them down means you are taking away homes for many different kinds of organisms. Trees also lower the temperature by blocking the sun, providing shade for people, animals, and hard surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, buildings, and patios. If you were to cut down those trees, and plant new seedlings, they would die very quickly. So they would not have any time to grow. Trees also provide a beautiful scenery, smells, and music since they attract animals. Parks or forests make us feel relaxed and comforted by the beauty of the trees. It would be extremely dangerous for our environment to cut these trees down. It is important that we keep all these trees because of how important they are and how long they still have to live for. Thank you for taking this time to read my letter to you,

Sincerely,

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