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Application: LOC2020-0154

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Feedback:

I have concerns about what will happen to the trees on this lot. Specifically, the two Colorado Blue Spruce known as T-32175178 and T-32175179. These two trees are city trees and therefore, taxpayer trees. I am hopeful that the developer intends to leave them standing but based on the details of the application that seems unlikely. These two trees provide perching and nesting space for our many neighborhood birds which include downy woodpeckers, northern flickers, red breasted nuthatches, house sparrows, house finches, blue jays, merlins, Cedar & Bohemian waxwings, ravens, crows and white-winged crossbills. They also have a combined value of \$57,000.00 They store over 1,400 kg of carbon, and also contribute to stormwater management. Given the City's commitment to growing our urban canopy to 16% I am concerned that critical, mature trees continue to be sacrificed by developers. If these two trees are being removed, what responsibility does the developer have to reimburse Calgarians for the value of these trees along with the critical services they provide (carbon sequestering, water management and transpiration cooling)? What accountability does the developer have to reimburse Calgarians the equivalent of these services for the length of time it would take new trees to reach that level of maturity?