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Dear Community Respondent,

We are writing to you in conjunction with the City's response with regard to the tree removal on the Arbor site at 10006 83 Avenue, notice of which was posted recently on the Strathcona Community League web site.

First of all, please accept our thanks for your time in responding to the posting and in expressing your concerns. We think it will be helpful to provide you with additional context and reasons for the tree removal.

- The removal of these two trees is not being taken lightly by the Developer; however, the removal must proceed because of the requirements of the building. In the original plan for the site, the Developer intended to retain these trees. However, since that time, the location of the building's transformer became an issue. The City, Epcor and the Developer spent about two months going to and fro on the location for the transformer. The selected site is the only location that is feasible for all parties concerned and requires the removal of the trees.
- The condition and location of the trees is such that the City's forestry representative has communicated that the trees would be removed in the next few years regardless of the project. Also, per the Forestry department, the removal of these trees will generate revenue to plant more permanent trees in the neighbourhood, creating urban forest growth. More information is contained in the message from the City.
- As you may know, the Developer has made every effort to preserve the trees on the site, particularly the majestic American Elm – an effort that is taken very seriously and considered important. The Developer also has, at its own initiative, hoarded off the boulevard trees to better protect them from the construction process. The Developer has put considerable effort and expense into preserving the Elm, and in providing other "living green" amenities such as greening pots for each balcony. Additionally, the Arbor's development includes a landscaping plan that will provide trees and shrubbery, and bring more greenery to the beauty of Old Strathcona.

We hope that this email goes some distance toward providing you, as interested and concerned Community members – a community in which we are striving to be a good member – with an understanding of the reasons behind the tree removal. Thank you very much once again for your time and attention.

Yours truly,
Mitchell Patrick
Director
The Arbor At Avenue 83