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March 30, 2026

Town of Georgina
26557 Civic Centre Road
Keswick, Ontario
L4P 3G1

RE: 18 Della Street
Sutton West, Ontario

To whom it may concern:

Forest Glenn Tree Care Inc, has been contracted to inspect an 80cm DBH Silver Maple tree (*Acer saccharinum L.*) located in the backyard of the above referenced address.

On Saturday, March 28, 2026, I went to the site to gather information. The tree was examined using Visual Assessment (VA) only. The external condition of this tree was observed from several angles, from a distance and from the base. The following are my findings:

- The tree is in fair condition with a small inclusion on one side only at the union (Please note the two supplied pictures). The tree sustained various broken branches in the March 2025 ice storm. In August 2025, the homeowner contracted Forest Glenn Tree Care Inc. to prune, elevate and remove all storm damaged branches throughout the tree including those overhanging the north side neighbours yard.

It is my opinion that the small inclusion at the union presents a low risk of failure and could be mitigated by the installation of a Cobra Cable System (cabling information enclosed for your reference). Removal of the large limb as proposed in the "Order to Remedy" dated November 7, 2025 would not be recommended for the following reason:

- A large diameter cut made at the union of a mature tree quite often leads to the tree being unable to properly compartmentalize the wound resulting in a high probability of rot setting in, thus weakening the tree. (Please note supplied Consumer Information Program brochure by the International Society of Arboriculture for your reference).

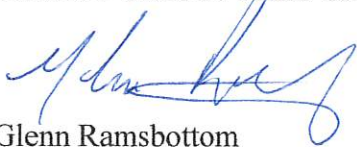
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Unless expressed otherwise: 1) information contained in this report covers only those items that were examined and reflects the condition of those items at the time of inspection; and 2) the inspection is limited to visual examination of accessible items without dissection, excavation, probing, or coring. There is no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the plants or property in question may not arise in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if I can be of any additional service, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
FOREST GLENN TREE CARE INC.



Glenn Ramsbottom
Ontario Certified Arborist #444A-342425
MTCU Utility Arborist, ISA TRAQ

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cobra®

Dynamic Non-Invasive Tree Cable

Made in Germany

- Adheres to ANSI A300 standard, CE certified
- UV-protected, adjustable
- Shock-absorbing
- Invented by arborists, designed by aero-engineers
- Simple to install, easy to learn
- Non-metallic, nonconductive, non-reflective
- Lightweight (average system under 8 lb)
- Consistent tensile strength throughout—no weak links!
- Requires no drilling of healthy wood

Arborists are the link between healthy trees and the people and structures that surround them. Under most circumstances, proper care, pruning, and management allow the world of trees to interface without objection into our societies and life styles. However, some trees—whether due to poor care, poor form, uncontrollable circumstances or often a blend of all three—need supplemental support.

Trees constantly resist wind and gravity. Other tree care practices are aimed to work with the tree in this constant struggle. So should your cabling systems. Living trees build their own defense against stress by piling wood fiber onto vulnerable areas. Artificially overstiffening such areas can cause growing trees to curtail these natural defenses.

Although several reasons exist for cabling, two primary reasons are of greatest concern to arborists: Repairing damage after failure and installing supplemental support to avoid failure. The latter issue is what inspired the development of dynamic cabling systems.

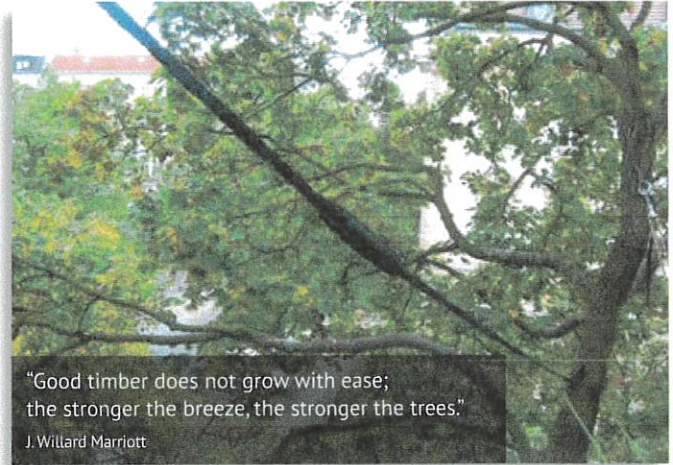
Cobra® systems allow trees to continue their path of self-support while providing a supplemental solution in times of greatest stress. In short, the best cabling systems allow the tree to bend or sway—but not past the point of failure.

