



# Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

## Board of Directors Meeting Revised Agenda

#5/19

May 24, 2019

9:30 A.M.

HEAD OFFICE, 101 EXCHANGE AVENUE, VAUGHAN

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**10.1.3 REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 100-700 MILLIMETRE CORE STONE MATERIAL FOR THE ASHBRIDGES BAY TREATMENT PLANT LANDFORM PROJECT**

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TRCA Board of Directors Administrative By-law S. B.10: "Should a vacancy on the Executive Committee arise between Annual meetings, election for such positions will be held at the next regular meeting of the *Board of Directors*. All elections shall be in accordance with the *Board of Directors* Procedures for Election of Officials (*Appendix 3*)."

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS #6/19, TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M. AT HEAD OFFICE, 101 EXCHANGE AVENUE, VAUGHAN

John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

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## Item 7.1.

**From:** Andrea Thornton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** The Rescue, Care and Treatment of Sick, Injured and Orphaned Wildlife is extremely important

**Importance:** High

Dear Chairs and Members of the TRCA Board,

I'm writing to let you know I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I want to highlight that I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have often relied upon Toronto Wildlife Centre when I've come across injured wildlife in the city. On numerous occasions over the last 18 years, Toronto Wildlife Centre has provided valuable advice to me in handling wildlife in the city and I've brought many injured animals and birds to them for rescue and rehabilitation. It was wonderful and very rewarding that they kept me posted on the progress of the rescued animals and I learned that they were successfully rehabilitated and safely released again. I'm really hopeful Toronto Wildlife Centre will be able to move to the Rouge National Urban Park but they will need your support in order to do so.

With the status of climate change and the dire news about the looming extinction of so many species, the rescue, care and treatment of local sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is vital to me and my community. I'm counting on you to act in the best interest of us all by helping Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Warm regards and many thanks,  
Andrea Thornton  
[REDACTED]

## Item 7.2.

**From:** Robert Cobban <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:11 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello Mr. Mackenzie.

I've been asked to write to you regarding the proposed funding assistance for the new build for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I feel that it's a very worthwhile endeavor and we thank you for your consideration in proposing the use of the land to build a new facility.

We hope that you will do everything in your power to get the decision to allocate the funds towards the new construction passed.

The TRCA's efforts to help the TWC establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park is terrific and I support the motion made by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councilor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My spouse works downtown and she see's many injured birds that have been hurt by flying into buildings. She has seen the people taking these injured birds to the TWC for rehabilitation. It's the least we can do to help the TWC do this work in a better equipped and new facility. Both Margaret & I donate regularly to the TWC (and humane societies) so we are happy to see that some of our tax dollars are going to this worthy cause.

Thank you for your support!

Robert Cobban and  
Margaret Dunjko.

## Item 7.3.

**From:** Tamara Carvalho <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support of TRCA efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello,

I am writing to show my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I believe protected resources are vital to not only the health and safety of our animals, but the balance of entire ecosystems which support the overall health of our communities.

Please take this email as recognition of my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

- Tamara Carvalho

## Item 7.4.

**From:** Patricia Dickie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park!

Dear Jennifer Innis & the Members of the TRCA Board,

I am delighted to hear that the TRCA has agreed to provide the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** the use of land in the **Rouge National Urban Park** so they are finally able to build their permanent home for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Your continued support and potential infusion of \$20 million towards this fantastic vision of TWC's rescue and rehab centre is truly something else!

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. As well, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify **Toronto Wildlife Centre** as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I honestly do not know what my husband and I would have done had it not been for the immediate assistance of the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** when we had a newly born litter of bunnies on our hands. Their mother had been killed — her babies couldn't have been more than a couple of weeks old, if that — It was a Sunday morning — On a holiday weekend. The Toronto Wildlife Centre was the only resource out there. I will be forever grateful for their 'above and beyond' action. The information and instruction provided to us, helped us help the orphaned bunnies. I will never forget that experience. It felt good to be able to do what we did.

Please find a way to help make this noble and important initiative become a reality.

Thank you,

Patricia J Dickie

## Item 7.5.

**From:** Nick .. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I am writing to you to voice my support regarding the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I am also in full support as far as the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nick Poutsoungas

## Item 7.6.

**From:** L S <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Re wildlife facilities

Dear Sir,  
Please be advised these wildlife facilities/ sanctuary are necessary for the safety of our Wildlife. They have rights too. It's unfortunate these little animals can't speak for themselves. We need more conservation areas not buildings upon buildings. I am asking to scrape this new reform or bill.  
I have brought in many injured raccoons birds etc.  
They have a place in the world. Please don't take it away from them.  
Thank you  
Libby Stein

## Item 7.7.

**From:** Jenna <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** TRCA TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE IS A PRIORITY

**I Jenna DiSalvo strongly support the efforts of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Park in efforts to Help support wildlife and rehabilitation of animals in the city of Toronto.**

- **I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you, Jenna.

## Item 7.8.

**From:** Finan, Rachel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Hello Mr. MacKenzie

I am writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) – thank you.

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

TWC has been a supported charity of mine for 10+ years and I absolutely love the vital work they do. I also donate to Fatal Light Awareness Program who have a team of dedicated volunteers who take migratory birds that have collided with the tall towers down here in Toronto and they get transported to TWC for medical care and rehabilitation (the ones that make it, that is 😊)

I also know that they take in many orphaned babies and rehabilitate them until they can be released. We are so lucky to have TWC and the work they could do with this dedicated facility would be wonderful.

Thank you for your time.  
Kind regards,  
Rachel

**Rachel Finan**

## Item 7.9.

**From:** Cristina Pianosi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

To members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),

Helping wildlife is an important world mission and I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Cristina Pianosi - Toronto resident

## Item 7.10.

**From:** Laura <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:54 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the board of the TRCA,

I'm writing to show my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre and their urgent need for a permanent home in Rouge National Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

TWC is vital to keep Toronto's unique urban ecosystem healthy. Our city is not a nature desert, and our family enjoys spotting wildlife in our streets, backyards and parks. Unfortunately this wildlife can sometimes come to harm due to human activity. TWC keeps the balance and gives us a chance for coexistence. They also shine a positive light on our city, leading the world in wildlife rehabilitation and conservation. Our family is proud to be a donor.

We support the motion made by the former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Please support the TWC and their efforts to build a permanent home.



Thank you,  
Laura Sullivan & Derek Gowland

## Item 7.11.

**From:** Amy Fedrigo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** TWC in Rouge National Urban Park

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing to voice my support for the motion put forth by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, that identifies the Toronto Wildlife Centre(TWC) as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have been a longtime supporter of the TWC and the incredible work that they do and the vital service they provide for our city. I have brought injured wildlife to them and have always been in awe of their compassion, skill, and overwhelming efforts to make a difference. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate Canada's first national urban park, and continuing the theme of nature thriving in a city. A new facility in an amazing natural setting would help them do so much more. Not only give them a place to continue to provide lifesaving assistance to animals but also educate the public.

The TRCA does a wonderful job of protecting the natural habitat for wildlife in the city, that many of TWC patient's benefit from. I cannot think of a better use for the funds and I sincerely hope the TWC becomes the priority it is. This is an important issue for the people and wildlife of Toronto. If the TWC cannot do what it does best, we will all feel the loss.

Sincerely,  
Amy Fedrigo

## Item 7.12.

**From:** Rachel Frank <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TCA Board,

I am a Toronto resident writing to express my support for the TRCA's efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre make a new home in Rouge National Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I am in support of the motion by Councillors to make this a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Toronto Wildlife Centre does important work for the wildlife in our city and I know this project will be valuable to locals as well as visitors to the park.

Thank you,  
Rachel Frank

## Item 7.13.

**From:** Tracy Buchanan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:58 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** A permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing this email to indicate my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I would also like to indicate my support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have visited the TWC's current home with my daughter to teach her about the valuable work the group does to help our cities wildlife community, it was a wonderful learning experience for both of us. The expertise and resourcefulness the group brings to our city is nothing short of amazing. It is time they have a permanent home so they can focus on wild animals in distress.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Buchanan

## Item 7.14.

**From:** Michael Cheng <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (Agenda Item EX10.4)

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board of Directors:

I am writing to the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) to express my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). While I know that TRCA is involved in many important initiatives, I hope TRCA make funding for TWC's permanent facility in Rouge National Urban Park a priority for the 2020 budget (Agenda Item EX10.4).

Our family has been a regular supporter of TWC for several years and we know that they do extraordinarily valuable work with limited resources. In addition to direct rescue of wildlife, TWC also provides valuable educational and resources for the public.

Thanks for your time. We look forward to hearing more about the wonderful and important partnership between TRCA and TWC.

Regards,

Mike Cheng

## Item 7.15.

**From:** Sam and/or Kathy Jephcott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Just a note to inform the committee that we support the Toronto Wildlife Centre and their relocation to the Rouge Park area.

We hope that the TRCA 2020 budget will give priority to the needs of Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Thank you

Sam & Kathy Jephcott

## Item 7.16.

**From:** Adrian Bica <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; sheena.bjarnason@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Funding for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, John Mackenzie and TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing this email to express my support for the allocation of funds for a new Toronto Wildlife Center facility. I am a homeowner in Toronto, Architecture Professor in Mississauga and Wildlife Helper in North York. I have volunteered with the Toronto Wildlife Center in the past and wholeheartedly support the work done by the organization.

The speed at which urban sprawl is swallowing animal habitats has reached an unprecedented rate and although this may be unavoidable, a facility offering assistance to animals caught in the crossfire of urbanization is a solid start to mitigating the conflict.

I encourage members of the TRCA to make a positive moral decision and support Toronto's animals in need with the financial assistance they deserve.

**Adrian Bica,**

## Item 7.17.

**From:** Maryjane <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** PLease support the Toronto Wildlife Centre!

I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for over 20 years and really value the work they do to assist injured wildlife in our urban environments. I whole heartedly support the TRCA efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

In the past the TWC has looked after two animals in distress that I have come across and I have always been impressed with their professional and sympathetic approach to handling these cases that do not always turn out as well as one hopes. Even in these cases, there is some comfort in knowing that those that cannot be saved are spared a painful death.

I am told there is a motion put forward by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I am writing voice my strong support of this motion.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Finlayson

## Item 7.18.

**From:** Debra Clinton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:07 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** PLEASE APPROVE THE ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK WILDLIFE CENTRE

Hello Mr. MacKenzie,

I'm writing to let you know that I hope you will fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

As a Pickering resident bordering on the Rouge system, I would have loved to have had such a close location when I found an injured seagull in the intersection down the street, or when my daughter saw an injured fox.

Please support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. We NEED this project completed!

Please add your support and help get this project approved and built for the animals!

Thank you,

Debra Clinton

## Item 7.19.

**From:** katherinegay katherinegay <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Thank you for making the Toronto Wildlife Centre a PRIORITY!

Dear Mr. Mackenzie, I wanted to let you know that I support all undertakings to make the Toronto Wildlife centre as a priority project. In these days full of bad news, it will be wonderful to see our elected politicians make a significant statement about the moral and environmental importance of helping Canadian wildlife survive and thrive.

regards, Katherine Gay

## Item 7.20.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir/Mesdames:

- **Please be advised that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **Please be advised that I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**I have had personal experience with TWC helping me with advice on wildlife in my area. I am also a member of TWC. They do amazing work and are greatly needed. I encourage you to please prioritize their needs.**

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

Carol Ciarallo

## Item 7.21.

**From:** Ruth Bonner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Many years ago I came across a duck suspended by its wing from a kite-string stuck in a tree over a river. I couldn't work out how to get it down but hated to leave it in distress so I started phoning around. This was in Newmarket and none of the local government and wildlife-connected agencies could offer help but eventually one of them suggested I try the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Not long afterwards a representative turned up at my door and asked me to show him the spot. When we got there the duck was gone and I felt a bit stupid but the rep insisted on looking up and down the river until we found said duck with obvious injuries to its wing. He tried to catch it, returned again the next day and eventually took the bird to the Wildlife Centre where it was nursed back to health and released.

I am so happy to hear that the TRCA is to offer the Toronto Wildlife Centre a permanent home in the Rouge and to contribute towards its construction and ask you to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. They helped when no-one else could or would.

Thank you for your attention,

*Ruth Bonner*

## Item 7.22.

**From:** Antonio Brazil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:16 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Support for the TRCA

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you.  
Antonio Ferrara

## Item 7.23.

**From:** Rita Keating <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

TO: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer

As a resident of Toronto, I wish to go on record as a strong supporter of the TRCA and its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councilor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project or the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have seen first hand the wonderful work done by this organization. They are a vital part of our city.

Sincerely yours,  
Rita Keating

## Item 7.24.

**From:** Uffen, Laurie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's New Facility

Dear Mr. MacKenzie , Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am emailing to let you know that I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park and also support the motion

by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The work carried out at this facility and by these caring individuals is a much needed service in the GTA. I request that you please put the request for funding for this very important project at the top of your list.

Thank you  
Laurie Uffen

## Item 7.25.

**From:** Ecaterina Agheeva <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Project, support

Hello,

Please note that me and my family we do support **the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and we **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Toronto Wildlife Centre** helped to rehabilitate two baby-Canada Geese few years ago, that we found beside our office at the parking lot, and I am proud to be part of the story and thankful to the centre for their support, helping hands and professionalism!

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Ecaterina Agheeva

## Item 7.26.

**From:** Nishanth Lakshman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support of the TRCA in efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home

Hi Honourable Secretary Mackenzie,

I would like to send you this email to acknowledge my support TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I think the TWC is a great initiative that couldn't keep doing the amazing worth they do with your continued support. Please help them get a forever home so they can continue to rehabilitate and rescue our injured wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Nishanth



## Item 7.27.

**From:** Lori Rose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre Move

Good afternoon,

I'm sending this email in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre move to the Rouge National Urban Park and the allocation of funding to its new facility.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a Toronto taxpayer, I care deeply for the care and treatment of our animal residents that the TWC provides.

Thank you,  
Lori Rose

## Item 7.28.

**From:** Kristen Mcdevitt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA

Dear Chair and members of the TRVA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

As a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre I am able to see the rehabilitation of sick, orphaned and injured wildlife from the GTA. Additionally, the centre plays a crucial role in educating the public and even leaders on how to maintain the integrity of the wildlife in Toronto.

I show my full support for **the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) And, **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you for your time. I hope to see the centre continue grow with its efforts to preserve the wildlife in our city.

Best,  
Kristen McDevitt

## Item 7.29.

**From:** Rosalind Ashe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My friend found an injured swan and it was an amazing moment, after months of rehabilitation, when the swan was released back into its natural habitat.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Ashe

## Item 7.30.

**From:** Joanna S Rainbow <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for a Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

**Dear Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board,**

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**

**I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Members of my family have taken injured wildlife – a bird on one occasion, a baby rabbit on another occasion – to the Toronto Wildlife Centre for care and rehab. We were overjoyed to have such a facility to go to. They are truly dedicated and do tremendously skilled work with very limited resources, to relieve animals' suffering - much of it caused by thoughtless people. We have also fostered orphan wildlife in our ravine garden, installed there with a**

**nesting box by Toronto Wildlife Centre staff. Our city's natural fauna need all the help we can give them.**

**Joanna Rainbow**

## **Item 7.31.**

**From:** George Halatsis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:36 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Priority Project for the TRCA 2020 Budget

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board (c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer),

My name is George Halatsis. My wife and I, along with our 3 adult children are all residents, homeowners and taxpayers in the GTA and proud supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). I am writing to you on our behalf for 2 reasons. Firstly, I want to go on record that we stand firmly behind and appreciate TRCAs support to secure a permanent home for TWC. TWC provides an essential, cost-effective and compassionate service for our wildlife cohabitants that in turn enrich all of our lives in this great community of ours.

Second, I want to register our strong support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The funding associated with this motion will greatly address the capital requirement to construct TWCs proposed state-of-the-art facility, something that will more effectively address the need to heal and support our challenged wildlife and welcoming facilities that will help promote awareness and education of our residents about our wildlife.

The GTA is world-renowned for its green spaces, making it one of the most livable cities in the world. A key element of this green space environment is our wildlife cohabitants. Once again, please support the passage of this motion to make TWC a priority project for TRCAs 2020 budget.

Thank-you for your consideration

Respectfully yours,  
George Halatsis

## **Item 7.32.**

**From:** Pippa Wyong <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Wildlife protection

To The Board Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA):

I'm writing to express my thanks for your support so far as it relates to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As you know, their current building is scheduled for demolition quite soon, meaning establishing a new building is now urgent.

The TRCA would be an ideal new home, and the idea is certainly generating a lot of excitement. I very much support your efforts to date to make this happen.

And to make it happen, I strongly encourage the TRCA to establish the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project in your 2020 budget – as was proposed by Markham Councillor Jack Heath and Glenn De Baeremaeker (a former Toronto Councillor).

Helping injured wildlife is more important than ever since many are becoming more threatened and endangered as the planet and habitats change. I've been a supporter for of the TWC for many years, and will continue supporting them and promoting the value of the TRCA when they move.

Sincerely,  
Pippa Wyson  
Science, Medical and Children's Writer & Journalist

## Item 7.33.

**From:** Gerry, Karen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE PERMANT RESIDENCE in ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am currently a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) providing monthly and annual donations, and occasional 'wish list items' to the centre. I have lived in Markham for the past 20 years, and well know that there is very limited help with sick, injured and misplaced wildlife in the city of Markham. As a result I have called TWC many times, the most recent in February 2018 for assistance with an injured raccoon. TSC responded very quickly, and were most accommodating and empathetic when updating me with my calls of concern to learn of the racoon's prognosis.

As Toronto and the GTA continue to expand and encroach on wildlife habitat, there will continue to be ongoing clashes with wildlife with negative consequences to the animals. With now so much emphasis on the environment, and global warming and the effects on the animals in today's media, we can no longer just ignore what is happening. Markham and other cities within the GTA need support for wildlife care!

My children (now late teens) have met Nathalie Karvonen many years ago when she started up her 'Pet Camps', which we learned about via Nathalie's television interviews on news stations at that time. My husband and I were so taken by her passion for wildlife and trying to make a difference to protect the animals.

I **definitely** support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (*TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4*), and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in Toronto and the GTA, and set an example for the rest of Ontario!

Kindest regards,  
Karen Gerry

## Item 7.34.

**From:** JO ELLEN LOGAN <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Next Friday's Vote on the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

I am writing to you to let you know how important it is to me and to the citizens of Toronto that we do whatever we can to assist our wildlife. The quality of our life is closely tied to the quality of life we are able to provide for our wildlife.

I also want to thank the TRCA for working with Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home for them in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

Unfortunately, our wildlife is under threat as buildings encroach on their habitats, cars hit them, garbage snares them, .... It makes my heart ache to see our injured and sick animals. I am incredibly grateful for the care that Toronto Wildlife Centre gives to orphaned, sick and injured animals. I have personally taken a 2-day old baby squirrel to them after he fell from his nest and his mother failed to retrieve him. Incredibly, TWC was able to save him and later release him into the wild. On another occasion, I borrowed a humane trap from TWC to catch a badly injured racoon to take to them for help. I frequently watch the videos that TWC posts and I see the stories of the beautiful birds, turtles, foxes and other needy animals they've rescued. They provide an amazing service to the citizens of Toronto and to our wildlife.

Please support the motion put forward by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath.

It is very important to me, and to all Torontonians, that TRCA makes the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project in 2020.

Jo Ellen Logan

## Item 7.35.

**From:** Ben Freedman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:30 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** supporting Toronto Wildlife Centre new home

Hi John,  
I'm emailing in support of Toronto Wildlife Centre's new home in the Rouge Valley and hope you can incorporate its building and funding in your budget.  
The work done on behalf of wildlife is very important and vital to keep us from becoming a concrete jungle with little attachment to the natural world around us.  
I have personally brought wild animals including birds and a racoon, dogs and stray cats on many occasions to get help with injuries they sustained.  
Help get the Wildlife Centre its new home in The Rouge Valley.  
Thanks,  
Ben Freedman  
Retired Property Owner

## Item 7.36.

**From:** Tzabia Siegel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** please support Toronto Wildlife Centre

Mr MacKenzie and member of the board of TRCA,

Sending you this quick note as an expression of my concern for the continuation and growth of the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

I have been a monthly financial supporter for ten or more years. I started supporting the centre when I found an injured baby squirrel in my backyard. In seeking out professional help, I discovered that the only place to get advice or to take a hurting animal is this centre. I have since taken other fallen wildlife to the centre and also been involved in calls that included a young deer, foxes on the DVP, a raccoon mother and babies hit by a car.

I care deeply about wildlife, and I recognize that we have encroached on their natural habitats. We have a responsibility to care for those that are injured. The only alternative is to sit back and watch them die, or to steel your heart and turn away.

Please offer your financial support to the building of the new centre.

Thank you.  
Tzabia Siegel

## Item 7.37.

**From:** Meredith Garcia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Support of new building!

To the chair and members of the TRCA board,

Hello! My name is Meredith Garcia and I am a third-year student veterinarian at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, ON. I was a former nursery volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre during my undergraduate degree, and I have participated firsthand in their wildlife rehabilitation efforts. The compassion and care of the staff during my time here, and seeing the difference we made in the lives of rescued wildlife, made for an unforgettable experience, which sparked a passion for wildlife rehabilitation that I hope to continue throughout my career as a veterinarian.

