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PRESENTATION TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING BOULEVARD TREE REPLACEMENT

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ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF OTHER RIMMINGTON DRIVE RESIDENTS

THE ISSUES – THE DEVASTATION

- LIKE OTHER STREETS WHERE ONLY ASH TREES WERE PLANTED, OUR STREET HAD BEEN IN A STATE OF DETERIORATION (BY THE EAB) SO BY THE TIME OF THE STORM, OUR TREES WERE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE & AS A RESULT, OUR STREET HAS BEEN SEVERELY DEVASTATED DUE TO THE REMOVAL OF ALL TREES!
- ASIDE FROM THE AESTHETICS THAT TREES PROVIDE, WE ARE ALL KEENLY AWARE OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WE ARE SUFFERING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE INFESTATION & ICE STORM
- WE HAVE TAKEN A HIT ON PROPERTY VALUES
- THE ISSUE NOW IS HOW WE CAN TO ACT TO RESTORE THE VALUE AND APPEARANCE OF THE STREET WE LIVE ON QUICKLY AND FAIRLY

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- TREE REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE RANKED BY SEVERITY OF DAMAGE ON STREETS (E.G. RIMMINGTON DRIVE)
- CRITERIA USED IN RANKING SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC
- SCHEDULE FOR TREE REPLACEMENT BY STREET SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC
- PLANNED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORTED ANNUALLY

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AS WAYS TO EXPEDITE THE RESTORATION PROCESS

- PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR PLANTING OWN TREE
- RESIDENTS PAY DIFFERENCE IN COST FOR LARGER TREE SIZE