The dynamic, low-tension support of Cobra systems is designed to work with the tree's natural and growing defenses, unlike certain static installations that have no "give" and become a crutch.

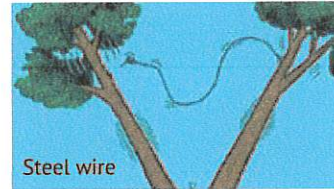
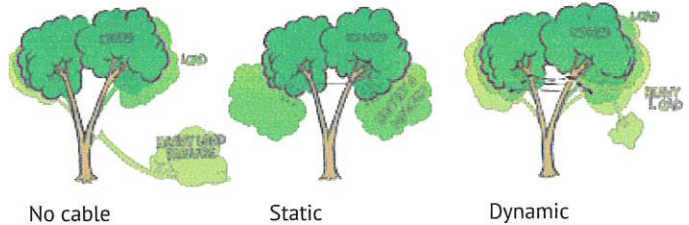
Certainly some trees will require very static, very limiting support systems. However, many do not. Furthermore, the non-invasive nature of Cobra systems lends itself to trees with poor compartmentalization and/or internal structural issues. No holes are required, and the cable around the stems can be adjusted.

In the end, as arborists we are called on to care for trees and do the smallest amount of harm while mitigating the hazards of wind and gravity. Cobra is a key tool in the arsenal to accomplish that goal.

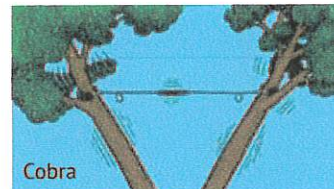
Learn more about tree cabling by joining your regional chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), or, for more information on Cobra, look SHERRILLtree.com up on the Web and search the words "Cobra tree cabling".



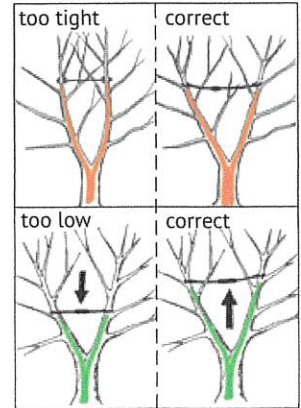
Check out the new Cobra® tutorial video now on SHERRILLtree.com!



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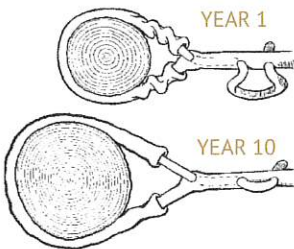


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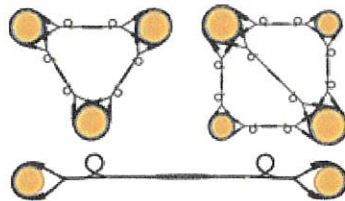


Cobra® is ideal as supplemental support for vigorous-growing codominant stems with sound crotches. Unlike invasive static solutions, Cobra® reduces the karate effect associated with leggy branches flopping against restraint in gusting winds.

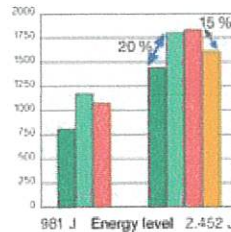
Dynamic systems must be installed without tension to provide shock absorbency when needed most. ANSI A300 states that cabling be installed 2/3 the distance between the targeted crotch and limb's tip.



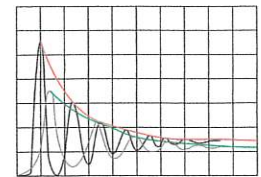
As the tree grows in diameter, Cobra® adjusts to avoid girdling while having no effect on the system's overall length. If the system comes under moderate tension, adjustment will take effect during wind oscillation.



Non-invasive cabling systems cradle branches and stems to provide gentle, dynamic support during inclement weather.



German engineers illustrate that providing elastic restraint before excessive movement can control even large stems.



The bending motion of trees in high wind proves that static wires are poorly compatible with flexible green wood.

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