I am e-mailing today to show my support of the TRCA and its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremarker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I was a volunteer back in 2016, and the staff and volunteers were *already* talking about their hopes to move from their current location in North York to Rouge Park. The wildlife and staff deserve a better home, and better conditions, and a new facility would be absolutely life-changing for them.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my e-mail of support, and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

**Meredith Garcia**, H.BSc

## Item 7.38.

**From:** MICHALLA BREZINKA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:42 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - TWC

Hello Mr. Mackenzie,

I'm writing to you today in regard to the Toronto Wildlife Centre, who I support through financial contributions on a monthly basis. I have called this organization on various occasions regarding sick or injured animals and the staff is always helpful and extremely knowledgeable. This year, I attended their open house and was made aware that the building they are in is about to be demolished because of the extremely poor state it is in.

I appreciate the support of the TRCA to help relocate the TWC to Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and hope that TWC will be identified as a priority project for the 2020 budget.

As development/construction continues at such a rapid pace in both the city and the surrounding area, we are removing the habitat of the local wildlife, which makes it even more vital that we have an organization like the TWC to give these animals a fighting chance.

Thank you for your time  
Michalla Brezinka

## Item 7.39.

**From:** Walz, Andrew <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Mr. MacKenzie:

I would like to express my full support for TRCA's efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

Further, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Best Regards,  
Andrew Walz

## Item 7.40.

**From:** Jo-Ann Joseph <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** TWC New Home Rouge Nat'l Urban Park

Hello Chair & Members of the TRCA Board,

We understand TRCA has been very supportive of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's need and aspirations to use the land at the Rouge National Urban Park to build a permanent home to replace the facility at its current location which is in seriously poor condition and slated for demolition.

For years we personally have supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre and continue to believe passionately, that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is of paramount importance to us personally and to local taxpayers.

We understand that the new wildlife facility will be amazing when it's completed with web cameras and one-way windows to increase public viewing of the work of the TWC,



a wide range of educational activities and twice the space they currently have. It will allow expansion and improvements to its core programs namely: the Wildlife Hotline, Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Public Education.

We vehemently urge:

- **you support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **you support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you and most sincerely,

Jo-Ann Joseph & Michael Cole

## Item 7.41.

**From:** Tammy Dawson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please allocate funding for construction of new facilities for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chairman and Board Members of TRCA,

I am a resident of Peel region. I am also a dedicated supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) and have personally brought several small animals to TWC for care and treatment as they are the one reliable sanctuary for sick, injured, or orphaned animals in my area. The work TWC does to assist all wildlife is so important to me, that I drive an hour to and from their location to both drop off animals and pick them up after rehabilitation to return them to their habitat.

It is because I have been to TWC's current location several times over the past few years, that I have seen for myself that they definitely need a better and more importantly, permanent facility. As a taxpayer, I would like you to know that:

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

On May 24, please vote to prioritize and allocate funding for TWC's construction of a new facility as their current building is set to be demolished by the end of this year!

Sincerely,  
Tammy Dawson

## Item 7.42.

**From:** Jane Withers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir,

**On Friday, May 24th, Toronto may be one step closer to building a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.**

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**

**I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**I am a Toronto taxpayer and happy to support this good cause.**

Jane Withers

## Item 7.43.

**From:** Cassandra Scarmozzino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Move to Rouge National Urban Park

Hi there,

As a concerned resident and taxpayer of Toronto, I feel that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is extremely important. Therefore, I support the allocation of funding for moving the Toronto Wildlife Centre to Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. The sustainability of wildlife is becoming more and more crucial to the environment.

Thank you for your consideration!  
Cassandra Scarmozzino

## Item 7.44.

**From:** Nisha Kagal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing to you regarding the decision about allocation of funds towards helping the Toronto Wildlife Center build a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. I have become aware that the Wildlife Center is being forced to move out of their current facility, by the end of the year, due to the poor conditions of the building they are currently housed in.

Having volunteered at the TWC myself, I have seen first-hand just how wonderful this facility is in helping orphaned/ abandoned/ injured wildlife become well again before rehabilitating them into the wild.

As we all know, we as a human race have taken over much land that is not all ours. And in the spirit of kindness and oneness of all nature and it's beings, I'd like to be a voice for the animals.

Therefore, I am writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With Respect,  
Nisha Kagal

## Item 7.45.

**From:** Eleanor Shaw <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge your office to support funding for a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

This organization has worked tirelessly for the past 25 years on donations from the public. When their flight building was damaged in a wind storm last spring, the public rallied and raised \$40,000 in a matter of days in order to facilitate this important structure. This organization matters to the people of Ontario.

I have supported the TWC financially for a few years and my friends and family have joined me in supporting this worthy organization.

I have contacted CITY TV in the past to request that they air a segment on their morning show - Breakfast Television, to highlight the great work they do, after learning of their existence on another morning show. City came through and TWC was promoted as a valuable resource in our city and the areas surrounding the GTA.

This past weekend I attended at their building in Downsview to drop off donations and was dismayed at how difficult it was to find, and how small the facility is compared to the need they have with the numbers of animals they care for every day.

I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for taking the time to review this email.

Yours truly,  
Eleanor Shaw

## Item 7.46.

**From:** Peter Welsh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC Centre

I am writing to mention my full support for the proposed wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre. As the GTA continues to grow the TWC gives a service to our wildlife co-habitants that is vital to the region. As a professional that works for a local conservation authority I understand the imperative to give the TWC all the support they need. Without them our region would be at a loss for the service they provide us.

I support:

- the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Regards,  
Peter Welsh

## Item 7.47.

**From:** Christina Ingraldi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:03 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** My Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am writing to you to express my support, and ask for your consideration, of Glenn De Baeremaeker's and Councillor Jack Heath's motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have personally experienced how vital the service that Toronto Wildlife Centre offers is to our city. After snatching a tiny deer mouse out of my cat's mouth, I noticed he was injured. I didn't want to let him go to die a slow and painful death—so I called Toronto Wildlife Centre to see if they could help. They had me bring the mouse to their centre, and I was amazed by the level of care they offered this poor creature, giving him a full examination, treatment and antibiotics. Once the mouse was healed I had the opportunity to release him into a nearby park, to reclaim his place in the ecosystem. I know it seems like a small, almost insignificant thing to do, but the message Toronto Wildlife Centre sent with their actions humbled me—that no life is too small, and that it is our responsibility as city residents to help the wildlife whose habitat we have encroached upon and who are adversely affected by our urban way of life.

I'm proud of the amount of green space and biodiversity the GTA boasts, and I'm grateful to have an organization like Toronto Wildlife Centre to help us ensure that we can coexist peacefully with our the wildlife around us. Please do consider how the loss of this organization would effect not just wildlife, but the people who come across injured animals every day and need somewhere to turn to help.

Thank you and all my best,  
Christina Ingraldi

## Item 7.48.

**From:** jocelyn.perras jocelyn.perras <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** New Wildlife Centre Critically Needed !

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing in strong support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I have used the facility on Carl Hall Road and the staff and volunteers have be amazing and so helpful. I have sought help with injured raccoons and squirrels and they have provided knowledgeable and practical support. A new location would help this critical work.

In our large urban area we need a large enough centre to help with the work this facility provides.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Perras

## Item 7.49.

**From:** Ruth Arnold <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board / c/o John Mackenzie,

I'm writing to voice my support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre establishing a rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also support the motion made by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

In my many years of living in Toronto I have watched the urban development absorb the small green spaces that wildlife once lived in. Behind my building used to be reeds and plants between railway tracks that birds and rabbits managed to live in. Now it's gone, and a large concrete GO station platform occupies the space.

Sincerely,

Ruth Arnold

## Item 7.50.

**From:** Suzanne MacDonald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:54 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre facility

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I understand that the decision to fund the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility in the Rouge National Urban Park is being made on May 24th, and I wanted write in strong support of the project. I have worked closely with the TRCA for several years, on the Heart Lake and TTP turtle survey, and I also do research on urban raccoons in the GTA. Over the past ten years, it has been increasingly obvious that the work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to rescue, care and treat injured, sick and orphaned wildlife is an essential service for the area.

I personally receive dozens of emails and calls from residents throughout the summer months, asking for help with injured or orphaned raccoons, and I always send them to the TWC. Natalie Karvonen and the TWC do an extraordinary job of helping many thousands of animals, and dealing with many thousands of residents. The numbers are staggering, and only increasing as humans continue to encroach on wildlife habitat. We desperately need the TWC in this city, and we need the TWC to have a permanent home.

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help TWC establish that permanent home, and I support the motion from Councillors De Baeremaeker and Heath to identify TWC as a priority

project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

Thank you very much for your time, and for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne MacDonald

## Item 7.51.

**From:** mary marcon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** I Support the TRCA in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre get a permanent home.

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

The Toronto Wildlife Centre provides a vital service saving animal lives in the GTA. They catch, treat, perform surgeries, and rehabilitate animals in Toronto and the GTA.

Last spring there was a wild turkey that had been shot with an arrow in Whitby. Toronto Wildlife came out, were able to catch the turkey, operated on it, and then released it back where it was found. They also successfully treated coyote pups with mange from the same area.

I have toured the centre. It is overcrowded with every type of animal from turtles to bats. The facility is barely being held together. They cannot wait any longer for a new location. I support the motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I also support the TRCA in its effort to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Rouge National Urban Park.

Thank-you,  
Mary Marcon

## Item 7.52.

**From:** Maxine and Basil Peters <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of TRCA Board c/o John MacKenzie Secretary/Treasurer I wish to voice my support for the establishment of a new Centre at the Rouge Valley Conservation Area. The work that this Centre is truly astounding and as citizens of the GTA we should be immensely proud of this institution . It is unique in Canada. I have supported their cause for many years and urge you to support them also.

Sincerely,  
Maxine Peters B.Sc., Dip. P.&O.T.

## Item 7.53.

**From:** Jonathon Paquin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Good afternoon Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am reaching out to you in regards to the upcoming vote next Friday regarding funding for the Toronto Wildlife Foundation through the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

I would like to lend my support to this important initiative. As a resident of Durham, this is an initiative that I want to give my full support to. I think it is one of the most important things we can do as a society to maintain our environment and a key aspect of that is Wildlife. Population in the GTA area is at an all time high putting more and more pressure on our precious Wildlife in the area. Continued investment in the Toronto Wildlife Foundation will be critical to ensure we can continue to make our environment friendly to local Wildlife, and help them rehabilitate when our lifestyle encroaches on their territories causing harm or displacement.

Please do know that the community cares about this. I hope you receive lots of support for this initiative and the vote is a positive outcome for all.

Best regards,  
Jonathon Paquin

## Item 7.54.

**From:** Don Clarke-Home <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre funding

To: the Chair and Members of the RCA Board.

I understand that consideration is being given by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to further assist the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) in constructing their new facility in the Rouge National Urban Park. I further understand that you are currently considering providing funding toward this construction. I recognize this would be in addition to the generous assistance already provided.

I am a GTA citizen, living and working here. I am in favor of this funding. I firmly believe the community has an obligation to alleviate the suffering of wildlife damaged by our urban environment. If we did not have the TWC, the public would demand more government action. When injured wildlife is found, the people involved simply expect services to be available. My own experience with Toronto Animal Control has not been positive. I am grateful for the work of the TWC.

Without the TWC I believe the services provided would be less effective and more expensive, so I am in favor of spending to provide a new home to the Centre, and to spending to address an urban need. I believe this would be money well spent and ask the TRCA to do what it can to extend funding for this important capital project.

Don Clarke



## Item 7.55.

**From:** Shona Bridge <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

**Importance:** High

Chair and Members of the TRCA board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Dear TRCA board,

I am a long time supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am asking for your support in the upcoming TRCA decision to allocate funding for the centre. Wildlife in this area (GTA) needs our attention and help. All of the environment (us, the land and the animals that inhabit it) are so important especially in a metropolitan area. Please help.

Yours sincerely,  
*Shona*

***Shona E. Bridge, CHIM***

## Item 7.56.

**From:** Maureen Kingston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please support a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear TRCA,

As you consider how to allocate budget next week, please prioritize the valuable work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does by supporting the \$20 million allocation towards the construction of the new facility. We are so fortunate in Toronto to be surrounded by green space but with that comes the responsibility for all of us to help the wildlife who share our space and who have no one else but us citizens and our elected officials to help them when injured by inadvertent interactions with people or other hazards.

The people that work at TWC are tireless and selfless. As a resident of the GTA and supporter of the TWC, I would be happy to see my tax dollars go to the worthy cause of a permanent home for TWC in the Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to make this a priority project in the 2020 budget.

Thank you for considering this plea.

Regards,

Maureen Kingston

## Item 7.57.

**From:** Sandra Rinomato <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:15 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA

My family and I have taken many injured and orphaned animals to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and we've seen just how compassionate their work is. We've noted their commitment to the animals and we support them financially as well. We've met with Nathalie and have taken the tour of the facility and I was an MC at a fundraiser event for them a few years ago.

The first animal we called in about was an orphaned squirrel. They gave us good information and we were able to bring him in for care and the squirrel was subsequently released to the wild once she had matured enough. As it turns out, Vince the Squirrel was a girl and is newly named The Squirrel Formerly Known as Vince by TWC staff. We still have photos of Vince and were thrilled to be invited to her release.

Their work at TWC is vital and they are the only centre where we can take animals who are in distress and whom we can call upon when we see an animal in need in the wild. The TWC needs a permanent home and we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish their new home in Rouge National Urban Park.

We support the motion by former Councillors Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you

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Sandra Rinomato

## Item 7.58.

**From:** Vivian Luc <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC funding

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the funding allocation towards the Toronto Wildlife Centre. It is very important that they are top priority and receive these funds that are much needed. I support and appreciate the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre in building the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park and I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre

as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Thank you for supporting a great cause and helping those who help the ones in need.

Best,  
Vivian Luc

## Item 7.59.

**From:** Spider Campos <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Natalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 - Toronto Wildlife Centre Relocation

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to express, in the **strongest** possible terms, my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I, in the **strongest** possible terms, support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.  
To me, this is the **HIGHEST** of all priorities.

We live in an era where the environment **IS** the single most important issue of our time.

Wildlife is an integral part of the ecosystem, that we finally recognize, needs our immediate attention and protection.

It is VERY clear that saving wildlife is not just an act of compassion for other species, but also an act of preservation of our own species.

The wildlife in turn do their part in nourishing and safeguarding the delicate symbiosis between all participants of what we call the environment.

Our welfare is tied to theirs.

TWC has done an incredible job, almost single-handedly, in doing this work, on behalf of all Ontarians.

I personally have taken numerous injured or sick raccoons to the Centre and they saved nearly all of them.

We, as humans and people, need to act with urgency and determination to help TWC find a home where they can fully fulfill their mandate.

My profound hope is that TRCA raise the relocation to the top of the agenda and do whatever it takes to facilitate the relocation **as soon as possible, for everyone's sake.**

It is your legacy to realize that you did your part, that you stepped up amid the apathy and callousness and in no small way, saved us from ourselves.

Sincerely,  
  
Stephen Spider Campos

## Item 7.60.

**From:** Dianne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New Wildlife Centre Project

Hello,

Please consider this email as my support for TRCA's efforts to establish a new permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (as per TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) as they've done amazing work rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife for many years. Having a larger, modern facility would be a huge benefit to their ongoing and much needed work.

I also support Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath in making the new TWC a high priority project in the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Please make this a 'dream-come-true' for those who've been helping all our wildlife in past years; it will be a huge benefit to the community and preserve the various species of wildlife we have the opportunity to admire every day.

Kind regards,  
Mrs. Dianne Aldan

## Item 7.61.

**From:** Melvin Laucke <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto wildlife centre

Mr. Mackenzie, we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support the motion by former Toronto councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the 2020 budget

We have supported this exceptional organization who not only cares for our Toronto Wildlife But has information seminars for young students and adults to talk about wildlife and what it means for the balance of nature

To me this is one of the few worthwhile projects that will have a long lasting positive effect

Melvin Laucke

## Item 7.62.

**From:** Jacquie Houston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Please provide \$20 million to construct the new Wildlife Centre which is badly needed to help wildlife that live around Toronto and are just as important as potholes, even more important, dare I say.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent hom in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Regards  
Jacquie Houston

## Item 7.63.

From: Bob Henderson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:28 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: Significance Of Building A New Facility & Maintaining A High Profile In The GTA

Good Afternoon, Mr. John Mackenzie,

I am writing you a brief note which strongly supports the dedicated work and excellent wildlife service(s) which you provide citizens with on a daily basis. My wife & I live on a golf course in Thornhill, Ontario( The Toronto Ladies Course ) where we experience a large variety of animals and birds throughout the year. On occasion, we have requested your advice/service regarding baby raccoons, baby birds( most recently, orphaned Blue Jays ) & baby rabbits. Your Staff who communicate with us on the phone or come to our home to assist us have been FANTASTIC! These small creatures would perish on a regular basis if care was not available. I have supported your Wildlife Centre(financially) for a number of years. In return, I am quite satisfied with the degree of professional care which your dedicated Staff provides. Actually, I been watching the TV series on Channel 2( 7:00PM ) which outline different survival techniques with the many animals/birds who require serious health assistance.This TV series is a wonderful viewing platform to inform all nature lovers the exact care, techniques used etc. To ready these animals/birds back to their natural habitats. Your new facility to be built sounds great & will give your employees & volunteers a first class structure to continue your work. There is a GREAT NEED for this type of service which your trained professionals offer on a daily basis. Best wishes on your drive for this new facility and maintaining this very high level of performance.

Sincerely,

Bob Henderson

## Item 7.64.

From: McDonald, Kathy <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:30 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Thank you for your past support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

I have become more familiar with the important work done by TWC ( as well as the sad state of their current premises) over the past year since I've become a volunteer at the Centre. The dedication of their staff and volunteers to help care for and release wildlife impacted by us and our continuous encroachment into their homes is needed more and more every year. They care each year for hundreds of orphaned, sick and injured wildlife from birds and opossums, groundhogs to coyotes; they literally save lives every day and provide a critical service. I have called TWC on many occasions when I've come across fledglings, orphaned squirrels, or as I did recently, a sick raccoon. Their advice and guidance has been indispensable.

Please approve the permanent home for the TWC in the Rouge National Urban Park. TWC needs a new home with more space in order to help more animals, and to allow the public to learn more about the wildlife whose home we live in.

I am wholeheartedly in favour of the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you.  
Kathy McDonald

## Item 7.65.

**From:** judy\_carey judy\_carey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT THE TRCA IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE  
ESTABLISH A PERMANENT HOME

**Importance:** High

***YES! I DEFINITELY SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL THE SUPPORT, HELP,  
DONATIONS***

I am a monthly donator. I truly believe and support the Toronto Wildlife Centre and they desperately need a permanent home for all our wildlife.

The center does SO much for our community, all the precious species and wildlife.

PLEASE pass the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath (Markham Councillor) and recognize this as a priority project for 2020.

Desperately needed, so well deserved and so deeply important!!!

Thank you!!!

Judy Carey

## Item 7.66.

**From:** Caroline Medwell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please make Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority

This email confirms my avid support of the TRCA efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

As well, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is an important and valuable part of our community, and an essential service for our wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Medwell

## Item 7.67.

**From:** Thomas, Keitha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:45 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Building a TWC in Rouge Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Thank you for your continuing support for a new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility in the Rouge National Urban Park. As you know, the TWC does amazing work taking care of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife. In addition, the other programs they run ensure that people remain knowledgeable and caring of the wildlife that we share our space with.

I believe so much in what the TWC does that I give generously on a regular basis.

I hope that when the vote comes up to fund a new permanent home for the TWC, the TRCA will support this vigorously.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Keitha Thomas

## Item 7.68.

**From:** Shirley Elliott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Good afternoon:

Please know that I fully support the Wildlife Centre project in the Rouge National Urban Park.. The dedication that is demonstrated day after day in caring for sick and injured wildlife is truly inspirational. I've toured their current facility and they are in dire need of a new building.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a PRIORITY PROJECT for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I can appreciate the work done at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I once cared for an injured bird that flew into a window of my home. I placed it into a shoebox, ventilated with a few holes and gingerly left it to recover a few hours later. Much to my surprise and delight the bird was well and flew away after taking it out to my backyard. Such a relief.

Sincerely  
Shirley Elliott

## Item 7.69.

**From:** marie marie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Good afternoon John Mackenzie and members of the TRCA Board,

Please receive this letter as my explicit support of the TRAC's efforts in advocating for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their venture to solidify the establishment of a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRAC Agenda item EX10.4).

Sitting on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board is extremely humble and conspicuous position. Your decisions affect the protection and conservation of our natural environment and wildlife it houses. Maintaining a respect for our ecological home includes one that honours ALL life it feeds -wildlife and humans together. Unfortunately, the more we impede our natural environment with discontent for ALL life, the more injured and orphaned wildlife amount. It is our responsibility, with the backing of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to help the wildlife that need us.



I came to know the Toronto Wildlife Centre many years ago. On two separate occasions I found injured birds in a park. I had no idea what to do but I knew I had to do something. Who would leave injured wildlife to parish if help is close by? I went home and 'googled' Toronto injured birds; a few clicks later I came upon the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I called the help centre and they advised me on what to do with the bird. I followed their instructions and brought the injured birds to their facility at Downsview Park for rehabilitation.

Years later I decided to dedicate some of my spare time volunteering. Lucky for me I was honored a position as Wildlife Care at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As we are all aware, the building is beyond need of help and slated for demolition. We must act FAST to ensure the busiest wildlife centre in CANADA has a sustainable future.

I unquestionably support the TRAC in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRAC Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRAC's 2020 budget.

