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May 14, 2018

Town of Niagara on the Lake
Office of the CAO
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
P.O. Box 100
Virgil, Ontario
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Attention: Ms. Holly Dowd, Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Madam,

RE: Tree Maintenance Summary & Notice
144 & 176 John Street
Randwood Estate

I write on behalf of my Client, *Two Sisters Resorts Corp.*, to address ongoing, false and persistent allegations of inappropriate Tree Removal and to voluntarily Notify the Town of future, lawful Tree Maintenance, which must occur to ensure safety and preservation of the landscape, at lands municipally addressed as 144 and 176 John Street ('Randwood Estate').

As Owner of BUCHANAN expert tree care Inc. ("Betc"). I have personally overseen the management and preservation of the trees on the properties.

Betc has been retained due to the extensive experience and overwhelming qualifications in tree preservation, which are as follows:

- HBSForestry Degree from Lakehead University;
- 23 years' experience including several Estate arboretum-like properties like Randwood during the 10 years working in other jurisdictions including New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Past projects include the Estates of Ralph Lauren, Martha Stewart, George Soros and Longwood Gardens (Dupont Estate), just to name a few;
- ISA Board Certified Master Arborist (one of only 4 in province of Ontario);
- Certified Butternut Health Assessor;

With regards to the Randwood Estate, our work began in the Winter of 2017 with an Extensive Tree by Tree Inventory.

Our Professional and client instructed focus is to *preserve and restore* the neglected arboretum while improving the health and safety of the trees on the property.

Hundreds of trees were pruned of deadwood, rubbing and storm damaged limbs.

Several trees also had high strength support cables installed to reduce risk of failure due to poorly structured multiple leader situations.

In several cases, the neglect of the abandoned property, over several years, has caused the decline of trees beyond repair which, in turn, caused structural failure and therefore, removal recommendations were made.

Minor to moderate removals have taken place by Betc with the large removals left for a removal specialist company. All removals to date are lawful, required and recommended based on scientific analysis, as per Betc's master qualifications.

Due to false and persistent allegations of inappropriate Tree Removal, our Client instructed our Maintenance Work Program be placed hold.

Currently, there are several instances where dead or declining trees are posing an ***imminent threat*** to pedestrians on the property, as well as homes and pedestrians on bordering properties.

In my professional opinion, any further delay in performing this **required** work will only increase the likelihood of an undesirable failure and damage to property and/or person injury; both circumstances our office and our Client wishes to notify the Town and avoid.

Several more trees require maintenance and as mentioned, the longer we delay the less likely we preserve candidate trees. Specifically, the trees at 144 John Street.

Attached to this correspondence is a Tree Survey, indicating which dead or irreparable trees must be removed and which trees require immediate maintenance.

Notwithstanding, the Town of Niagara on the Lake no requiring Notice or having a Private Tree Removal By-law, our office is providing this Notice and explanation for your ease of reference and assurance the Maintenance Program is lawful and warranted.

Your attention regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Buchanan".

Bill Buchanan, HBScForestry
ISA Board Certified Master Arborist NY-0392B

Copy: Client