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To: Clerks
Subject: SAVE THE TREES AND PLANTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES !!!

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in concerned of the topic as follow.

SAVE THE TREES AND PLANTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES !!!

I have lived in south burnaby for three years, and go for a walk with my little boys in the area near my home every day. Since last week, I have seen those beautiful trees and plants in this land, where is located in 13th ave and 1st street in south burnaby, being cut down (please refer to the attached photos). I called the Burnaby Tree Bylaw and was told that those trees or plants in private properties are not responsible by them, but by the land owners.

Since last spring, I have seen many houses and lands sold in the area where I live. I can say that almost all of the trees or plants on those lands have been cut or removed for more space to build a new house or houses on them. Those cut or removed trees and plants were so beautiful and full of lives. However, for more space to build new constructions, they have been sacrificed. Maybe there are reasons that some of those trees and plants need to be cut or removed, and that some of those trees or plants might affect the pipe system or something. But not all the trees and plants need to be cut or removed. I feel so sad and sorry for those trees and plants. That they can't speak for themselves doesn't mean they don't feel hurt when the axe cut them down and when the excavators tear them apart. Trees and plants give us shades when we walk under the boiling sun; they give us fresh air when the cars, the trucks or other vehicle emit exhaust. No matter the trees or plants belong to the government or private owners, they need to be protected.

Before the new construction on private lands, before the trees or plants on private land are cut or removed, can government officials or professionals check the whole lands to see if those trees or plants really need to be cut or removed? Before building beautiful brand new big houses, can everyone think of those trees or plants which already have grown on the lands? Can the government do something for those trees and plants on private lands where are going to be construction sites?

Canada put so much effort and emphasis on education. However, from those cut trees or plants on private lands, I only see a cruel fact. That is green plants are not important when they are compared to human greed. And my two year old son already saw this cruel fact; how will I teach him to respect all lives around him no matter what? Please save the trees and plants on the private lands.

I really hope that more trees and plants on private lands can be persevered. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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