It takes compassionate and dedicated individuals to sit on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board. It takes compassionate and dedicated individuals to consider Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority. It takes the same individuals to make it happen.

So let's make it happen!

Kindly,

Eirica Perruzza

## Item 7.70.

**From:** Ainslie Willock <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Councillor Matlow; Nathalie Karvonen

**Subject:** Please allocate \$20 million towards the construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board - c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Please approve a donation of \$20 million (two thirds of the total cost) towards the construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) Facility to help enable them to establish a permanent home at the Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. TWC is Canada's busiest wildlife centre and is well deserving of your/our support.

I rescued a baby robin last spring at Bloor and Bay. I couldn't leave it there surrounded by glass and concrete. I called around and it was the TWC that said that if I could drive the bird up to their facility, they'd be able to care for it. I drove up with the baby robin and a donation and was relieved that it would have a second chance at life.

There's so much that we do that harms wildlife. It's tremendous that there's an organization that truly helps Toronto's wildlife - hospital and rehabilitation centre for wildlife - a way of giving back.

A big thank you to the TRCA for all that it does to help and celebrate wildlife. I had a fabulous time last Saturday at Tommy Thompson Park celebrating migrating birds. I was right beside Double-crested cormorants, Black-crowned Night-Herons and Great Egrets' nests. It was utterly amazing! Many of the other visitors were asking for the names of the birds and placing the names in their smart phones to refer back to next year. Great to be able to experience the best that nature has, right at our doorstep. Such a dynamic urban experience!

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ainslie Willock

## Item 7.71.

**From:** Naomi Adam <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I am writing to you, as a resident of York Region, to express my support for the work done by the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I believe that the work of this organization is very important: not only to the wildlife that is rescued, but also to humans. We need to recognize our impact on the wildlife that lives among us in urban and suburban areas and make meaningful efforts to conserve and protect injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. This is precisely what TWC does.

I have sought the help of the wildlife centre when I've found injured animals and birds and they have never failed to provide assistance, with compassion and expertise.

I wholeheartedly support the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's efforts to assist Toronto Wildlife Centre in establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park and also support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I hope that after deliberating, the Regions covered by the TRCA arrive at a decision to fund the TWC's new home as part of the 2020 budget.

Yours truly,  
Naomi Adam

## Item 7.72.

**From:** RM <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: The Chair and Members of the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority

C/O Mr John Mackenzie, Secretary-Treasurer By email:

At your upcoming meeting on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> I understand you will be considering whether or not to allocate a considerable sum towards the construction of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I cannot think of a more worthwhile use of TRCA resources than in support of local wildlife that is becoming increasingly negatively affected by the encroachment of humans on their natural habitat. To put it bluntly, in my humble opinion, nothing says conservation more than caring for displaced, orphaned, sick and injured wildlife.

Therefore I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Furthermore, I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I look forward to hearing that you have approved this sum and thank you all for your leadership in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Debra Matthews

## Item 7.73.

**From:** Barbara M <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:59 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Please fund the proposed Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. I support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Wildlife Centre provides a vital service not available elsewhere.

They have to move out of their current home which does not have adequate space anyway.

When a wild creature is hurt or their young are orphaned, there is nowhere else to turn.

Please help.  
Barbara MacGibbon

## Item 7.74.

**From:** Karen Eaton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

May 16, 2019

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

**Re: Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park--TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**

I would like the TRCA Board to know that:

- I support the TRCA to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.
- I support the motion by former Councillor Glenn DeBaeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Many of the small animals and birds that I see in my neighbourhood and greenspaces in the Dufferin/Steeles area where I live run into some kind of trouble and need somewhere to recover. I myself have brought a small rabbit and a goldfinch to the Toronto Wildlife Centre for help and I am very

thankful they were there to help. Although I have never toured through the entire facility, it looks 'cramped' to me considering all the animals they look after. Plus the parking even to drop off an injured animal is very limited.

I once had a black squirrel in my backyard who seemed to have lots of energy but kept falling over to one side. I never did know what happened to him but I wished I could have caught him and taken him to the Toronto Wildlife Centre for help. More and more animals lie on the roads, either suffering or dead, as our streets get busier and busier leaving orphaned babies on their own. Given the size of the GTA, the Toronto Wildlife Centre really needs space to grow and keep on doing what they do best....rescuing injured wildlife, treating and releasing them as well as giving orphaned wildlife a place to stay until they are old enough to be on their own. My heart is warmed by the successful animal releases I read about in the Toronto Wildlife Newsletters.

Knowing that The Toronto Wildlife Centre could have a permanent home in the beautiful Rouge National Urban Park is fantastic location and opportunity to continue the great work that they do. Of course, it would also endear the Rouge National Urban Park to all the many wildlife lovers inside and outside the GTA!

Respectfully,

Karen Eaton, Thornhill, ON

## Item 7.75.

**From:** Fred & Janet <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA AGENDA ITEM EX10.4

TO: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

The purpose of this e-mail is to express my support for the Toronto Region Conservation Authority in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

I feel very strongly that, other than helping injured/sick/orphaned animals, TWC provides a wonderful facility for educating our young people in caring for and enjoying animals. This is extremely important in today's increasingly violent society.

Respectfully,

Janet Lawrence

## Item 7.76.

**From:** Amirreza Mohimi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

I sent this email to show my support to TRC do their efforts to help Toronto wildlife center to establish a permanent home in Toronto rough national urban Park. (TRCA agenda item EX.10.4)

Thanks for your co-operating.

Amirreza

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**Amirreza Mohimi**

## Item 7.77.

**From:** Martin K <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto wildlife center

Hello.

Over the years I have seen workers at twc help hundreds if not thousands of animals, some I found and brought in myself. I support their work and without them there is nothing available but slow and painful death for animals, the same ones that we took habitat away from and hit them with our cars etc.

As humans and humane individuals we owe support to TWC and animals they care for. They are their only hope to saving these lives. Alternative is allowing to animals die in front of our eyes a cruel death. For those reasons I urge u to support development and financial help to this important team. There is nothing else like it and they are crucial organization and they are willing to work, volunteer, sacrifice, and all they ask for is a bit if support and tools/place to do this hard work. Please do not forget TWC.

Sincerely  
Martin Kinal

## Item 7.78.

**From:** Gabi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre and TRCA 2020 Budget

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board (c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer),

As a resident of the city of Toronto, I firmly believe that it is incumbent on all of us to support and care for all the elements that make our city an example to hold up to others. An integral component of this is, in my estimation, how we support the city's wildlife population. While we may not be able to effect

great change on an individual basis, we are blessed to have the Toronto Wildlife Centre and its services available to us.

Please be informed that I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (This has been a process long overdue in its realization.) I also strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor John Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I believe that it is imperative that the Toronto Wildlife Centre be assisted and supported in establishing this permanent home so that it might continue with the exemplary work that it offers to the city of Toronto and be able to expand the parameters of its mandate.

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Benedek

## Item 7.79.

From: Celine Forrester <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:12 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 - Toronto Wildlife Centre

For many years my neighbours, friends and I have relied upon the Toronto Wildlife Centre for humane intervention with orphaned and injured raccoons, squirrels, robins, starlings, rock doves, grackles, finches ... the list is long. The Centre has been our sole and vital resource both to help the animals, and to assist and educate the concerned people who bring them in. As the GTA expands, the need increases.

TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 addresses the need for a permanent home in the Rouge Park. I stand behind the efforts of Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to bring forward the necessary Wildlife Centre relocation as a priority in the TRCS budget for 2020. Please let's make this happen!

Yours,  
Celine Forrester

## Item 7.80.

From: Laura T <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:25 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am writing in support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me and I personally have utilized the services of the TWC when I have found injured birds that required veterinary intervention. In the absence of the TWC I don't know who I would have called on to help these birds and I was grateful for their assistance.

Kind regards,  
Laura Toth

## Item 7.81.

**From:** Fern Kako <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear John,

I am writing to show my support to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have taken injured birds to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am always very thankful for all of our creatures that it exists.

A permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre is so important as the need is so great for the wildlife we have.

Kind regards,  
Fern Kako

## Item 7.82.

**From:** sarma g <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** In support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

We share space in our ever-expanding city with all sorts of wildlife, and when in crisis, which is often due to contact with humans, our city's wildlife deserves proper care within a facility designed for the individualized needs of many species.

Please note that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and also



the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is the kind of support that would make our great city even better, and give us all some peace of mind in these uneven times, knowing that the staff, specialists and volunteers of the Toronto Wildlife Centre can continue their excellent work in a permanent home.

Sincerely,  
Sarma Gaide

## Item 7.83.

**From:** Gordon Ross <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:19 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Wildlife centre

To- Chair and Members of the TRCA board , c/o John Mackenzie TRCA

Dear Sirs/Madams,

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

and

**I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Please treat this as a priority as it is of the utmost importance.

Sincerely , Gordon Ross.

## Item 7.84.

**From:** Donna Cox <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

**Attention: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board**

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I sincerely hope the TRCA Board will decide it is imperative to have a Wildlife Centre. The facilities must be expanded and require a permanent home. This is an opportunity to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre and provide the space they need to continue with caring for wild animals.

Please consider the wonderful work the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to alleviate the suffering of our injured or ill wildlife when you are deciding on their future.

Donna and Borden Cox

## Item 7.85.

**From:** Greig Dunn [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:39 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** 'Nathalie Karvonen' <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA  
c/a Mr John Mackenzie

16 May 2019

Dear Members of the TRCA Board of Directors

First may I congratulate you on the support you have given to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and its application to relocate the facility in the Rouge National Urban Park.

You will of course be aware of the extraordinary record of service given to the community by the Toronto Wildlife Centre under the strong and inspiring leadership of its Director, Natalie Karvonen. Perhaps less obvious is the importance of the Centre's contribution to the health and safety of the whole area as a result of its dealings with injured and sick animals and its work in maintaining ecological balances.

You will know also that up until this point the Centre has operated almost entirely on donations. But private generosity, while it covers much of the cost of the Centre's work, would not be able to bear the entire cost of the much-needed new facility. I therefore urge you to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn de Baeremeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

Yours sincerely,  
Greig Dunn

## Item 7.86.

**From:** Janet and Gregg Taylor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:34 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In support of Toronto Wildlife Centre relocation

We are long time supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. With ever increasing pressure on wildlife by urbanization and habitat loss, their dedication to the recovery and rehabilitation of injured and displaced wildlife is more critical than ever.

We were heartened when we heard of the proposal to move the centre to the Rouge National Urban Park. This is an ideal location in support of their mission. A strong association with an urban park which shares the fundamental principle of preservation of local flora and fauna serves to further promote the work they do in the Greater Toronto Area. This makes a strong statement in support of urban parks and wildlife rescue.

We strongly support the TRCA and others in advocating for a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park. This new location will further enhance the Wildlife Centre's ability to perform their important work. In addition, the association with a national urban park will no doubt enhance their profile even further and hopefully lead to even greater public support and donations. Their proposed use of the space to allow public viewing and educational activities can only serve to energize and engage future generations.

We also support the motion of Glenn De Baeremaeker (former Toronto Councillor) and Jack Heath (Markham Councillor) to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With new subdivisions being created in our area, wildlife is ever more present right in our backyards in the GTA. More wildlife interactions obviously lead to ever more incidents requiring the services of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. The increased pressure on their services mandates the need for the permanent and modern facility that has been proposed in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Gregg and Janet Taylor

## **Item 7.87.**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To: Ms. Jennifer Innis, Chair of the TRCA,  
and the Members of the TRCA Board,  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Re: Funding for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Ms. Innis, the Members of the TRCA Board, and Mr. Mackenzie:

My husband and I are residents of Toronto and we are supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, its staff, and the amazing and invaluable work they do.

I believe that Torontonians truly care about the animals that share their space. Although people are so busy and so rushed, I have seen 4 lanes of traffic come to a complete stop on Bayview Avenue to allow a family of geese to cross.

We watched the TWC team rescue a beautiful red-tailed hawk with a broken wing on Blythwood Road last summer. Their expertise in capturing and caring for that hawk was incredible.

And, when I find injured birds, I take them to the Toronto Wildlife Centre's current facility.

When you find an injured bird or animal, you feel so helpless. But having a safe place to take them for expert treatment is wonderful.

We are so lucky to have the Toronto Wildlife Center!

This new home for the TWC will ensure the continued expert care for the birds, animals and reptiles we love to see in the city. And the educational component will be invaluable in teaching people to appreciate and respect the wild creatures around them.

We applaud your efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

And we support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Your invaluable support will ensure the timely construction of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's new facility and will provide our region's animals with the loving care they need.

Thank you very much.

Markie Cochran and Jonathan Newman

## Item 7.88.

**From:** Ryan Demchuk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please make the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project for TRCA's 2020 Budget

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

Myself and my partner have supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre for almost 3 years, with our monthly donations and my partner's volunteering efforts.

The Toronto Wildlife centre is an exceptional organization, dedicated to saving the lives of wild animals that live with us in our urban space.

My partner has volunteered feeding baby squirrels that have lost their parents due to the dangers of these creatures living in our busy city. Through many visits to the centre, we have seen so many animals who came injured or abandoned in their youth leave fully rehabilitated and ready for the next stage in returning to their homes.

The operation of the Toronto Wildlife Centre is imperative to our city, providing a facility, and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers for wild animals in need.

Our donations can't possibly be enough for the centre to get the funding they need to continue saving the lives of beautiful creatures.

**We fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).**

**We also fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you,  
Ryan Demchuk & Natalia Romanenko

## Item 7.89.

**From:** Ahmad Haris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding towards Permanent home for Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC)

To,  
Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer  
**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)**

Dear members,

My name is Ahmad Haris. I am just another TWC supporter in the GTA. I am with TWC for the last 2 years and like other supporters, I would love to see TWC grow into a full-fledged facility offering more services towards the local endangered wildlife.

TWC has done tremendous job in rescuing and taking care of sick and injured animals which would otherwise suffer or would have died.

I appreciate all your efforts in letting TWC continue their life saving journey and making our region wildlife friendly. Your approval for letting TWC use the Rouge National Urban Park long-term is beyond appreciation. I am in full support of your agenda Item EX10.4.

However, as you know TWC is in dire need of funds to build its new facility. I request you all great people to take positive steps towards **identifying TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget** (a motion which was passed by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath) and allocate the \$20 million funds (which would be under discussion in the next TRCA meet) towards its new building.

I once again appreciate all your help and support for TWC and hope this support continues to grow with time.

Thanking you.  
Regards,  
Ahmad Haris

## Item 7.90.

**From:** David Shilman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Dianne Moggy  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Attn: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasure.

As supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

It is important to have an updated, modern facility for the amazing work of this important center.

Thank you,  
David Shilman  
Dianne Moggy

## Item 7.91.

**From:** Connie Daye <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Rouge Park

Attn: TRCA Secretary/Treasurer and Chair & Members of the TRCA Board

Hello,

I am sending this email to say that I support the efforts by the TRCA to establish a new and improved location for the Toronto Wildlife Centre, moving from Downsview to Rouge National Urban Park.

I volunteered for 10 months at TWC a few years back and feel that they do really good and important work for the animals living within and around our city. It is fulfilling to see sick or injured animals get treated and then released back into the area they were found in. The veterinarians, catch and release people and trained volunteers are doing a good thing in a time when wild animals lives and habitats are disappearing.

Please make establishing a new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility a priority project for the 2020 budget. Their deadline is looming close!

Thank you,  
Connie Daye

## Item 7.92.

**From:** Chris Prefontaine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Cc:** krea@markham.ca; jheath@markham.ca  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

**Dear members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),**

**My name is Chris Prefontaine and I am a resident of Markham (Ward 4) and a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As you know, our wildlife is in dire need of a new facility so that the dedicated staff of TWC can continue their hard work in caring for and helping wildlife in Toronto as well as York and other Regions.**

**I personally help the cause through a monthly donation as well as having hosted a nest for young orphaned squirrels so that they could be released back into a natural habitat. With the amount of human expansion into areas that were once home to many species of animals and birds- especially in York Region - our wildlife is placed in critical situations and run-ins with vehicles and other hazards occur far too frequently.**

**The rescue work that TWC does is so important. BUT we need you, as voters on the TRCA to support our cause and make TWC a priority for both space for a new permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park and also with funding.**

**I support the motion put forth by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Please help us with your support and vote yes next Friday, May 24 on Agenda Item EX10.4. We need a new home by the end of 2019 - timing is crucial. We need your help now! Thank you.**

**Sincerely, Chris Prefontaine**

## Item 7.93.

**From:** Kristine Vajda <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** re TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 - my support for Toronto Wildlife Centre & personal story

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer  
CC: Nathalie Karvonen, Director, TWC

I am a longtime resident of Markham, Ontario, and I'm writing to you today, to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I wholly support the

motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Because of the destruction of habitat and rural spaces, taxpayers are living alongside wildlife more and more, including species that we would previously have only glimpsed in forested areas. The need for a credible, empathetic, and skilled organization that can intervene and help sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is a necessity and I can't think of any organization more qualified and impressive than The Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Last summer, my neighbourhood became involved and invested in a situation involving a den of foxes living under a porch across from my house that had become severely infected with mange. One of the foxes also had a large wound on its back leg and was limping. They were visible nearly every day, for hours, on residential lawns, itching, limping and suffering. Although half a dozen neighbours, including myself, ended up contacting both TWC and OSPCA for advice and help, Markham has officially contracted OSPCA to deal with these cases.

TWC respectfully monitored the situation from afar over the next six weeks as OSPCA tried over and over again to unsuccessfully capture the sick foxes. My calls to OSPCA made me feel like I was a burden on their system and finally in mid September I was told that they were giving up on the case because, despite continuing constant calls from people in our area, they no longer felt warranted in sending out officers because they felt that a successful capture seemed hopeless, and it was taking away from other animal cases they were dealing with.

We, as neighbours, were devastated because we knew that a cold winter would be fatal to the foxes due to hair loss, infection and hypothermia. Upon learning the OSPCA had given up, TWC sprang into action and arranged to have their rescue team come out. This rescue team is absolutely incredible, as anyone who has enjoyed watching TVO's City Wildlife Rescue series can attest. Andrew and Stacey blocked off all the exits to the porch den, and Andrew popped two floorboards and crawled under the porch and pulled out the foxes. Within less than an hour, they were safely crated and on their way to the wildlife hospital! This was after nearly six weeks of half-hearted attempts by OSPCA that I witnessed personally. After the foxes were treated over two months, I was invited to attend their release in November and see our efforts to save them come full circle.

TWC is a truly rare organization. They are extremely people oriented. My first call was made late on a Sunday of a long weekend and I left a voicemail on their hotline, not really expecting anyone to contact me right away, but I received a call back less than ten minutes later from a knowledgeable and empathetic staff member who immediately worked with me to set up a plan of action. I was never made to feel like I was bothering them with issues, as had been the experience when various neighbours and myself called OSPCA over the weeks that followed. TWC has the critical skillset (and the bravery and motivation) to make daring rescues, set up safe and effective live traps and properly rehabilitate and then release our beloved Canadian wildlife, caring for species both large and small. Not to mention they are fantastic ambassadors and educators on how the public can successfully live alongside wildlife.



Please, please help them establish a permanent home in Rouge Park. I'm 43 years old, and have never found a wildlife/animal organization that has impressed me as much as TWC has. In many ways, they've restored my faith in humanity and the pure goodness in charitable organizations. They can truly make an immediate and visible impact in our communities. The emotional angst of watching sick, injured and orphaned animals struggle alongside us is real, and having a reliable and public-friendly organization to turn to is vital. Organizations like OSPCA are well equipped to deal with domestic animals like cats and dogs, but wildlife (especially the rescues and capture) requires a very specific specialized skillset and knowledge-base that only TWC has. Please help them grow and thrive.

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,  
Kristine Vajda

## Item 7.94.

**From:** s f <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre: rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

### Dear Members of the TRCA

The Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) is an wonderful organization that has done a tremendous job rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife which have been injured, ill or orphaned. Unfortunately this is happening more frequently through our encroachment into their habitats, and vice versa and these cases will only increase with further urban sprawl.

I would like to thank you  
for <https://www.facebook.com/torontowildlifecentre/videos/392726204640452?s=100002078672942&v=e&sfns=mosupporting> TWC by providing the long-term use of land for a permanent home. The current TWC building is in poor condition and identifying TWC as a priority project for 2020 budget with an allocation of \$20 million would make a huge difference to their goal of \$30 million needed for a new rescue, rehabilitation and education facility.

I believe wholeheartedly in the important work that they do which is why I am a TWC monthly donor. This video is an example of their amazing work. They were able to help Universal Studios in Los Angeles with stranded goslings.  
<https://www.facebook.com/torontowildlifecentre/videos/392726204640452?s=100002078672942&v=e&sfns=mo>

Thank you for your time  
Shan Fong

## Item 7.95.

**From:** Mary Lee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:12 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New Facilities

I thoroughly support the motion that councillors Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath put forward to put the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a top priority in TRCA's 2020 budget. As well, The Toronto Wildlife Centre should have its new home at the Toronto Rouge National Park. It's the only organisation of its kind and deserves all the support it can get. They do such a fabulous job in looking after all wildlife. What an exciting place the new Centre will be for children to visit. Such a learning experience.

Thank you for your attention to this email and for making a new home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority in your mandate.

Yours truly  
Mary Lee

## Item 7.96.

**From:** ALEXANDRA EVANS <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:10 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I write to as a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I have been a proud supporter of theirs for many years now.

As a monthly donor, I was invited a few years ago to take advantage of their "Open House" weekend. An opportunity to visit the whole Centre and see where my donations were going.

To this day, one of the most amazing moments of my life.

I was completely gobsmacked. Here, in this older remote building no animal was turned away. Pigeons, raccoons, foxes, birds. You name it, they were all being helped, fixed and loved back to health and then rehabilitated back into the wild.

My friend and I were lucky to have Nathalie Carvonen as our guide that afternoon. For an hour we spent walking the grounds in utter amazement. On the way out we witnessed an opossum being operated on. He was shot by a pellet gun, and in his weakened state mauled by a dog. We saw the X-rays and the doctor trying to save this poor animal's life.

The funding needed to relocate TWC to a new and updated facility is why I write you today.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I also wholeheartedly support the TRCA in its efforts to help establish a permanent, larger, new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

If I can help with anything in regards to this funding for this unbelievable organization, please contact me,

Sincerely  
Alexandra Evans

## Item 7.97.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Please make Toronto Wildlife Centre's new home a priority

My guess is that most people never have the pleasure of working with or meeting anyone from Toronto Wildlife. I have had that pleasure twice - once for a very ill mother racoon (she and babies made it) and for a beautiful migrating bird (turns out it was an American Woodcock).

The Toronto Wildlife provides an important service to Toronto and surrounding area and deserves to have a permanent home with proper facilities as due the creatures that come into their care. Having such a group makes for a better place and gives people an opportunity to get to know wildlife and share a moment of kindness in a far too busy world.

I was thrilled when I learned that there was an opportunity for Toronto Wildlife to move to Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park as you could not ask for a more dedicated group. Without hesitation I support:

- the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and
- the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Just think of how much more they can accomplish with this opportunity.

Cheryl & Tony Costa,

## Item 7.98.

**From:** Ashley Seki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA to support TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, Mr. John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I'm an Account Manager at Corus Entertainment, and my company's building is located on the waterfront. We are frequently visited by many different walks of animal life. Annually, we have a family of ducks that nest on our 6<sup>th</sup> floor roof top patio. Each year, without fail, the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** comes to their rescue after the ducklings have hatched. Without the **Toronto Wildlife Centre**, these ducklings would starve, as they cannot fly off the roof! Corus Entertainment employees (roughly 5000) all know and love this story, and look forward to the annual duckling rescue each year. Each and every one of our hearts are touched by the selfless acts the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** commits, to not only Corus Entertainment, but to all of Toronto.

We implore you to grant this incredible charity the support they need to help, educate and inspire Canadians to save our wildlife.

Thank you,  
Ashley

## Item 7.99.

**From:** Jonathan and Rosemary Oliver <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC Permanent Home  
**Attachments:** Mute swan Frenchman's Bay.JPG; Injured wing.JPG; Mute swan release Frenchman;s Bay.JPG; Trumpeter swan release.jpg; Red bellied woodpecker after release.jpg

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

We strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a new and permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

We appreciate the motion by Glen De Baeremaker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath that Toronto Wildlife Centre be considered as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

We have had many very positive interactions with TWC and can't say enough to commend their amazing work. The staff are caring, professional and always ready to assist, advise, educate and help, however difficult the situation, time of day or weather conditions. From the front line rescue team and the welcome received when visiting the Centre, to the skilled and dedicated medical team, support staff and volunteers, everyone works together with energy and dedication.

Their work is of the greatest importance in this geographic area, as the impact of human activity can be very detrimental to wildlife. Their ability to rescue, rehabilitate and safely release the vast numbers of injured creatures that pass through their doors is such an important role and makes a significant impact in the chain of life.

May we tell you briefly about a couple of the situations that we have been involved with and have called upon TWC to help us?

Red Bellied Woodpecker

We enjoy watching a wide variety of birds at our feeders. One rather special daily visitor to our feeders is a male Red Bellied Woodpecker. One day we were heartbroken to find that he had crashed into some glass sliding doors and lay injured in the snow with blood coming from his beak. We called TWC who said that, as there was bleeding, would we be able to bring him in to their centre. The staff at TWC were wonderful. They checked him out, put him in an oxygen chamber and gave him antibiotics. Next day they called to say that he was doing really well. He had been in the flight cage, seemed to have recovered and was ready for collection. We returned to Downsview to get him. He was released in our garden and has never looked back. We have been delighted to see that the blood line has been successfully continued with a partner and young coming to our feeders each successive year.

### Trumpeter Swan

Trumpeter Swans have made their home in Frenchman's Bay for many years. In 2016 they nested as usual and produced four cygnets. Sadly one of the cygnets suffered the neglect of a fisherman and became entangled in discarded fishing line. We observed its distress, called TWC and their skilled rescue team caught the cygnet and transported it to Downsview. The cygnet was found to have a fishing hook deeply embedded in its leg with much line attached, which required skilled surgery to remove. Following two weeks of rehabilitation it was time for release. The family was tracked and the cygnet was transported in its crate to a spot close by. When the door was opened the cygnet came out, carefully surveyed its surroundings and majestically made its way down to the shoreline to join its waiting family.

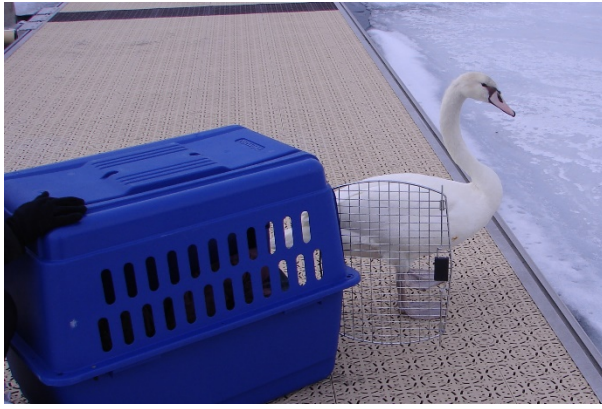
Attached are a few photos involving TWC rescues and releases

We live in Pickering and are looking forward to volunteering with TWC when they are re-located nearer to where we live. We are long-time supporters of TWC and are most grateful for all the work they do.

We sincerely hope that the TRCA see this project as something that pairs up well with the great work that they do. Living close to the mouth of the Rouge River we appreciate all the great work that the TRCA have done on habitat restoration, wildlife protection and native plantings. We applaud both organizations for taking positive steps towards addressing important environmental issues and we hope that by working together, a new TWC home can become a reality in the very near future.

Sincerely,  
Rosemary & Jonathan Oliver





## Item 7.100.

**From:** Catherine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

I am writing in support of Toronto Region Conservation Authority in its efforts to establish a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As well, I support the motion to identify TWC as a priority project going forward.

We are desperately in need of a permanent home for injured or abandoned wildlife. Many years ago, I was living in Port Credit and I found a very small, disoriented raccoon by the side of the road. I did not have a cell phone to call TWC, but I did have a cardboard box, in which I placed this sad little guy and drove to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. They accepted the raccoon without question, but this baby raccoon had distemper and, sadly, had to be put down. However, had TWC not existed, I really don't know what I would have done. Certainly, that poor animal would have died a terrible death.

With the recent news that a million of the planet's species are threatened, we must do everything in our power to help and preserve the ones that we can. Also, taking children to this centre is a great way to build compassion in our youth. And get them off their devices!!!!

Many thanks,  
Catherine Osborne

## Item 7.101.

**From:** Kathryn Robinson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of Toronto Wildlife

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I have been a recent volunteer with the Toronto Wildlife Center in the nursery division to help sick and orphaned baby animals. Like many others, I am passionate about preserving life. Having the privilege to volunteer with TWC, it has opened my eyes to just how vital their services are.

At my place of work, two baby bunnies were left at our building as they appeared to be orphaned. I tried to take care of them on my own but realized I knew very little about wildlife care. I had them for two nights before making the move to take them to the TWC. I was so relieved and thankful for their services and wanted to give back by volunteering. It was such a beautiful and rewarding experience and I saw the love and commitment that the staff had to making a positive impact. Now, colleagues at work will bring me sick and injured animals to take the TWC and I know that many are in much better hands and have a much higher probability of survival in the care of TWC.

I am therefore writing this email to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10) and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,  
Kathryn Johnston

## Item 7.102.

**From:** GAIL BERGER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello: I am a long time supporter of The Toronto Wildlife Centre. It is an amazing place to have in our city. I am an animal lover and have brought many little wild critters to the centre for care. The last time was 3 young squirrels that I noticed on the road while driving by. I saw movement on the road and doubled back to check it out. There were 3 very young squirrels on the roadway. One squirrel attached itself to my shoe. I managed to catch another one and the 3rd squirrel ran under a parked car. I knocked on the door of a stranger and asked for help. A lovely young man came out and crawled under the car and scooped up this baby squirrel. I had a zippered cooler bag in my trunk and I put the babies

in the bag and drove right to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. They took the babies into their care and I knew they would be safe.

Ours is a world class city and we deserve a world class centre to care for our many different wild critters. We, as a wonderful city to live in and enjoy, need the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to allocate the necessary funds that will allow for the construction of a permanent centre that will continue to help wildlife. The construction of the new Wildlife Centre needs to be a priority since the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to all citizens of our great city. Caring for all inhabitants of Toronto only adds to our city being a wonderful and desirable place to live in. I hope you will identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Sincerely, (Mrs.) Gail Berger

## Item 7.103.

**From:** Michael Visser <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Members of the TRCA board,

I am writing to ask for your help in funding a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

As we expand our human presence in the Toronto region we are inadvertently causing harm to so many of the wild creatures who share our environment.

Many of our creations, our buildings and infrastructure, damage animals who don't understand how our constructed world works. The Wildlife Centre does heroic work in saving and treating these animals.

My wife and I have taken several injured animals to the Wildlife Centre and have always been impressed by the care they receive from the staff.

A permanent home for this organization in the Rouge Park would be a wonderful facility to help these injured animals, one that is badly needed.

I can't think of a better use of my tax money than this project and I sincerely hope you will agree to make this a priority project in the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you,  
Michael Visser

## Item 7.104.

**From:** Ben Levi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:51 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** ATTN: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE TRCA BOARD C/O JOHN MACKENZIE, TRCA SECRETARY/TREASURER



Dear Mr. Mackenzie

I am writing this email to inform you that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4). And I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I, myself, am a monthly donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre, ever since my first visit several years ago when I brought them a turtle that had been hit by a car and needed emergency medical care. I was so impressed with their facility and their devotion to helping wildlife, that I have been supporting them every since. And I hope you will too.

Many thanks,  
Janet Levi

## Item 7.105.

From: Shirley Eikhard <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:47 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Permanent Home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie, I am a long time supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and I enthusiastically support the TRCA in its efforts to help the TWC establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also support the motion (compassionately made by Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath) to identify the TWC as a PRIORITY PROJECT for TRCA's 2020 budget.

With the growth of the GTA, bringing with it increased unfortunate wildlife interactions with humans on road ways, through loss of habitat, etc. a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre is needed now more than ever.

Over the years, I have personally taken turtles with broken shells and wounded birds to their current facility, and left with peace of mind, knowing these poor creatures would receive the best of care from people who are dedicated to their cause and committed to helping them whatever way they can. Bravo to Natalie Karvonen and her staff! Stories like mine must list in the thousands upon thousands now and with a much expanded facility, the TWC can help even more.

I respectfully urge you to allocate the \$20 million towards construction of the new facility.  
Thank you for your time, Shirley Eikhard (singer / songwriter)

## Item 7.106.

From: Lu-Anne Marsh <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:42 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Rouge National Urban Park

- I am writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish their permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4) I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget
- As a nature/animal lover, I fully support Toronto Wildlife Centre and all they do for animals. They turn nothing away and are far and above most deserving of their new home. There will be so much more space for their staff and volunteers to carry out all the important duties associated with this type of work, not to mention much more space for wildlife to recuperate. Their goal of \$30 million would be more within reach if you would allocate \$20 million to them. As a child growing up on a farm, my brother found orphaned baby raccoons and we weaned them and raised them until they were old enough to find their way in the world as adults. I understand how lucky we were to have the land to do this. This was only 4 baby raccoons. Imagine how many more TWC sees in a single week... they really require the space especially as their current location is going to be demolished at the end of this year. Please find it in your hearts to allocate these monies towards their cause. All TWC supporters could not possibly raise this amount of money, so it is up to you to help as much as possible.

Sincerely  
Lu-Anne Marsh

## Item 7.107.

**From:** Michael Viechweg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:41 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre New Home

Mr. Mackenzie,

I am a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and I strongly support its effort to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). As such I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am Professional Engineer in Ontario and in the past I was a very active volunteer at the Centre helping to fix their existing facilities or assisting in animal rescues or releases. These days I don't have much time to help out as I have in the past. Most of my work is in the amusement industry assisting companies register their rides and attractions in a safe manner. Amusement facilities have been flourishing over the past few years and particularly outdoors. As a (semi)former volunteer I always take notice of the wildlife in the area and ask my clients across Ontario about what they do with respect to wildlife interaction. As we expand our experiences and facilities outside I feel it has become more vital to find a secure home for the animals we may injure as we displace their homes.

I hope the vote in budget will be made to support the TWC and bring it to the top of the priority list.  
Michael Viechweg

## Item 7.108.

**From:** Gary MacRae <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:40 PM  
**To:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** I support the TWC !

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I you support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

On many Occasions I have personally used the wildlife center when I've come across squirrels ,raccoons and birds who were in need of help.

Thanks !

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Gary MacRae

## Item 7.109.

**From:** Sabu Mehta <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** 'director@torontowildlifecentre.com'  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 budget

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am taking this opportunity to write and express my strong support for the TRCA to assist the Toronto Wildlife Centre's (TWC) plans to establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP). While wildlife is too often perceived by some as either a nuisance or a 'nice to see' luxury, we forget that a healthy and balanced ecosystem – that benefits all, including humans – is only as strong as the weakest link. Given the unprecedented challenges and pressure on our native wildlife from unremitting urbanisation, habitat destruction and changing weather patterns, we need to do our utmost in helping injured wildlife be treated, rehabilitated and restored to their natural environs. Let us be clear, this benefits not just them but us too. We need a resilient wildlife population to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

My wife and I want to see a healthy and sustainable environment for this and future generations of GTA residents and that is why we have put our money where our mouths are by contributing to the TWC's new wildlife centre. Mr. Mackenzie – this is a critical time for wildlife as it is under assault everywhere we turn; the TRCA can help take a stand in helping it remain a vital part of a thriving GTA. Dare I say that we can show the world a new path forward, where growth does not have to come at the expense of natural wildlife. Please make the TWC's new home in the RNUP a priority project in the upcoming TRCA 2020 budget.

This is a glorious opportunity to show future generations that when the time came for momentous decisions to be made concerning a balanced and resilient environment, there were concerned Canadians that stood up and did the right thing in 2019!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Subhash Mehta

## Item 7.110.

**From:** Cody MacRae <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:06 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I am writing this email to you today, to voice my opinions on what is happening with our city and the future of establishing a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre! The TRCA has already been supportive in providing the long term use of land to build a, desperately needed ( amazing) home at the Rouge National Urban Park! I urge the continued support of TRCA on Friday the 24th of May, to use their powers and our tax money to fully support a 20 million dollar funding for the construction of a new permanent home for animals in desperate need. Currently as an avid supporter of helping animals that I find in need, it would make me extremely happy to see this funding move forward! As an avid lover of our great city, it is amazing to see the work the TWC does with the treatment, rehabilitation, care, and passion towards sick, injured and orphaned wildlife!

In short, I fully support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the 2020 TRCA budget!

Thanks,  
Cody MacRae

## Item 7.111.

**From:** GLENDA NOTA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:08 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you so much, Glenda Nota

## Item 7.112.

**From:** Joanne Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:03 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [executivedirector@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:executivedirector@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you so much, Joanne Smith

## Item 7.113.

**From:** Ray Husain <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [director@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:director@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) - TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

- I know that TRCA has been very supportive of TWC moving to their planned new home in Rouge Urban National Park.
- I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- And I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a resident of Toronto I fully support TWC. And a great city like Toronto needs TWC. I urge you in your decision on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 to fully allocate \$20m towards the construction of TWC new home.

With Gratitude  
Ray Husain

## Item 7.114.

From: Wendy Grant <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:47 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecenter.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre Support

Hello to the Chair and Members of the TRCA board;

I would like to extend my support of the TCRA in the efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (Agenda Item EX 10.4) I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you  
Wendy Grant

## Item 7.115.

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:45 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: TWC

Hello,

You can be a super hero.

- **you support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **you support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I personally asked for their help and they were courteous. We, Toronto need this facility for the living creatures that depend on us. It would be world renowned spectacular facility.

Won't you be kind and give your approval for this wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre.

Thanks

June Wilson

## Item 7.116.

**From:** Kathryn Penwill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I understand that the TRCA will be meeting next Friday May 24th to discuss the possibility of the Toronto Wildlife Centre establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (I believe this is TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I wanted to express my strong support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's bid to establish this crucial resource. More specifically, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank-you for your time in reading my message. I urge you to support Glenn De Baeremaeker's motion in order to ensure that this important service is established in an extremely appropriate location.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Penwill

## Item 7.117.

**From:** Kristen I. McMartin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre's home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to express my utmost support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I admire the work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to help sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. People do not realize how much wildlife there actually is around the Toronto area - and wildlife was there before humans moved into their territory. I see wildlife every night (and also during the daytime) and am thankful that there is a place where this population can receive quality medical care.

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

If we call ourselves a civilized society, we morally owe wildlife the respect they deserve, which includes quality medical care for the original wildlife inhabitants we crowded out and built over.

Kind regards,  
Kristen McMartin

## Item 7.118.

**From:** HARLEY MILLER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Wildlife Center

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Please lend your support on behalf of Toronto Wildlife by allocation of \$20 million to build a wildlife and rehabilitation center within the Rouge National Urban Park.

Our wildlife is being under pressure to ensure help with recuse and rehabilitation of our wildlife species that are slowly becoming extinct. We are in this world all a part of everything and must do our utmost to defend this principle.

Yours truly;

Harley A. Miller

## Item 7.119.

**From:** Antonia Zerbisias <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Ever hear baby racoons screaming for their mother?



*I have. It's a heart-wrenching sound, especially when you know that the mother is now roadkill.*

*Only the unique Toronto Wildlife Centre can -- and did -- save the day. -- Antonia*

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I totally appreciate the work that TRCA does to protect our watershed. In fact, my 1973 condo, of which I am president, is partially within TRCA bounds and that's allowing us to fend off development near us on Broadview Avenue.

But I am now writing in support of the TRCA's in its efforts to help TWC establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Please also convey my support to former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath so that the TWC becomes a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you!

**Antonia Zerbisias**  
**Writer | Journalist | Media Socialite**

## Item 7.120.

**From:** Hugh&Lisa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:34 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre at Rouge National Urban Park

Hello, we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Wildlife in the GTA has a difficult time surviving the hustle and bustle of cars, people and development. We should be doing everything to can to help it survive and thrive. We need an organization like the Toronto Wildlife Centre to help with this. Please do everything you can to make sure the Centre can continue to operate in the GTA.

Lisa Kerr

## Item 7.121.

**From:** Rob and Christine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:38 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

- I am a supporter of **the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Please vote for the animals! Thanks.

Sincerely,

Christine Woodley

## Item 7.122.

**From:** Walters Family <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

I urge you to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the upcoming vote on May 24, 2019.

The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to me.

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Best regards  
 Ron Walters

## Item 7.123.

**From:** Lisa Kramer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:55 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Please support TRCA agenda item EX10.4

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

Re: Support for TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

I am a long-time resident of Toronto who is writing to urge you to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am so grateful that the TRCA has allowed TWC to build a permanent home at the Rouge National Urban Park. Now I am asking you to ensure their move is successful by allocating the much-needed \$20 million dollar infusion to the project.

Wildlife in Toronto face so many threats, and there is really no other organization in the area that is able to help the way TWC does every day of the year. TWC helps not only the animals themselves but also helps educate and reduce the mental anguish of humans who strive to minimize harm to wild animals.

In my own life, there have been about a half dozen occasions when I have encountered a wild animal that, it turned out, needed direct care from TWC. Volunteers at their support line offered phone advice and then instructed me how to safely transport the animals to their facility where veterinarians and clinicians rehabilitated the animals and released them back into the wild.

TWC also provides resources to help people know when it's best not to intervene with wildlife. There have been many times that I have consulted their web site to figure out whether, for example, a baby bird is in distress or whether instead I should keep a watchful eye to learn whether their parents are still managing to care for their baby without help.

I have pointed friends, neighbours, and acquaintances to TWC dozens and dozens of times so they too could learn whether animals they encountered needed assistance (or so they could learn how to minimize or eliminate conflict with wildlife). And I know of many children who have been captivated by TWC's educational outreach.

Overall, TWC is an indispensable resource in our community. They do so much with so little. Let's support them in this initiative to become better for the long run.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kramer, PhD

## Item 7.124.

**From:** Colleen Clancy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:59 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Possible Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary Treasurer

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I understand the Toronto Wildlife Centre could have a permanent and stable home in the Rouge National Urban Park, but it has not yet been made a top priority.

As a long time donor and supporter and animal lover, I urge you to please, please, please make the Toronto Wildlife Centre the top priority . Rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the GTA is becoming more and more important as the city develops, sprawls and expands. More and more tall buildings along the migration flyway alone, cause so much damage to our travelling feathered friends; with only a few surviving being taken to TWC by kind volunteers. More and more wildlife within the city because of ravines is nice to see on one hand but so many are either hurt intentionally or accidentally and need some place for them to try to recuperate. Without TWC so many would perish. With a permanent, stable home TWC would be able to raise more money by private donors, perhaps get provincial or federal funding as well.

I have seen TWC at work on several occasions. I volunteered for a few short weeks with their hot line and I was so surprised to see how incredibly (unfortunately) busy they were and it wasn't even spring time their busiest time. Staff were so dedicated and caring especially their wonderful rescuers. Having a permanent home would make their lives easier too. There would be better facilities, more room and especially outreach for education so students could perhaps appreciate nature more and take better care of our environment - another wonderful cause!

I urge you to continue to support the idea of giving TWC a permanent home and support totally Glen De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath's motion to identify TWC as the top priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a monthly donor of TWC and as a resident of Toronto and taxpayer, I count on you to help such a worthy cause - TWC to help the hundreds of creatures that pass through their doors. Those creatures can't speak for themselves . They are innocent victims of dwelling too close to city life and make our lives a better place. They deserve every chance they can to survive and with a permanent home, TWC can help do that.

Thank you.  
Colleen Clancy

## Item 7.125.

**From:** Sid Ghosh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** RE: Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) - TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Hello to everyone concerned at the TRCA Board and to John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I just wanted to take the time to bring to your attention that I support the TRCA in your effort to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I thank you for the continuing help the city and the TRCA have given to the TWC and I hope these final steps also get your full support!

I'd also like to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC does tremendous work and they are a shining example of the goodwill and good heart of the city of Toronto. In a time of rapid climate change and the destruction of our biomes, the new TWC will not only help save the lives of countless animal friends but also be of immense educational support for young generations who are learning to appreciate the beauty and importance of the natural world. They should have a priority in your 2020 budget...I cannot think of more important project than this!

Thank you for reading this email and for your time and I look forward to a positive result on this matter.

Have a good day!

**Sid Ghosh**

## **Item 7.126.**

From: REINHARD LEHMANN <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:45 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: TRCA Agenda Item Ex 10.4

To: Chair and Members of TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I totally support the TRCA to help Toronto Wildlife in establishing a Permanent home in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park.

I furthermore, Support the motion by former Toronto Councillor, Jack Health, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre a PRIORTY for the TRCA's 2020 Budget!!

I have contacted the Toronto Wildlife centre with respect to a nest of squirrels on our deck. They guided me through the steps and provided the pertinent information to protect and save the squirrels from a most certain death.

A family of five squirrels were born and with our cooperation as instructed by the TRCA they all survived and left the nest as healthy babies able to make their to a new life. Thank you, Thank you to the support and knowledge and dedication of the staff to help us.

I have also contacted the TRCA with regard to a injured seagull and they provided excellent support to help the bird.

I am in full Support of the TRCA establishing a home in the Rouge Valley National Urban Park!  
Please do see this most Important Action in the 2020 Budget.  
We are requesting your Urgent attention to this matter.

Thank you,  
Patricia Lehmann

## **Item 7.127.**

From: LAURENCE CUDLIP <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 8:21 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Nathalie Karvonen  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre New Home

Dear Chair and members of the TRCA

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a one of a kind and important part of conservation in the GTA. Your support of their new facility would be greatly appreciated. It is a much needed agency that serves the city and surrounding area. A number of years ago, they were the only service that would come out when I called to Frenchman's Bay to pick up and care for an injured beaver that was plainly in distress. As our cities grow larger and encroach on wildlife and their homes, it is important to have a resource for the public to turn to and a sanctuary for those in need. Please support the motion to fund the TWC in your 2020 budget.

Thank you so much,  
Sally and Larry Cudlip

## Item 7.128.

**From:** Wendy Mills <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** The Toronto Wildlife Centre Funding

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre provides a critical service to countless injured and orphaned wildlife in our city. They also provide important education to taxpayers on how to best share our city with wildlife and what to do when we come across injured or orphaned animals.

I have personally dealt with Toronto Wildlife Centre on several occasions including when I found an injured pigeon in the middle of a busy downtown street, when a dog attacked a nest of baby rabbits near my home and when a sick raccoon was on my property. In each instance I was given great support and information over the phone on what to do and when I delivered the animals to the Centre I was amazed at the good work they do there and the huge number of animals the rescue and return to the wild whenever possible.

Please help them Toronto Wildlife Centre to continue to do their amazing work!!

Kind Regards,

Wendy Mills

## Item 7.129.

**From:** Cathy Pearson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Sick, injured and orphaned wildlife are very important to me!!!

So much so, that I included the Toronto Wildlife Centre in my personal Will.

I realize that there is a big decision to be made on May 24 and wanted you to know that I support your efforts to help the TWC establish a PERMANENT home in the Rouge National Urban Park which is Agenda Item EX10.4. I also support the motion to identify TWC as a priority project for your organizations budget for 2020 - put forward by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Jack Heath of Markham.

It amazes me what TWC does in our midst... I love getting their emails with the videos - especially of rescues of tiny vulnerable baby animals. Bless them for helping so many precious forms of wildlife that otherwise might not survive. They deserve much recognition. Please support their work with your vote.

thank you!  
Cathy Pearson

## Item 7.130.

**From:** alyssa.mackie1 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Rouge Park funding

Hello,

I'm a current volunteer with TWC. I truly believe in the work we do, but only to care for sick and injured animals, but in educating the voting public on how to react to animals in distress in their yards and workplaces. The current building for TWC is in a state of incredible disrepair, and we urgently need a new headquarters to keep Toronto's urban greenspace thriving in harmony with the public. Please help us help our ecosystem, by helping us better care for animals and engage with people.

Alyssa Mackie

## Item 7.131.

**From:** Anne-Marie Bundgard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of TRCA c/o John Mackenzie,

I am a Toronto resident. Thank you for supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre in its efforts to establish a permanent home in the Rouge park. I fully support Councillors De Baeremaeker and Heath's motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I have been helped twice with injured birds by very courteous and responsive staff from the Toronto Wildlife Centre. However, the biggest reason I support this as a priority project is because such a centre would be a beautiful and strong statement about how much we care about nature. It would be a gift to the the younger generation and would let children experience how wonderful wild animals are. Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,  
Anne-Marie Bundgard

## Item 7.132.

**From:** Carole Gray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

This is to advise you that I strongly support the TRCA and its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Additionally I also strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is so important and for the sake of our wildlife this needs to happen.

Carole Gray

## Item 7.133.

**From:** Steven Colin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I'm writing this email to commend the TRCA in their assistance with the establishment of a much needed permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Center in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).



I also strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a former employee of TWC I can attest to the need for a proper facility. I can also attest to the dedication shown and the daily sacrifices made by the staff of TWC at every level. Despite their sometimes dreary surroundings, they manage to remain positive and continually strive for excellence.

I believe providing medical care to the most vulnerable, innocent, and voiceless segment of our environment's population is not only a moral responsibility, but also essential in providing humanity with a greater sense of dignity, so thank you again for all you've done and will hopefully continue to do for TWC.

Sincerely,  
Steven Colin

## Item 7.134.

**From:** Donald Lamont <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Cc:** adlamont@primus.ca  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Permanent Home In Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park - John Mackenzie

Dear Chair And Members Of The TRCA Board,

I support TRCA's efforts to establish a permanent home in the Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I also support the motion by Toronto Councillor Glen de Baeremaker and Markham Councillor John Heath to make TRCA a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The Toronto Wildlife Centre plays a critical role in helping injured animals in the Toronto area, and it is a good idea for the TRCA to have a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

Sincerely,  
Donald Lamont

## Item 7.135.

**From:** Nia ... [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:45 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - New Home at Rouge Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie,

I would just like to share my experience with the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) and how much I support and am excited for the TRCA's efforts to help provide the TWC with a bigger and better home at Rouge Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I've always appreciated and loved animals and it wasn't until I started volunteering at TWC as a Nursery Assistant that my passion for rehabilitating wildlife has grown and the admiration for staff and volunteers that taught me the knowledge provided me very important experience towards what goes into properly

rehabilitating orphaned baby animals has made me realize how important helping and preserving wildlife is for our community.

Some days were tough (when we find some babies that are very ill) and some days were rewarding (when we see babies thrive and grow), but I know every time I go there to volunteer I know everyone is always putting their best efforts forward and everyone is happy to be there. The current building is definitely aging and everyone is doing their best by keeping it in the best shape possible, but from all my volunteering opportunities there hasn't been an institution like the TWC that is more deserving of a new facility so they can continue to do what they do best and offer more services and education to the public on how we can all help to support and help wildlife as we share our homes with them.

I remember picking up an injured squirrel, the founder was quite concerned but had no mode of transportation to bring the squirrel to TWC. I volunteered to drive it there. Unfortunately I received an update from TWC that the squirrel didn't survive as it's injuries were too extensive but I knew they did all they can to assess and ensure that they did all they can. I've also picked up a pigeon on the way and I heard that it did well and was on its way to recovery.

When I volunteered as a Nursery Assistant at TWC it was quite the learning experience. It was a lot to take in but it was also necessary to ensure that these orphaned babies have the best chance of survival. The amount of detail they put in to ensure that they replicate the wild (adding leaves into the babies cages) and to make sure the babies feel like they're home (inserting a heat pad under half the cage with a little box to burrow and blanket to hide in) just shows how much TWC wants these animals to be properly cared for and to be able to be rehabilitated back into the wild. It was always something I looked forward to every Sunday morning.

With that said, I'd like to voice out my support from former Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Jack Heath to prioritize the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a high priority project for TRCA's F20 Budget. As much as many people take wildlife for granted, they also acknowledge and are reminded that we share our home/land with them. As humans have hospitals, they too should have their own hospital as they depend on us to help and heal them when they get injured. Relocating to Rouge Park would be an amazing opportunity to give TWC more space and more opportunities to help more animals than they currently can (not enough real estate!).

The staff and volunteers at TWC always want to do more and help more. We all love our wildlife and would want to continue to give them their best chance of survival when they're hurt.

Thank You for taking time to read this email, as you can see I am very excited and I hope that TWC will get the new home that they deserve so much.

Thank You,

Sonia Chan

## Item 7.136.

**From:** Jill Krasnicki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:36 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** please support Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear John,

My name is Jill and I own two busy restaurants in downtown Toronto. I am writing this short email in hopes to express the importance of funding the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

The people of Toronto are animal lovers. TWC helps people help animals and that's an incredible resource for this city to have. I know that I, myself, have found animals in need over the years and have always felt immense relief knowing that help and guidance is only a phone call away.

Toronto Wildlife Centre is not only a rehabilitation centre but an educational force as well. This is something not many cities have and we should be proud to lead the way, showing other cities the importance of taking responsibility for the world around us.

In general, people are becoming more concerned about the welfare of animals. It's a step in the right direction to invest money into preserving and caring for our wildlife.

Thank you for your time.  
Jill Krasnicki

## Item 7.137.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

We feel lucky to live in mid-town Toronto, where right in our backyard we get to see a wide range of wild life, from tiny chipmunks and baby rabbits to coyote and deer families. This spring we are seeing amazing diversity in bird population - including an early visit from a hummingbird this week!

**Supporting wild life in our urban environment is extremely important to us:**

- **we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **we support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget**

Best regards  
Tatjana and Darko Kolakovic

## Item 7.138.

**From:** Amanda Ashford <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:11 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Hi there,

I understand a decision is slated to be made next week on funding to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a new home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I'd like to express my support for the TWC and my hope that the city will recognize the value and uniqueness of the Centre and its effect on our immediate environment and the individuals which have such a strong connection to the wildlife in our area (we are many, and passionate).

Having been a volunteer at TWC, and also a supporter of its activities, I can attest that the work being done is inspiring and also educational in terms of preventing future wildlife injuries through basic knowledge sharing and helpful resources. They are also doing a lion's share of work, compared to other cities and municipalities which often have multiple organizations tackling the scope of work that the TWC handles on a daily basis.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Many thanks for your time.  
Amanda

Amanda Ashford

## Item 7.139.

**From:** Jeanne McKie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre new location

To Chair and Members TRCA Board:

As a long-time supporter of TWC and the powerful assistance they provide in the protection, treatment, and preservation of the wildlife whose homes our city has invaded, I ask for your support in their continuing efforts to build new facilities in The Rouge.

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you for your support

Sincerely,  
Jeanne McKie

## Item 7.140.

**From:** Marianne Orr <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Let's Make the Protection of Wildlife a Priority

TO: The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
 c/o Mr. John Mackenzie, Secretary/Treasurer

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a proud supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (the "TWC"). My support is the result of direct contact with the TWC. I have asked them for help on the phone and have actually taken wildlife to them for care. I have seen the facilities they operate out of and I am amazed that they can actually carry out their world class work in such conditions. They are under pressure to help growing numbers of affected wildlife and frequently have to restrict the numbers and types of wildlife they can help. I myself have had to travel north of Bolton to find help for orphaned squirrels. Rehab facilities licenced by the MNR and Forestry are few and far between.

I live in Brampton and am a strong supporter of private organizations that strive to help sick and injured wild creatures. We have no public agencies that carry out this urgent work. My tax dollars would be well spent if we did have such a public agency. Instead, the work falls on the shoulders of organizations like the TWC.

The TWC needs a proper home. Why? Because sick, injured and orphaned wildlife need their help. And because in this fast-paced, increasingly brutish world, we ourselves need the serenity that a nearness to nature and wildlife brings.

I think that all of you know that urbanization exacts a heavy price on wildlife. I think you also appreciate the value that wildlife brings to an urban setting. Otherwise our official plans would not protect natural corridors and places of refuge such as swamps and meadowlands.

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help the TWC build a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park. I am advised that item EX10.4 on the May 24<sup>th</sup> agenda is applicable.

I also support the motion made by Messrs. De Baeremaeker and Heath to identify the TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The TRCA and the TWC will be setting a first class example for other metropolitan areas to follow. The animals need this. We need this.

Thank you for considering the plight of wildlife in our communities.

Regards,  
Marianne Orr

## Item 7.141.

**From:** Mario Ostrowski. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:02 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

- **Dear TRCA**
- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**
- **I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**I have had great experience with the Toronto Wildlife centre, for eg i once rescued a baby raccoon in the winter and they guided me on management in addition TWC does incredible work for our animal cousins.**

Mario Ostrowski M.D.

## Item 7.142.

**From:** Lucy Gervasi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:00 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

**Good morning Mr. Mackenzie,**

**I recently joined the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a volunteer for the Squirrel Nursery. Although I have not been a volunteer for very long, it was very obvious to me that there is a tremendous need for additional facilities to help our furry and feathered friends. Accordingly, I support whole-heartedly the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I**

support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With the heightened level of construction throughout the GTA and beyond, whether it be road, transit, residential and commercial development, the impact to our wildlife has and will continue to be harmful. It is our civic and humane responsibility to rescue, care and treat the sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

I trust that Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will make the right decision for our wildlife to make this project a priority for funding.

Regards,  
Lucy Gervasi, CPA, CA

## Item 7.143.

**From:** Sandra <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:38 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Sandra Morel  
**Subject:** TRCA AGENDA ITEM EX10.4

Good morning,

This email is addressed to Mr. Glen De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath

This item number EX 10.4 should definitely be a priority. The Toronto Wildlife Centre is one of a kind. My husband and I have been over the years been lucky to have them. I can count a dozen times where we have driven down to their facilities with injured wildlife and had been so relieved to know that they would be taken care of. We have donated money yearly to their cause with pleasure.

Toronto needs them and we need to support them 100%. The 20 million dollars should be allocated to them in the 2020 budget so as they can continue and improve the incredible work they do.

The Toronto Rouge National Urban Park is ideal for them. This park not only can be available for people to enjoy but could also serve as an example for rehabilitation of wildlife and education.

Please support them and make The Toronto Wildlife a priority in your 2020 budget.

Thanking you in advance and I look forward to seeing their new facility in this beautiful Rouge National Park.

Sandra Morel

## Item 7.144.

**From:** Maureen Boag <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:12 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I also **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

World renowned wildlife scientists predict since 1970 and by 2020, 2/3 of the world's wildlife will be gone. Canada is not immune to this. Wildlife is mandatory for a healthy ecosystem and we must do our utmost to save them.

In June 2018, I took an injured small black squirrel to TWC. It turned out she was also pregnant. So not only was her life saved, but also her babies. A little known fact about squirrels is that they are responsible for growing a huge percentage of our trees. About 10 years ago I had to find a place for 4 orphaned baby raccoons. TWC was too small and could not take anymore orphans in, so I had to drive 75 KMs to another facility. We have an abundance of wildlife in the GTA and we need to be able to house and care for the sick and injured.

I donate to TWC and have been a Toronto Tax payer since 1972. My family have been Torontonians since 1859. A new Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge Park is where I want my tax dollars to go.

Maureen Boag

## Item 7.145.

**From:** anncoulter anncoulter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

We are writing to support the centre in its new initiatives and the move to Rouge River Park, also to support Mr de Baermakers motion to make the Centre a financial priority in this years budget. We follow the activities of the centre with admiration and are really impressed by the work they do. A friend called about an injured raccoon on her property recently and they came and rescued it, reassuring her that it would get the best treatment. We need this centre to look out for the wildlife of this city because they really are the only ones. They urgently need new premises, so please add our voices to this project and support them as much as they need. They do such an excellent job.

Ann Coulter  
Dorothy Barnett



## Item 7.146.

**From:** Heather Zorzini <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear John Mackenzie and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority,

Thank you for your support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I have been to the facility several times to bring in sick and orphaned animals and the TWC is doing some very important work. Your agreement to provide them with the use of the land long-term to build a fantastic permanent home will help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre and I support this motion. (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

In a world where climate change and urban sprawl are making life challenging for many species, including humans, making wildlife care a priority will help to alleviate some of the collateral damage.

Sincerely,  
Heather Zorzini

## Item 7.147.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** The Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Attachments:** LETTER TO TRCA MAY 2019.docx

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**To:** Ms. Jennifer Innis, Chair of the TRCA,  
and the Members of the TRCA Board,  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

**Re:** Funding for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Ms. Innis, the Members of the TRCA Board, and Mr. Mackenzie

My husband and I are residents of Toronto and we are supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, its staff, and the amazing and invaluable work they do.

I believe that Torontonians truly care about the animals that share their space. Although people are so busy and so rushed, I have seen 4 lanes of traffic come to a complete stop on Bayview Avenue to allow a family of geese to cross.

We watched the TWC team rescue a beautiful red-tailed hawk with a broken wing on Blythwood Road last summer. Their expertise in capturing and caring for that hawk was incredible.

And, when I find injured birds, I take them to the Toronto Wildlife Centre's current facility.

When you find an injured bird or animal, you feel so helpless. But having a safe place to take them for expert treatment is wonderful.

We are so lucky to have the Toronto Wildlife Center!

This new home for the TWC will ensure the continued expert care for the birds, animals and reptiles we love to see in the city. And the educational component will be invaluable in teaching people to appreciate and respect the wild creatures around them.

We applaud your efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

And we support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Your invaluable support will ensure the timely construction of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's new facility and will provide our region's animals with the loving care they need.

Thank you very much.

Markie Cochran and Jonathan Newman

## Item 7.148.

**From:** Ottokar <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 Agenda Item EX10.4

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o Secretary/Treasurer John Mackenzie, TRCA

As occasional donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I have a deep interest in their mission and day-to-day important activities to help and care for God's creatures that live with us in our environment.

I been made aware of the fate of Toronto Wildlife Centre's current home in the near future at the shore of Lake Ontario and I strongly think that they deserve a better, and permanent, location.

They provide their essential services to Toronto, the GTA, and the country, and I will continue to support them as my means allow. Please give a high priority to the subject item.

I fully support the motion by former Councillors Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath as a priority project in the TRCA 2020 budget.

I am convinced of your Board's recognition for the need of a first class decision in this matter.

Thank you very much for your attention.



Ottokar Lang

## Item 7.149.

**From:** John Percy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:09 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** new home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: John Mackenzie and the Board of the TRCA

I am a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and I strongly support the proposal to establish a permanent home for the TWC. By coincidence, I have been watching episodes of a TV series about the TWC on TVO, and this week's episode specifically included material on TWC's history, and the need for a permanent home. By the way: this TV series is one indication of TWC's commitment to public education and outreach.

Before Toronto existed, our indigenous people shared the land with hundreds of species of native wildlife. Like wildlife all over the world, our local wildlife is facing stress and decreasing numbers, yet it is the wildlife that we and our children see first-hand, and can directly relate to -- whether songbirds in our feeders, and the white squirrels in Trinity-Bellwoods. It's part of our culture! TWC does remarkable work in preserving the diverse wildlife we share this city with. TWC is supported by thousands of us Torontonians, and is volunteer-driven. But it needs its premises, and its core staff. The Rouge National Urban Park would be an excellent site -- a wilderness area that is close at hand and accessible.

I therefore strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help the TWC find a permanent home, and the specific motion to identify TWC as a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Yours sincerely,  
John R. Percy

## Item 7.150.

**From:** Adelina Cotognini <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Mr. Mackenzie:

I'm writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Protecting wildlife anywhere ensures human survival. All leading research points to the inevitable decline of human life when species (wildlife or otherwise) becomes extinct. Make the right decision next week to give the Toronto Wildlife Centre the \$20 million for their permanent home, so they can continue to do the amazing work they do.

Do it because all life matters and we're not different in any important way:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQasxDRGQCU&feature=share>

Thank you.

Adelina Cotognini

## Item 7.151.

**From:** Krista McBeth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please prioritize and support the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie,

I'm writing you today to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Humans have had such an impact on our natural environment. It really needs to be a top priority to support the organizations that support our ecosystems. Wild animals are struggling to adapt to human

sprawl. We are removing them, injuring them and ultimately eliminating them through our daily activities at increasing rates.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre has an opportunity to expand its reach by relocating to the Rouge National Urban Park. I would encourage us all and each of you to prioritize this very important initiative to help us preserve our wildlife and our environment.

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Regards,  
Krista McBeth

How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these. - George Washington Carver

## Item 7.152.

**From:** john killackey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:33 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** barbkillackey@sympatico.ca  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

### **RE: Message for you as Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Secretary/Treasurer and for the Chair and Members of the TRCA regarding the Toronto Wildlife Centre Project**

We support the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in your efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

You have already been very supportive of The Toronto Wildlife Centre moving to the Rouge National Urban Park and the establishment of a permanent home for Canada's busiest wildlife centre. The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to us as local taxpayers and so we request that you consider making this project one of your priorities.

Our personal experience with the Toronto Wildlife Centre occurred after a grebe, far from home, mistook a nearby snowy soccer field for water and injured itself in

landing. We were very grateful for the TWC being there to accept the injured bird and to nurse it back to health. All residents of the GTA benefit by having such a place that gives us a chance to connect with nature and give back to our wildlife friends, especially with all the urban expansion that has seriously diminished their natural habitats. The TWA will be a perfect fit for the Rouge National Urban Park.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy initiative. We wish you continued success in your work.

Kind regards,  
Barb and John Killackey

## Item 7.153.

From: jean wong <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 10:23 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Nathalie Karvonen  
Subject: A hospital for injured animals, birds, reptiles and everyone else in Noah's Ark

To members of the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority:

I presently work in the Film and Television industry and I am fully aware that your committee is doing positive and conscientious work that supports all of Nature. I have been made aware recently that you also have the ability to give the 'Toronto Wildlife Centre' money to start building the foundations for its desperately needed permanent home in the Rouge.

Many of us in the Film Industry became aware of the work that the 'Toronto Wildlife Centre' was doing because our studio's were located across the tracks from them up at Downsview. When a TV show or film would wrap out I would make sure that those in the costume depts became aware of the work they do but also that they are a charity. And how desperately they needed supplies and money. And that nothing goes to waste. But more importantly how they work to bring awareness to the public that they can get involved in helping injured animals, birds, reptiles etc.

We have always known about the impermanent and crowded home that they work out of thru the years. Their yearning for a permanent facility is our dream and wish also. To help them along thru the years I have brought supplies that usually get donated to popular charities that the film industry supports e.g.: Diabetes, the Red Door, Salvation Army, Take Two etc. Whenever supplies that were on their list of wants became available I would bring it up to them.

We individuals who work in the film/tv industry are able to give them things but we are unable to give them a new home. The amount of money that they will need to build their permanent home is beyond any amount that we could raise to help them. They have attempted year after year thru fundraising to get the money but it probably will take them a lifetime to get the millions needed. The Toronto Wildlife Centre's work not only helps to rescue injured animals and creatures but returns them to the Eco system that supports our air and environment and nature which inturn heals humanity whenever we visit.

Please let this time be the 'Toronto Wildlife Centre's' turn to get the funds needed for their new home. Their devotion to helping animals and creatures should not go unnoticed. If we build their new home it could change the consciousness of many people today in our City. If you could look at it as a hospital for injured creatures then maybe your committee could see how

well the money will be spent. Seeing an animal in distress and knowing that there's a place to take them gives us all hope that life matters and we are connected.

Thank you for listening to our plea

Yours Sincerely  
Jean Wong

## Item 7.154.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

**Importance:** High

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that the TRCA Board is holding a meeting on May 24th and one of the items on the Agenda is whether or not to allocate \$20 Million towards the construction of a new wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a 5 year Toronto Wildlife Centre volunteer/donor and a Markham taxpayer, the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is very important to me.

I therefore support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4); and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As an aside and as an example of how vital TWC is to the animals in our communities, my neighbours on the 15th floor of my condo building recently returned from Florida to find Mother Goose had nested in one of their planters on the balcony - a delightfully safe place with an exceptional view of the pond for her to lay her eggs but very impractical for her goslings once they hatched which they did - all 6 of them. I immediately contacted TWC and they were able to schedule the rescue for later the same day. Mother and Father Goose (who arrived on the scene upon hearing one "honk" from Mother) and the 6 little ones were contained and taken down to the nearby pond where they were all released together with 3 orphan baby geese the Rescue Team had found that day. The entire rescue took approximately 30 minutes thanks to the incredible expertise of TWC's Rescue Team.

TWC is a vital asset to all our communities so please help it to continue its wonderful work by voting to allocate the funds towards the construction of the new facility.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kerry  
(Kerry K. Brennan)

## Item 7.155.

**From:** Juliet Donald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear TRAC,

I am writing to express my support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) having a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

TRCA has already been very supportive of The TWC moving to the Rouge National Urban Park. I am aware that TRAC have agreed to provide TWC with the use of the land long-term to build a fantastic permanent home to help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre.

So next Friday, May 24th, when decision-makers from Toronto, York, Durham and Peel, decide whether or not to allocate \$20 million towards the construction of TWC's new facility, please remember that residents like myself support the TWC and their establishment at the Rouge Urban National Park.

Residents, like myself, care about the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

Kind Regards,  
Juliet Donald

## Item 7.156.

**From:** Debbie Phillips <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:30 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda EX10.4 for Toronto Wildlife

To whom it may concern;

I have been a long time supporter of the Toronto Wildlife for at least 2 decades. I have also been a volunteer and myself have brought in injured and tiny orphan babies. This facility is of the utmost importance to Toronto and the outlying areas.



With out them, where would people like myself go to help the injured and helpless animals. I have been at the facility at Downsview and I found it to be very small and myself wondered how they do the work that they do in this small space. I am not great with words, but I do know that moving to the Rouge would benefit all wildlife.

I support the TRCA in the efforts to establish a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife. I also support the motion by the former councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I hope in the future that I will be able to help out in any way that I can and I hope to see them move into a new home.

Kindest Regards

Deborah Phillips

## Item 7.157.

**From:** TT <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Info; councillor\_mckelvie@toronto.ca; jheath@markham.ca; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** TRCA - Board Meeting May 24 - EX10.4

Mr. John Mackenzie  
Chair TRCA Board and  
All Board Members  
101 Exchange Avenue  
Vaughan ON  
L4K 5R6

May 17, 2019

Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre – EX10.4 - permanent wildlife rescue/rehabilitation centre  
Rouge National Urban Park

I support the establishment of this proposed centre in Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion to make this Toronto Wildlife Centre project a priority for the TRCA 2020 budget.

George Turner

## Item 7.158.

**From:** Madelaine Hare <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I understand that a motion will be made at a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> to approve the building of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Toronto's Rouge National Park. In this respect,

as a Toronto taxpayer, I wish to add my vote in support of this motion and believe that the building of this facility should be a priority project. The rescue, care and treatment of injured, orphaned or sick wildlife has always been very important to me and there have been several instances where I have had injured or sick animals on my proper and have relied on the TRCA's services to assist and treat them.

Please make Toronto's wildlife community a priority!!

Thank you  
Patricia Holloway

## Item 7.159.

From: Lesley Halinaty <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:04 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: New Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that a meeting very important to the immediate future of the Toronto Wildlife Centre will be taking place on Friday, May 24.

I support the motion that funding the TWC be a top priority project in the TRCA 2020 budget.

It is my ardent hope that funding the new Centre will be the top priority for TRCA, who have consistently supported the establishment of a permanent home for TWC in the National Urban Park.

To my mind, this is a wonderful opportunity to not only help our increasingly beleaguered wildlife, but to establish a state of the art wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facility within the Park. With the Toronto Zoo close by, it seems to me to be a unique opportunity to show the world an amazing Park area where ongoing commitment to conservation, environmental and health sciences, preservation and health of our wild citizens and appreciation of our natural spaces is clearly showcased.

As a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I am in a good position to witness the conscientious and deep commitment of staff and volunteers to caring for and rehabilitating our local wildlife, conserving our natural spaces, and educating the public - all concepts that the TRCA continues to support.

As a taxpayer, it is a huge relief that we have a place to call and bring wildlife in crisis, where we know they'll receive the expertise and rehabilitation they need.

As time runs out for the existing TWC facility, I sincerely hope that the funding will come now to build the new TWC facility. It will be a bigger and better Wildlife Centre, within a beautiful National Urban Park setting, which we will be proud to share with the citizens of Ontario, Canada, and the world in the years to come.

Please support TWC with funding now!

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lesley Halinaty

## Item 7.160.

From: Saskia Mulders <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:04 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing in regard to the efforts of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). This is a terrific initiative by the TWC and is much needed in the Greater Toronto Area. I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC does fantastic and important work in rehabilitating sick and injured wildlife. I have myself brought a few injured animals there in the past few years and am happy to report that these animals were rehabilitated and able to return to their habitat. In today's world, where the natural environment is under threat from both people and climate, the TWC is a much needed ray of light! Helping them to achieve their goal of establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park is tremendously important.

I sincerely hope that you will give this initiative your wholehearted support and understand its importance to our community.

Sincerely,

Saskia Mulders

## Item 7.161.

**From:** robinson chris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Support For Wildlife

Dear Sir,

I'm a huge proponent for the preservation of wildlife in the GTA. My wife and I who are longterm residents of Toronto think we should all care about the welfare of the wild animals in our midst. It's not their fault that urban development has shrunken their habitat to a tiny fraction of what they need...yet still they persevere through harsh conditions to continue their species, raise their young and coexist with humans, enriching our lives in the process. I hate to think of a world without birds, raccoons, rabbits, moles, squirrels, geese, skunks, swans, you name it they're all precious in our view.

Linda and I sincerely hope that you will pledge your support for the funding of a permanent home for the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** in the **Rouge Valley National Urban Park**. By supporting the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Mark Heath of Markham you will be helping the good, hard working people of the **TWC** to continue in the ethical treatment of our precious wild animals and preserving that living legacy for our children and all future generations.

Thanks you so much,  
Chris & Linda Robinson

## Item 7.162.

**From:** Tracy Yan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** I Support Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie and Members of the TRCA Board,

I'm writing to tell you that I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My first personal experience with Toronto Wildlife Centre was just two weeks ago, when I brought an injured Ruby Crowned Kinglet to their facility for treatment. I was so emotionally moved and impressed with what I saw during my time there that I decided to become a monthly donor.

This organization is worthy of your support and deserving of a new location in Rouge National Urban Park.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Yan

## Item 7.163.

**From:** Jeff White <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre needs your full support!

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

**Re: TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4**

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help **Toronto Wildlife Centre** establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. This is a project of major importance for the inhabitants of the Toronto metropolitan area, both animal and human.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.** The lack of financial support for this project from the City of Toronto makes it essential that the TRCA allocate sufficient funding to allow the Toronto Wildlife Centre to continue to carry out its vital mission of rescue, care, and rehabilitation of wildlife and public education about the importance of biodiversity and conservation in the urban environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
Jeffrey White

## Item 7.164.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** from a Toronto Wildlife Centre Supporter

To the attention of Chair and Members of the TRCA Board

c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasure

Sir:

As a supporting financial member of the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would like to express my hope that at the May 24th meeting you will vote in favour of allocating \$20 million towards the construction of their much needed Rouge Valley facility.

I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I further support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I want my tax dollars to help in the treatment and rescue of the injured wildlife that lives in our Toronto - the city in a park.

Sincerely,

A Mazzoli

*Golden slumbers fill your eyes, smiles await you when you rise.*

## Item 7.165.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 2:55 PM

**To:** John MacKenzie; Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** toronto wildlife centre

I have been a proud supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre(TWC) for several years and appreciate the hard work they do. I understand the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) plans to build a wildlife rescue and rehab centre in this region. I consider it a priority and a necessity for the TRCA's to include the TWC in their 2020 budget.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this. I will continue to financial support as much as I am able.

Sincerely,

Susan Babbitt

## Item 7.166.

**From:** Terry McCrorie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please support a permanent home for Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I am a monthly supporter of TWC and believe in their efforts to aid wildlife in Toronto. Our efforts are needed as the environment faces the deadly impact of climate change and uncaring governments and big business. I have a small backyard in the Beach area but I have turned it into a little refuge for birds, squirrels and now for the first time a wild rabbit.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Terry McCrorie

## Item 7.167.

**From:** mike gray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; [REDACTED];  
director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer,

I have been an enthusiastic supporter of The Toronto Wildlife Centre since I delivered a little brown bat to its then downtown location in 1993.

In my opinion, TWC is a world class wildlife rescue and rehab facility.

I support the TRCA in helping TWC establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA item EX 10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Last fall I had the opportunity to rescue a boa constrictor that had been dumped by it's owner in the Don Valley. If TWC had been able to accept delivery of exotic species, I would have delivered the boa to TWC. Instead I delivered it to Little Ray's Reptile Zoo in Hamilton.

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2018/09/29/snake-in-the-grass/>



## Boa constrictor found in Don Valley Park - CityNews Toronto

It's being called a rare discovery - Mike Gray rescued a boa constrictor after days on the loose. But it's where he rescued the snake that has officials scratching their heads  
[toronto.citynews.ca](https://toronto.citynews.ca)

Best Wishes,  
Mike Gray

## Item 7.168.

**From:** Nancy Spies or Raymond Martin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:40 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [director@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:director@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Rouge National Urban Park

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Dear Mr. MacKenzie

I am a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I am very excited to hear that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is supportive of the Centre building a permanent home to help wildlife at the Rouge National Urban Park.

I wanted to advise you that I am strongly supportive of the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre in establish a permanent home in the park. I also wanted to let you know that I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
Raymond Martin

## Item 7.169.

**From:** Dana Ward <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:37 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Living in the migratory bird route we have occasion to bring injured birds to the Toronto wildlife centre .

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.**

**I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Thank you**  
**Dana Ward**  
[REDACTED]

"A small act is worth a million thoughts"  
Ai Weiwei

## Item 7.170.

**From:** Marta Leonetti <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:11 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Support for TRCA Agenda item EX10.4

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto wildlife centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion to identify the Toronto wildlife centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I believe the work the Toronto Wildlife Centre provides is necessary to keep the wildlife in Toronto flourishing for us and for future generations.

Marta Leonetti

## Item 7.171.

**From:** Heather Vivien MacDonald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre and possible grant for new facility

I have been asked to send you and your members a little letter about the Toronto Wildlife Centre and possible funding for the Rouge Valley facility. My sister and I have supported the TWC for many years. I don't think a year goes by when we don't come across an injured bird or baby animal which needs care



and the expertise of wildlife conservation people. Our own vet is wonderful but she cannot provide care for wildlife and the Toronto Humane Society is overwhelmed with domestic pets and all the sad problems associated with them.

To the best of my knowledge, there is simply no other place concerned citizens can turn to here in Toronto. This is frankly amazing, viewed the size of this city and the wealth of this city. We really do need a facility for helping wildlife in danger and in need.

I am reading a wonderful book by Bill McKibbin called FALTER. One sentence in Chapter Five really illustrates what I am trying to say here. He writes:

***“One of the great privileges of living in the affluent parts of the modern world is that we’ve been able to forget that the natural world even exists.”***

Do we really even care anymore about the natural world or is it barely the backdrop to our busy lives?

Another thing the author of this book points out is that human beings, their pets and their livestock make up 97% of the sum total of vertebrates on this planet. The other 3% of vertebrates is everything else, lions, tigers, monkeys, squirrels, etc etc. I find that horrifying!

If your organization is able to help fund the new TWC facility, please know you have the gratitude of all of us ordinary people here in downtown Toronto and the greater Toronto area who do know there is a natural world out there and who want to protect and save it.

Sincerely, Heather MacDonald, [REDACTED]

PS. I attach a picture of my garden. In summer I see downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers, nuthatches, skunks, Virginia Possums, raccoons, etc etc. We leave water for them and in winter feed the birds. Yes, there is a “natural world” and we feel fortunate and blessed to live in it!



## Item 7.172.

**From:** Daniel Hau <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 5:05 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

The wildlife in our communities are a crucial part of our ecosystem. With our climate conditions eventually becoming more extreme, the loss in our wildlife becomes greater and will affect all of us as our ecosystem depends on all species.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park, specifically the TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 as I believe this will be a key requirement in helping and maintaining our wildlife through greater obstacles we will have to encounter with our future climate.

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Our wildlife is not just to look at and admire. Our wildlife keeps the balance such as our red-bellied woodpeckers and white-breasted nuthatches that eat the emerald ash borer beetle which have been killing our ash trees. These woodpeckers keep the emerald ash borer beetle's population in check so they don't spread and invade our trees exponentially. There are a number of other types of beetles that are killing our trees and without our wildlife animals, what happens to our boreal region? Have a look at the damage in BC and Alberta by just the mountain pine beetle alone (the pine trees turn orange). In other words, what happens to our oxygen when we no longer have our Boreal region in Canada? That's just one example.

How many wildlife species have gone extinct and what happens then to our ecosystem?

These are questions we should all be asking which is why helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre towards the construction of their new facility should be a top priority. The Toronto Wildlife Centre needs to move by the end of this year as their current building is in very poor condition and slated for demolition. They need a new facility for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, public education and other important programs so that in doing so, we can maintain our ecosystem and our ability to live within it.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Hau

## Item 7.173.

**From:** Sandy Cavanagh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Attention:

- Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer
- Copy to Nathalie Karvonen

I support the TRC already and have 1 little story to tell. A few years ago my husband found what he thought was a dead possum in an empty garbage can and he brought it to the centre and the staff simply poked him a bit and it started moving around. It was just "playing possum"...He brought it home and set it free again in our back yard. Not more than 3 years ago we had a possum visit our back yard and walked within 2-3 feet of us sitting at our table. The possum was huge - so I don't know if it was the same one but it wasn't bothered by our presence at all. My husband took pictures because we couldn't quite believe how tame it seemed and big.

## Item 7.174.

**From:** Barbara Simpson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** A new home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing to show my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre to be re-located to the Rouge National Urban Park. This would be a fantastic move for the centre, which has been so beneficial for rehabilitation of wildlife in the GTA. The dedicated staff and volunteers give unstintingly of their time and expertise, and are a godsend for citizens that find animals in distress, and do not know where else to turn.

I was at the pivotal council meeting in Scarborough that turned the tide on development planned for the Rouge, and was the first of many steps leading to the creation of the Rouge National Urban Park-- something we could only have dreamed of in those days. It is time for making another good decision now in giving the Toronto Wildlife Centre a new home.

So I **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Sincerely

Barbara Simpson

## Item 7.175.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>; director <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Let's make this happen

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I totally get that money is tight and you need to ensure that every dollar is wisely spent.

Well, this is where I think you should allocate some \$\$ - the Toronto Wildlife Centre home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a small business owner in the city of Toronto, I send the Toronto Wildlife Centre money because I want to make sure that they can continue to be there and do the work they do.

Everyone can see that this city is expanding into the natural spaces that surrounded us.

While I want to live in a Toronto that has beautiful green spaces and natural ravines, I also want a place that helps the creatures that live in those spaces, and need our help when our activities cause unexpected injuries.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre has helped me with an injured bird, (that convalesced at their facility and I helped to release) and an injured frost bitten raccoon.

I've spoken to clients and friends about the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and everyone is grateful just to know they're there to help.

Now we need to help them to do their work.

I support Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath in their efforts to make **Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget - (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).**

If you haven't been to see the Centre, then drop by and check them out - or ask the school kids who've been to visit, what they think of the amazing work that goes on at the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely

Pat Galway

## Item 7.176.

From: Karen Jakel <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 8:33 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Support for Toronto Wildlife Center

Good Morning,

I am a resident of Toronto and my name is Karen Jakel.

I would like to add my support to the staff report that would allow the Toronto Wildlife Center to establish a permanent home in the Rouge Valley (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support and hope that you will too, the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De

Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. This would help the Toronto Wildlife Center move into their new home as soon as possible.

I believe the Toronto Wildlife Center fills the gap that the other rescue organizations can't fill with their focus on domestic animals (pets).  
I myself have driven animals in distress to the Toronto Wildlife Center after refusal from multiple other agencies for help.  
I have also made numerous donations (not monetary) to them in the past, and they are grateful for any items I've been able to donate and have never refused anything.

Please support the Toronto Wildlife Center being granted a permanent home in the Rouge Valley National Park.

Sincerely,

Karen Jakel

## Item 7.177.

**From:** JAINA BYRNE <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 8:27 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Fw: Wildlife need your help now!

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Dear Chair & Members of the TRCA Board;

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

**I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I used to volunteer at the Centre and they really need the proper facility to continue their good work with wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Jaina Byrne  
[REDACTED]

## Item 7.178.

**From:** Paula Aquilla <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 6:48 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Email in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello Mr. John Mackenzie and members of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority,

We are writing in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Our family has been connected with the TWC since our girls were young. Our first interaction with the centre began with a Robin, who had flown into a window and suffered head trauma. We have been back many times since with birds, raccoon babies and a squirrel. It has been wonderful to have a place to take injured animals, knowing that they will be well cared for.

It was a great experience for our girls to see that there is a place where all living things in our community can receive care. It really helped them become adults with a strong sense of community and a strong sense that every living creature belongs.

As we encroach on the habitat of wildlife, we create many dangers for them; cars, windows, domesticated cats and we make the spaces where they can retreat smaller and smaller. The TWC has been a way to support wildlife. It has been an absolute pleasure to support this wonderful place and to watch it grow.

The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to our family and is important to local taxpayers.

We support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge Valley Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the work of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Thank you for your consideration in supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their growth. In the new facility; there will be many new opportunities for learning about wildlife and sharing the learning with students and the community. It is a very exciting time for the Toronto Wildlife Centre!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Mark and Paula Aquilla

## Item 7.179.

**From:** pdoe pdoe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 6:13 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Good Morning.

I am sending this to you on the beautiful May long weekend. I mention this as I have been out taking one of my dogs for a long walk in North York where so much of our green space is being overwhelmed by construction and high speed trafficbit. We used to be able to see rabbits, foxes, even the

occasional coyote and possum but now - squirrels at best. The encroaching growth, continues to reinforce the need to protect and sustain our wildlife, and the need for a more permanent location for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I volunteered there for a long time until my work priorities forced me to give up my volunteer efforts, but plan on doing so again when I can. The efforts of the TWC as well as a large number of the caring public also reinforce the need and desire to take care of our Wildlife.

over my volunteer time as well as through going to the current site to drop off needed donations, i am continually in awe of what they have been able to do with limited space, crowded space in an area , like so many others, that is no longer conducive to the healthy existence of our wildlife. In my opinion and experience, wildlife is an important balance to our existence. The establishment of a permanent base will allow for this existence - the awareness throughout the area of the importance of the work of the TWC and an outstanding example of the intent of for the Rouge National Urban Park .

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn de Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath who have identified the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget. Any delays will delay the ability of the TWC to expand on the excellent work that they already do.

On behalf of those of us that care - i hope that this helps, and I am more than willing to be contacted for any additional information and support.  
Thank you.

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Pat Doe

## Item 7.180.

**From:** N. N. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Building a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear John Mackenzie, I would like to express how much great work and dedication I have seen at the Toronto Wildlife Center! Their volunteers and staff care for the vulnerable and never turn a wild animal away who are not accepted at the regular vet clinics.

Their work is very important and needed, and I fully support their need to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Please help in every way you can to make this possible, animals and people who enjoy and care about wildlife count on your support and will be very thankful.

Thank you,  
Natalie

## Item 7.181.

**From:** Hank Bennett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:44 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie

Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Funding for Toronto Wildlife Centre

ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board - c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

We are writing to express our strong support for Toronto Wildlife Centre. A new facility in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) should be amongst the highest priority for funding. Wildlife is precious and is experiencing ever increasing challenges largely because of humans. More and more, animals of every species need our help and this type of specialized aid is only offered by Toronto Wildlife Centre who desperately need a new home now!

Several years ago, we came across an orphaned baby red squirrel in our backyard. We had no idea where to turn for help and frantically searched the internet. Local animal services would not assist with wild animals and stated we would need to find a wildlife centre. Fortunately, we found Toronto Wildlife Centre who gave us step by step instructions and accepted the tiny orphan. Ever since, we have been proud supporters of this extremely worthwhile charity. We are always amazed and grateful for the work they do.

To this end we would like to support the motion raised by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath who identified Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

We do not make it a habit of writing to government officials, but this is of such importance we feel compelled to add a voice for the animals that have none.

Hank & Corrine Bennett

## Item 7.182.

**From:** Cory Bechervaise <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing to you today to show my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre and let you know that I support TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support motions by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have witness the great work done by the Toronto Wildlife Centre first hand and was so impressed that I became a volunteer with TWC, and have been volunteering there for the past 4 years.

One of the most memorable days of my life was the day I was able to help the TWC rescue team save a White Tailed DEER from a certain death. You can click on this link



<https://youtu.be/77plaSfyGVY> to see the rescue, without this amazing centre thousands of animals yearly would die in the GTA. I respectfully ask that you approve the necessary funding to make this happen.



## TWC rescues a white-tailed buck

This white-tailed deer hadn't eaten for a week. Thin, dehydrated and extremely stressed, this poor buck had barbed wire wrapped tightly around his hind leg, ...  
[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/77plaSfyGVY)

I am a strong believer that we as Toronto residents (and the GTA) have an obligation to protect our wildlife both for ourselves and our future generations. We have the TWC so let's help them get to their new purposed location so they can continue caring for Sick, Injured and orphaned wildlife now and far into the future.

I respectfully ask that this project be fast tracked so this move can be commenced as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,  
Cory Bechervaise

## Item 7.183.

**From:** Gail Lavery <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:40 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [director@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:director@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to voice my support for the establishment of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

At a time when green space is disappearing quickly, and wildlife faces increasing challenges due to increasing traffic, people etc., it's extremely important for the Toronto Wildlife Centre to be a high priority. We need to advocate for the sick and injured animals who grace our area and need our help.

I have been involved in a community group in Markham for a number of years, taking care of a natural habitat area close to my home (Councillor Heath is an active supporter of our efforts which is greatly appreciated). Looking out for the welfare of all types of wildlife brings out the best in everyone, and fosters great community spirit.

Please make the best and kindest decision for our wildlife. To quote Mohandas Gandhi "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Thank you,  
Gail Lavery

## Item 7.184.

**From:** Robert Cooper <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:40 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** NEW HOME FOR THE TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE IN TORONTO'S ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK  
**Importance:** High

**To: The Chair and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, c/o John Mackenzie, Secretary/Treasurer**

I am writing to express my family's support for the efforts being made by TRCA to facilitate the creation of a new, permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge National Urban Park.

In particular, we strongly support the recent motion made Councillors De Baeremaeker (Toronto) and Jack Heath (Markham) to identify this project as a key priority for the TRCA budget in 2020.

We understand that the members of TRCA will soon vote on a proposal to allocate \$20 million dollars towards the construction of TWC's new facility. This is wonderful news.

Our personal experience in dealing with TWC convinces us that this generosity on TRCA's part is fully deserved. We count ourselves fortunate to have observed TWC's rescue and treatment of injured and orphaned wildlife at first hand, and we can say without hesitation that TWC's staff clearly treats all animals brought into its care in a professional and entirely humane manner.

Please do whatever you can to make TWC's new home a reality. I am confident a great majority of GTA residents share our opinion that TWC's rescue and treatment of wildlife in need of care is a cause well worth supporting.

Many thanks, and best regards,

Bob Cooper

## Item 7.185.

**From:** Donna Radia-Cox <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Relocation & Support

Hi, my name is Donna Radia-Cox and I am a proud resident of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I'm writing this note to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I understand that next Friday May 24th, a decision will be made to contribute \$20M towards the construction of the new facility.

I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years, and truly appreciate the challenging and tireless great work they do to help our wildlife.

Further, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I have no doubt that they will act quickly to move TWC into its new home as quickly as possible.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me, and I'm proud and thankful that we do have a facility like TWC, and people with kind hearts, in our great City to help. My own backyard is home to a few rehabilitated squirrels that the TWC brought to me last summer and I'm thrilled to be able to provide a tree for these wild animals in need.

Thank you for reading, and I hope to hear that TWC will receive the support they require on all fronts to move into this much needed new facility. Thank you!

Donna Radia-Cox

## Item 7.186.

**From:** Dusan Fil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir,

It is my understanding that the TRCA will have to decide soon on allocating funds towards construction of a new facility for Toronto Wildlife Centre that currently resides in a building that is in poor condition

and slated for demolition. I believe that your decision will have the biggest impact on future generations, including those who have not been born yet. As the human population increases, the wildlife population is in steady decline, forced by urban sprawl out of their natural habitat. I am worried about a possibility that one day the human race will be alone in this world – with no other species around. I am worried that one day the kids will only learn about other species from books, without having a chance to see them in the outside world, as they will be all extinct.

I feel it is my duty to present to you my opinion here, and to speak on behalf of those who have no voice, on behalf of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, all that caused by us, humans. Please be advised that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a new permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). Please be aware that this place could be one day in the far future one of the few (if not the only) places in the country that will help those who have no voice – the wildlife.

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham councilor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The TRCA support is needed for the wildlife survival.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With regards,

Dusan Fil, P.Eng, M.Eng

## Item 7.187.

**From:** A Shelton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** note re TRCA May24 Agenda item EX10.4

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing today re upcoming TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 going before the Board on May24, 2019. This item concerns establishing a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I would like to express my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC is a proven player in the support, care and rescue of wildlife in Toronto. Whether sick, injured or merely lost, these animals need the TWC to get back to the wild (or as close to it as it gets in Toronto) where they belong. I myself have assisted TWC by hand-feeding and nurturing baby orphaned animals until they are old enough and able to fend for themselves on release. I am always impressed by the caring and professionalism of the TWC.

TWC needs a new home to continue their good work. Please help them on their mission.

Sincerely,  
Anne Shelton

## Item 7.188.

**From:** Martin Oslinger <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 2:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.** I give to the Toronto Wildlife Centre on a regular basis. I believe it is very important to support wild life conservation

Martin Oslinger

## Item 7.189.

**From:** Rebecca Everett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 6:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To whom it may concern,

Please note my support in favour of voting yes to help find the Toronto Wildlife Centre for the following...

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Kind regards  
Rebecca

## Item 7.190.

**From:** Denise king <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

**Subject:** I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

May 19, 2019

Dear Ms. Innis and TCRA Board Members,

I am writing to support the **TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to **identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I was a volunteer driver for the TWC and over the years, independently of being a volunteer, brought several wild animals to them for medical care and in some cases, subsequent release. All 3 types have been involved: sick, injured and orphaned.

My association with the TWC began in 2003 when I was walking to my then-home in Mississauga and found a baby bird fluttering around on someone's driveway in a strange manner. Concerned, I stopped to watch for a while, aware that in the springtime it is normal to see fledgling (cannot fly yet) birds that can be seen on the ground. But something looked wrong in this case. I knocked on my neighbour's door & they told me they had noticed this bird as well and it had been there for a while. They didn't know what to do.

I started calling around to see which municipal department could help. I was very surprised that the local animal shelter could not help but they gave me the number of a local man who was active in advocating for animals. He told me my only option was the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I called them & their expert hotline staff asked me a series of questions to describe the bird. They determined something did indeed seem wrong and asked me if I could drive it in to their building in Downsview Park. I collected it and did just that. Their vet examined it and determined that it had likely fallen from the tree and unfortunately had sustained irreversible neurological damage. It had to be humanely euthanized. This was preferable to what would likely have happened otherwise – suffering while being tormented or eaten by an outdoor domestic cat.

My partner and I were so impressed with the TWC staff that we immediately signed up to be volunteer drivers (for those who come across wildlife in need of care, but who cannot drive the animals in to the centre themselves). We received a seminar so we would know what to do. We were volunteer drivers for a few years before health problems prevented me from continuing. However, we did drive in other wildlife in need – including squirrels from our backyard, sick and freezing from mange in brutally cold winter weather. I recall one who was treated successfully and we were thrilled to watch its release back into our backyard safe haven.

One last story! Around 2005, there was a trumpeter swan in Lake Ontario in Burlington with a fishing line wrapped around its neck. As it couldn't eat, it was starving to death. A local trumpeter swan charity who cared for the birds had been unable to capture it over a period of weeks. I saw the story on the TV news and called the TWC. They had received calls from others who had seen the same story. I was in Burlington that day and so met the TWC rescue team to direct them to the location of the injured swan. After convincing the local group that the TWC did actually exist and could help (!), it took them about 5 minutes to humanely capture the bird and it was brought to the TWC for treatment.

Please allocate funds to the construction of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I understand this is an urgent matter as they will be forced to move by the end of 2019 due to the poor condition of their current building. They are an excellent group, dedicated and skilled in their work, led by their wonderful Executive Director, wildlife biologist Nathalie Karvonen. All you have to do is a Google search to see how often they've been in the news, rescuing, treating and releasing wildlife. Taxpayers care about these stories for a reason: they care about wildlife.

Yours sincerely,  
Denise King

## Item 7.191.

**From:** Doreen Potter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

May 19, 2019

To Chair and Members of TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA

Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre

I am writing to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park and to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I believe the Toronto Wildlife Centre is a valuable resource for people of the Toronto area, and I am happy to make an annual contribution. Wild animals and birds have a tough time surviving the urban environment, and it's wonderful to know that there is a facility that can come to their aid when they need it. Before I knew of TWC's existence, I encountered situations with injured animals where I felt totally helpless. I know a great many people make use of its resources. It is desperately in need of a permanent home and I urge you to consider helping to fund its construction.

Sincerely, Doreen Potter

## Item 7.192.

**From:** Jen Marshall <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:17 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** support for Toronto Wildlife Centre permanent home

To the Chair and Members of TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie,

As a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I support their need for a new home at Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. The TWC does great work and is known nationally and internationally for rescue and education. I volunteer with Fatal Light Awareness Program (or FLAP), an organization that collects birds that have hit windows in downtown Toronto as they fly through the city (and the GTA) during migration. The TWC is often called on to help rehabilitate birds (sometimes endangered species) that survive collisions.

Wildlife are resilient, but are also under pressure due to habitat loss, among other reasons, mostly human caused. I support the motion by former TO councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to make TWC a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Kind regards,  
Jen Marshall

## Item 7.193.

**From:** Sandy Cipovski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

Hi,

**I am writing this email to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and that I support the **the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Toronto Wildlife Centre does excellent work with helping animals in need in our community. After finding an abandoned baby rabbit, I called Toronto Wildlife Centre, who helped me identify that this rabbit required help.**

**I brought the rabbit to the centre where he was provided with care he needed.**

**I found the staff to be very caring and dedicated to helping animals.**

Thank you,  
Sandy

## Item 7.194.

**From:** Angela Amiri <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support new Wildlife Center project

Dear Mr Mackenzie,

As a resident of [REDACTED] area we have a rich variety of residents in our neighborhood including a lot of urban wildlife.



As an animal lover and a local taxpayer, I believe it is important to provide help to all our furry and feathered friends therefore I hope you support the Toronto Wildlife Center to be able to build their new facility

**to rescue, care and provide treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.**

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).**

**And I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I hope that you will too!

Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Angela Amiri.

## Item 7.195.

**From:** Charlize Martins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie and TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

As a Wildlife Care volunteer and student studying conservation biology, I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Sincerely,  
Charlize Martins

## Item 7.196.

**From:** ROBERT BAILEY <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:03 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I realize that the political situation in Ontario might be described as dire by many, and that this must bring additional pressures to bear when projects are assessed, but I hope that you will give your support to the TWC for their inspirational work and results that help make this city worth fighting for.

That might not be readily apparent on a balance sheet, but I believe it should be a substantial consideration in the approval process. I hope you do too.

sincerely,  
R Bailey

## Item 7.197.

**From:** C. Phyllis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:35 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT THE TRCA'S ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

Thank you for supporting the vital work provided by the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC), which so desperately needs a new facility to continue their unique and urgently needed wildlife rescue service.

The TWC's enormous service of ensuring that our wildlife receive the best intensive care possible can only continue if they receive the TRCA's support in establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (Agenda Item Ex10.4) for the hundreds of injured, lost, abandoned, and profoundly traumatized animals who are struggling against all odds for survival.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is the only organization in Toronto providing not only veterinarian medical care for orphaned wild animals, but they also work to restore the essential habitats required by needy wildlife.

I urge you please to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to acknowledge and identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a vital and priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC is in urgent need of a large facility to provide safety and healing for hundreds of sick and needy animals. Please be on record in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre continuing to offer the best, world-class service of caring and protecting our wildlife for current and future children and families. The taxpayers of

Toronto will continue being well-served by the heroic commitment and dedicated service provided by the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Thank you so very much for ensuring the on-going stability of the vital TWC service of protecting Toronto's Wildlife by supporting this major requirement for a new building and facility.

Sincerely,  
Dr. C. Heffren

## Item 7.198.

**From:** denise murray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:41 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help The Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a new and very much needed permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park area of the GTA by allocating the funds on the agenda EX-10. I also support the motion from Glenn Debaeremaker and Jack Heath to prioritize the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the TRCA 2020 budget.

Over the years I have donated to this Wildlife Centre and have found it necessary to contact the centre for advice and have brought injured wildlife to the center for help. I truly believe in what they stand for and their commitment to help, care and hopefully release back to nature the many types of wildlife that arrive at the center. There is a serious lack of this type of help for wildlife in the GTA and since we humans have encroached on and devoured the wildlife habitats in and around the GTA then I believe we should provide a Wildlife Centre like this, to at the very least rescue, rehabilitate and preserve the many types of wildlife trying to exist.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre also provides extensive education through its hotline and wildlife rescue and rehabilitation and wildlife veterinary care and Public education. Thank you for your consideration of this extremely worthwhile and valuable Wildlife Centre.

## Item 7.199.

**From:** Deborah Bowes Stevens <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:15 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I should like to add my voice to the motion by Mr. De Baeremaeker and Mr. Heath to support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). It is my hope that you also recognize the value of this

project and agree to make its realization a priority for the TRAC's 2020 budget.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

With best wishes,  
Deborah Stevens

## Item 7.200.

**From:** mara.glebovs mara.glebovs <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:30 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** I support the funding of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello,

I totally support the funding of a new location for the Toronto Wildlife Centre which works to restore the health and well-being of wildlife in the Toronto area. Our planet is at risk of losing 1,000,000 species of life, and we humans need to cherish the lives of our fellow creatures.

Mara Glebovs

## Item 7.201.

**From:** David Scriven <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item EX10.4 - Make giving the Toronto Wildlife Centre a permanent home a priority

Dear Mr. Mackenzie.

I'm writing to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. In particular, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 Budget.

I believe that the Toronto Wildlife Centre plays a very important role in ensuring that we have a sustainable urban ecosystem. Based on real experience I have been very impressed with the dedication and service of the staff at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I believe that they are very deserving of being given priority attention in your budget setting.

Regards. David Scriven.

## Item 7.202.

**From:** Maximilian Gerlach <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:15 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

**Subject:** An email on behalf of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

I'm writing to voice my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre with regard to the TRCA 2020 budget. I have spent the whole winter ambulancing injured and sick wildlife to the TWC and back, and they have been nothing but supportive, helpful, kind, and professional. Without them, I don't know what I would have done about these animals in need that found their way to my backyard. I donate regularly, but if it is your power to help them out more, I can't think of any organization that deserves it more.

Please find attached a picture of two of the (many) patients that have been treated by the TWC for mange this winter.

Thank you very much,  
Maximilian Gerlach



**Item 7.203.**

**From:** Joy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:42 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am writing to request your help with the Toronto Wildlife Centre's efforts to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4.)

I would ask that you support the motion made by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have personally donated substantial amounts to the Centre because they do such incredible work that is so important, and yet they receive such little funding or even recognition. I sincerely hope that this situation changes and that the extraordinary work by the professionals and the volunteers is recognized, appreciated and helped by making a move to a better building and working conditions

possible. It seems that this is in your hands and I respectfully suggest you take it seriously. Something you will always feel proud to have supported.

Thank you.  
Helga Schmidt

## Item 7.204.

**From:** laurie arbeau <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:54 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4 ) Rouge National Urban Park

Good Afternoon to the members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

I am sending you the following email in expressing my gratitude to it's members in the much needed support of providing land to build a new permanent home to help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre.

Former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath have expressed this project be a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget and I support both of these gentleman 100% in this motion.

As a citizen I did have a first hand dealings with trying to help injured wildlife and was so grateful the Toronto Wildlife Centre was there for me.

A couple of years ago I was jogging in the early morning hours and witness in this case a car going way to fast on a road that took out a mother possum and left her for dead. I knelt

down beside her it was an awful site to see little tiny babies scattered about on the hardened road. It truly struck a nerve seeing this.

I picked up the mother and brought her over to a grassy area away from the road. I went back and started to gather up her 8 lifeless babies and took them back where I placed the mother, their lives were taken unfairly the least I could do was not have other cars running over these little bodies in such a sad situation.

As I went back to pick up the last of her litter I noticed a tiny head lifted, then I caught a glimpse about a foot away from where I just picked up the little baby that was still alive, another movement. The second one seemed to have a broken toe as it was bent backwards and blood coming from its nose. All I could think was the pain and how frightened they must have been as it seemed they were trying to crawl towards where their mother was laying before I moved her.

I picked up the final lifeless body as my plan was to get help for the two still living that I now cradled in my sweatshirt for warmth, then later come back to bury the mother and her babies that didn't survive.

As I placed the very last baby beside its mother to my shock there was another little baby clinging to the body of its mother. I am not sure if this one was in her pouch and came out, as the ones that I did gather up originally were definitely not alive. I quickly grabbed this third one and ran for home.

As soon as I got home I called the Toronto Wildlife Centre, the staff were so passionate and caring and guided me in what to do until I was able to bring the babies to the centre. I don't think there is enough words to express how so very important it is to have a centre like this to help people that need help in unexpected situations as what I had experienced.

For our urban wildlife that has lived here for generations after generations that desperately try to live out their lives peacefully, it seems far too often not enough people don't respect or try to even understand having our urban wildlife live amongst is critical in a healthy balance with mother nature and people.

Far too often this view is how wildlife ends up in bad circumstances, thankfully the TWC is there when a citizen calls on behalf of an animal that is in need of help.

I believe that by going forward with the much needed funds to build a new facility to accommodate the needs of our wildlife and the amazing dedicated staff and volunteers is a win-win situation all around. A more modern facility could arouse new interest in the public being able to come to the centre in more frequent open houses to learn how important it is to have this type of centre. Better educated public makes for a better understanding of respecting wildlife.

School boards should be incorporated into their education system to have class room field trips to the TWC. This may also lead some students down a path maybe volunteering or possible careers in helping animals that they would have not thought about until they have had the chance to experience first hand what they would be experiencing visiting the future new facility.

In today's world it seems like it is always doom and gloom people are looking for something that is truly uplifting. Not only young people, but people of all ages and backgrounds need to see and experience kindness and respect that is given to help wildlife a chance to survive from so many horrible situations. What better way for us taxpayers that do care and want to make a difference would very much like to see this go forth with the funds needed to make this happen.

I thank the TRCA again in all their efforts in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre succeed in establishing this much needed new permanent home.

yours truly

Laurie Arbeau

(a proud supportive in helping wildlife succeed and survive in supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre )

## Item 7.205.

**From:** Lea Ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:46 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie

Dear John,

I'm writing in support of Toronto Wildlife. They are DESPERATELY in need of a new facility. My daughter is a regular volunteer there. I regularly drop off wild birds via the FLAP network. It's a run down facility and really needs something better. Please vote in support.

Regards,  
Lea Ray

## Item 7.206.

**From:** Sue Campbell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for TWC

To:  
Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
C/o John MacKenzie, Secretary/Treasurer

From:  
Sue Campbell, [REDACTED] and monthly donor to Toronto Wildlife Centre



Hello Chair and Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I understand the TRCA has been very supportive of the relocation by provisioning land for the long-term. This is wonderful news.

I see the Toronto Wildlife Centre doing incredible work treating injured and orphaned animals in our urban environs. And I support the Centre year-round with a monthly donation because I believe services such as the Wildlife Hotline, Vet Hospital and public education programs all contribute to making the GTA a caring and compassionate place to live.

I would like to see the TWC continue to thrive in a new, expanded and functional space.

I hope that you agree with me and on May 24th, support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you and all the best to those at the TRCA.

Sincerely,  
Sue Campbell

## Item 7.207.

**From:** Sara <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Funding for the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that on May 24, 2019 you will be deciding on the allocation of \$20,000,000 towards construction of a new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a long term resident of this city and long term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). **I further support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

The TWC offers unique services that are unequalled and much needed in the GTA and Ontario. With the rapid expansion of urban communities, more and more wildlife are displaced and

placed in higher risk for injury due to traffic, housing and other dangers inherent with these expansions.

I have brought injured animals to the TWC that would not have had a chance of survival without their services. Through their services they also promote much needed education for residents about how to live in harmony with Wildlife and how to co-exist in a compassionate and caring way without harming the animals.

We need to protect the environment and the creatures around us so that they can be enjoyed by our children and grandchildren. The TWC is indispensable in solidifying the future of the Wildlife around us through compassion, rehabilitation and care. Nathalie Karvonen and her volunteers unselfishly devote countless hours to make this happen.

Without your help it will be impossible for them to realize this very important initiative because donations from individual supporters, like myself, is just not enough for this ambitious and much needed endeavour.

Please help them and their “patients” this will be a rewarding experience for all.

Thank you.

S. Martinez

## Item 7.208.

**From:** Julia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:11 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding for the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that on May 24, 2019 you will be deciding on the allocation of \$20,000,000 towards construction of a new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a long term resident of this city and long term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). **I further support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I have been a supporter of the TWC for many years and I have personally seen the countless hours they devote to the Rehabilitation and Care of their patients. Although I am a regular donor, I know that they cannot achieve this very important initiative solely on the basis of donations from donors like myself. Please allocate the funds to them as their services are not only unequalled but an integral part in protecting the environment and the wildlife so that they can be enjoyed by future generations.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

J. Martinez

## Item 7.209.

**From:** Linda Klan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello, my husband and I are supporters of the TWC and the vital work they do to rehabilitate our local wildlife when they are orphaned, sick or injured and in need of help.

We can not stress enough how important the work of TWC is and how necessary. Their work teaches children compassion and kindness and encourages the love of nature and the importance of the environment.

We have been fortunate enough to visit the existing facility and see firsthand the dedication of the staff and volunteers and the amazing work they do. The move to the new facility in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park will allow TWC to expand their programming and outreach and allow more animals to resume their lives as vital parts of our communities.

We wish to thank former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath for their support in identifying Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you.  
Linda Klan and Peter Coney

## Item 7.210.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am pleased to confirm that I have been a regular contributor to the TWC for many years and will continue to do so as long as I can (and beyond). The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is very high on my list of priorities and I provide assistance to a variety of birds and other species on an almost daily basis. Last winter, I encountered and obviously sick racoon along the Humber River and, with help from others, captured it and kept it in my bathroom overnight before transporting it to the TWC where it unfortunately had to be euthanized due to severe distemper.

I most strongly support the proposed establishment of a permanent home for the TWC in the Rouge and the motion to identify it as a priority in your 2020 budget. Natalie Karvonen is a national hero who I know will continue to oversee the organization in a most efficient manner.

Sincerely, John Murby

## Item 7.211.

**From:** Bruce Ramsay <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre: Proposed re-location to Rouge National Urban Park, T.R.C.A. agenda item EX10.4

To: Chair & Members of the T.R.C.A. Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, Secretary-Treasurer, T.R.C.A.

From: Bruce Ramsay ([REDACTED]), Toronto

May 18, 2019

Please receive these notes, my expression of support both for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's proposed re-location to Rouge National Urban Park, and for that matter to be provided with priority status for funding as to the T.R.C.A.'s 2020 budget.

Amid turmoil derived from the many competing, yet worthy, interests representing a person's daily life upon grounds respectively financial and practical, a small animal injured might tend to be overlooked as to the magnitude of peril in which it is entrapped --- in part, perhaps, because a person may feel powerless to give remediation notwithstanding be in possession of a heartfelt desire to be exponential by way of providing nurture's investment through offerings of life-sustaining comfort, according to spiritual principles fostering properly sacrificial expressions of consideration and care. Accordingly, the proposed substantial investment by the T.R.C.A. and its partner investors, to provide injured members of wildlife with a best opportunity for recovery, would be a fine gesture toward those who cannot express thanks but who would surely be profoundly appreciative nevertheless.

A couple of years ago, while I walked along Eglinton Avenue in Scarborough, I came across a gull that could not walk or fly, but repeatedly stumble one, or two, steps before falling forward onto its chest and face then mightily struggle to gain some measure of an upright stance, only. Were there not for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's medical assistance, the bird might have suffered alone a prolonged and serious discomfort, both physically and psychologically, in an inhospitable environment until prematurely passing away. The Centre now strives with less than truly adequate resources, to meet the needs of many distressed individuals. A new home in the Rouge, properly constituted by virtue of endowment with extensive resources, would greatly assist, I'm sure, its staff to mend the bodies, minds, hence the lives, of animals otherwise helpless yet a multitude for their great number and diversity by size and by type.

Thank you for your kindness in attention given to those sentiments.

Respectfully yours,  
Bruce Ramsay

## Item 7.212.

**From:** Janice Bearg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 3:47 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 (funding for TWC in Rouge National Urban Park)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board

(c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer):

As a member of the community, I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. It's essential that our urban wildlife is protected and provided safe haven whenever necessary. In order to support the TWC in its efforts to do so, we ask that you support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Without the TWC, the skunk that was recently found in our backyard, with a foot caught in an old trap stuck between our fence and our neighbour's, would most certainly have died a painfully slow death of dehydration and starvation. We are eternally grateful that a volunteer from TWC was able to come to our aid in rescuing the skunk and providing it the medical care it needed before releasing it to the wild.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely yours,  
Janice Bearg

## Item 7.213.

**From:** David Michael Bastoli <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Funding for Toronto Wildlife Centre (Meeting #5/19)

Chair and Members of the Board  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

c/o John Mackenzie, Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's (TWC) advancing plan to establish a permanent wildlife rehabilitation and education centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Specifically, I am asking you to **support the draft motion (11.1, #5/19) to include \$20 million in funding for the project** as a priority within the 2020 TRCA budget submission to its participating municipalities.

As a Toronto business owner and lifelong resident of the Greater Toronto Area, I believe strongly in the necessity of the work carried out by the dedicated staff and volunteers of the TWC.

Based on TWC's track record, I am confident that the new centre will contribute greatly to the TRCA's goal of a "Living City", both through its leading rehabilitation methods and by creating enhanced opportunities for public education, an important part of the TRCA's mission.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,  
David Michael Bastoli

## Item 7.214.

**From:** Lauren Ostrowski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre's anticipated move to Rouge Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am a current volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC), and I am emailing you today to show my support for TWC's anticipated move to Rouge Park.

TWC is instrumental in providing care to Ontario's sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. We are the largest and busiest wildlife centre in Canada, and are a leader in the field of wildlife rehabilitation. Our Hotline staff is the busiest of its kind in Canada, and takes approximately 30,000 calls per year. This statistic demonstrates how essential our services are. 30,000 calls a year from the public shows just how much our community cares about their wildlife species. If our centre were to no longer exist, who would take these calls? We provide care to thousands of animals each year, representing around 300 species (many of which are defined as species-at-risk). We are also actively engaged in education and outreach, helping to educate the public about their province's wildlife and promote healthy human-wildlife relationships. Our current building barely allows the public to view any of the things we do at the centre, and we would love the opportunity to be able to more effectively demonstrate the work we do with wildlife.

As you are aware, the current building is in very poor condition, and is slated for demolition at the end of this year. I myself have experienced the much less than ideal conditions this building has to offer. With heavy rains, the building floods. This not only further destroys the building, but also destroys our supplies that have been graciously donated by the public (we rely entirely on donations and receive no government funding), and endangers our patients. The building can also pose hazardous working conditions. There are many cracks/holes throughout the building/windows, these are "closed" by

shoving cloths and towels in, which eventually produces mould as these get wet. These are just some of the facility issues we deal with regularly. Suffice it to say it's time for a move! We desperately require a new facility to house the hundreds of animals we have in our care at any given time. Come demolition time, if these animals are not transferred to another facility, we will have nowhere to house them and they will likely perish as a result.

For these reasons, I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your continued support of TWC! I sincerely hope the funding vote on Friday turns out positively as it will allow TWC to continue to do the amazing work they do!

Lauren Ostrowski

## Item 7.215.

**From:** Bill Walker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 4:21 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board,

**Subject; Toronto Wildlife Centre – (TRCA Agenda**  
**Item EX10.4)**

I have been a resident of Toronto and Durham all my life.

As a wildlife lover and conservationist I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for well over 20 years. I was also a volunteer with them for about 12 of those years.

I cannot express adequately how thankful I am that this organization exists in the GTA and how grateful I am to them for helping not only myself but also so many of my friends and neighbours over the years by giving us a place to treat injured wildlife and provide valuable education on how we can co-exist with the wildlife that resides along with us in our communities. This is a truly incredible organization that has become indispensable in the GTA.

My sincere thanks goes to the TRCA for the support you have given to the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their effort to establish a permanent facility in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Mr. Chair and Board Members, I believe this project strongly fits with with the vision and core values of the TRCA. I also believe this is an opportunity to not only help preserve and improve a very essential service in The GTA but this project will become a world class example of conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, education and co-existence with wildlife in our communities.

I thank you very much for your consideration of placing The Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority on your budget plans for 2020.

Sincerely,  
Bill Walker

## Item 7.216.

From: kimberly seymour <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 4:58 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham  
Subject: Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, C/O John Mackenzie

I urge you to support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Center establish a permanent home in Torontos Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4)

This is a vital service offered to help care of our sick and injured wild animals. The people at Toronto Wildlife work tirelessly to help save our orphaned animals. Just two weeks ago at the school that I work at students spotted three baby Canada geese on the second storey of our school. By the time it was reported to staff two of the babies had died, one fell over and the other probably due to starvation or dehydration as it has been up there for a few days. The last little one was being protected by its parents however it was a desperate situation. The geese had the babies on the top of the roof where there was no access to food or water other than where the rain pooled a little water. I called Toronto Wildlife Center. They told me to try to get the baby down off the roof and they were on the way to pick up the baby and parents as they just found 7 orphaned babies and they were hoping these parents would be surrogates. We got the baby down. The parents flew to the baby. The TO wildlife rescuers the group and planned to check out baby and release the family with the orphaned baby the next day.

I was so impressed with this organization. From the expertise to the quick response and the genuine caring of the poor animals. I have also known this facility to mend endangered turtles, baby racoons and other animals that have been rescued. I would urge the TRCA board to please vote to on this being a priority project.

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Center as a priority project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

With thanks,  
Kimberly Seymour

## Item 7.217.

From: Andy C <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 5:29 PM  
To: John MacKenzie



**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC Facility in Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I am writing in regards to the allocation of funds to the new Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) facility. I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to establish a new home for TWC in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the TWC facility as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a resident of GTA, I have been a volunteer and supporter of TWC's rescue and rehabilitation efforts, saving the lives of thousands of animals every year. Without their work, many threatened and endangered species would be at greater risk of disappearing. I would like to share a personal story involving wildlife. While I was driving one day in 2018, I saw a turtle on the middle of a rural road. I stopped my car to help the turtle cross safely to the other side, but realized it was already struck by a car and bleeding from a cracked shell. I was able to identify the turtle as a rare Blanding's turtle, threatened in most of its native range in Ontario due to high road mortality. I quickly took the turtle to TWC where they took x-rays to determine the extent of its injury. That was when they discovered 12 eggs! After surgery to repair the turtle's shell, she laid the eggs, which were incubated and hatched. On that day when I stopped my car to help the turtle, we saved 12 more lives! For more on this story, you can click this link: <https://youtu.be/smRjYDzM2ME>

We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to help the survival of urban wildlife. The TWC needs funding for the vital new facility that will enable them to continue their live saving work and give many species hope.

Thank you,

Andy Chang

## Item 7.218.

**From:** Erika Faust <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 5:37 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

My name is Erika Faust, and I am a resident of [REDACTED].

I am writing today to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me. I would love to see TWC expand and improve their core programs. This group is instrumental in helping to preserve and protect incredible wildlife who live in and around our great city. It is our duty as citizens of Toronto to do everything we can to protect the wildlife who live here too.

I support TWC moving into their great new home and I hope they can count on support from the TRCA.

Thank you for your time.  
Erika Faust

## Item 7.219.

TRCA

Hello all please note it would be the best thing to give the support in monetary funds to the Toronto Wildlife to help them build the new home so that they can continue to provide the help that the wild animal's needs.

I see what is happening to them now, where more and more homes and condos are going up and they are losing their homes, with that said they have nowhere to go and run on the roads where they are hit and left for dead. It is hard to see this and I do hope that you give your full support. I had a friend you found an injured bird and she did not know what to do, so I told her to call the Toronto Wildlife hotline and they had her bring the bird in, without their help I know that the bird would have died.

I support the TRCA in their efforts to help The Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4)

And


I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn DeBaaeremaker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife and I see all the good things they do and would hope that you continue to help.

Yours sincerely

  
Diana Greco

## Item 7.220.

**From:** Lynn McIntyre < >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:51 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello,

I greatly support former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath's motion, to be discussed on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, to identify the new Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. With the Wildlife Centre's current building slated for demolition, it is urgent that a permanent wildlife rescue and rehabilitation home be established.

Thanks also to the TRCA's support of this new Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. The Centre's work is urgent in rescuing, caring for and treating sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in Toronto. And this is a perfect location for it.

Lynn McIntyre

## Item 7.221.

**From:** Artem Zaloga <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre move to Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie,

I am writing on the behalf on my entire family to say thank you for your ongoing efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Rouge Park. The TWC have been a blessing to us, and we have relied heavily on their assistance in times when we have found an injured raccoon or bird, a stray turtle or her unexpected nest, or a disoriented deer around our property.

Given the necessity (and rarity) of the service that the TWC provides, we strongly support the motion put forth by the former Toronto Councillor, Glenn De Baeremaeker, and Markham Councillor, Jack Heath, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. We sincerely hope that their relocation to Rouge Park be as simple and straightforward as possible, and we kindly ask for your help in the matter.

Thank you, and all the best,  
Artem Zaloga

## Item 7.222.

**From:** David Macfarlane <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** New home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair/Members of the TRCA Board

I am writing to give my enthusiastic support for a new home for the TWC. I fully endorse Glenn De Baeremacker and Jack Heath in this. It is a wonderful cause and simply the right thing that it be a priority for funding. Humans are contributing to death and harm to animals and this can help mitigate the damage. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me. Thanks

David Macfarlane [REDACTED]

## Item 7.223.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 1:14 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Priority for 2020 Budget

Hello,

I am writing to share my support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park ( Agenda item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I have seen first hand the positive impact and effect this centre has on not only helping injured animals but saving countless lives. By making the centre a top priority the impact could be exponential. Wildlife are central to conservation and by working together this would ultimately make our communities a better place.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my email.

Kind Regards,  
Samantha Whitehead

## Item 7.224.

**From:** Joanne Ingrassia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** TWC  
**Subject:** TRCA agenda item EX10.4 - supporting Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I strongly urge you to please support the much-needed Toronto Wildlife Centre, by approving the motion put forward by former Toronto Councillor Gleen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This very much needed support will help TWC tremendously, to be able to build a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. TRCA has already demonstrated support by providing the use of the land (much appreciated, thank you) and this critical charity now very much needs support to make that move happen.

As you may be aware, TWC has been operating for many years in a very old airplane hanger out at Downsview Park, going above and beyond, year and after year, 365 days a year, to help injured, sick and orphaned wildlife be treated, care for, and released back to their urban habitat. They also operate a very active Hotline to help residents with any wildlife concerns (more than 30,000 calls a year, I have called many times myself and received excellent advice, and have also taken in injured and sick squirrels and birds several times over the years).

They help over 5,000 animals/birds,etc every year, and could help even more with more support for a larger, permanent home. And they've done all of this primarily through donations, providing a critical service that many people still mistakenly think is an already funded and supported City service. As you may know, City funded Toronto Animal Services, 311, and many others, routinely direct people to call TWC when there are any wildlife concerns. That's because TWC is licensed by the provincial government to provide their expert care, and it has a roster of dedicated volunteers as well to handle much of the day to day work. It is Canada's busiest wildlife hospital!

TWC now desperately needs a permanent home, especially given the property they have been using is expelling them in order to build new development. But to do that will take a lot of support, and the need for the City to help support it as much as possible would be so very much appreciated.

As a long time supporter of TWC, I will continue to do what I can as a resident, too. I can't imagine how awful it would be if TWC wasn't available to help me, and the wildlife we live amongst.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Ingrassia

## Item 7.225.

**From:** Nadine Vogt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:56 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** support the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am emailing to ask the TRCA to prioritize wildlife health by supporting the building of a new centre for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge National Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a former volunteer veterinarian at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I have experienced first-hand the need for a new facility in order to improve the care we are able to provide for injured wildlife found in the GTA. Although the volunteer network at the TWC is strong and contributes immensely, the

medicine, treatments and diagnostic care we provide to wildlife are often limited by the facilities and equipment available for these purposes. I believe that the investment of \$20 million dollars towards the building of a new facility will go a long way in supporting this new project and centre, and will not only benefit wildlife, but will also provide unique and valuable educational opportunities for GTA residents to learn more about wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Nadine Vogt

## Item 7.226.

**From:** Marie Lyons <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** new wildlife centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear John Mackenzie, Chair and Members of TRCA Board,

Please do not hesitate to allocate the much needed funds for the new wildlife centre. TWC does amazing work and I have been a supporter for many years. We took in a couple of orphaned squirrels a few years ago. The TWC did all the work caring for these babies until they were able to look after themselves. We provided a backyard for them to live. The old facility is going to be demolished so it is essential that this be a priority project. Please don't let the animals, reptiles and birds down.

Thank you, Marie Lyons

## Item 7.227.

**From:** Melissa Chapman Bond <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre - Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and members of the TRCA Board c/o Mr. MacKenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing today because I want to express my full support of **the TRCA** in its efforts to help **Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park** (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify **Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

My husband and I, have been monthly supporters of TWC for many years because we love animals and we feel so fortunate for the wildlife that live in our city. We also know we need an organization like TWC to help our wildlife when it's in need. I personally follow TWC on Facebook and Instagram because while it's always difficult to know that an animal has been injured, it's also extremely comforting to know we citizen have a place to bring them for care.

I am also proud that as far away as California - people from Universal Studio reached out to our Wildlife Centre for help to relocate a family of geese with goslings. We are so fortunate to have this facility and the people who work and volunteer there, caring for all wildlife in need and they need a new home they can call their own.

Thank you,  
Melissa Chapman Bond

## Item 7.228.

**From:** Carolyn Veit <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Request to Support Construction of New TWC Facility

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary / Treasurer

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and request TRCA make it a priority to provide funding towards the new TWC facility at Rouge Park. This is an investment that will pay back two-fold.

Starting from fairly humble beginnings, its amazing how much TWC has accomplished towards care of a wide range of wildlife. Baby birds and goslings I've brought to TWC for help were given full attention from time of my initial phone call to TWC, all the way through to follow up recovery, rehabilitation and release back to their habitats.

To support all of TWC's efforts a secure and functional facility is essential and needed now.

Best Regards  
Carolyn Veit

## Item 7.229.

**From:** Arthur Manz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:47 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for building a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Members of TCRA:

This is to express my support for the funding and building of a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. This includes:

- support for the TRCA (Toronto Region and Conservation Authority) in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).
- support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

There are a number of factors that have influenced my decision to support given the financial constraints that we now face:

1. this is a demonstration of Canadian spirit at its finest and helps to preserve our heritage,
2. this is an opportunity to physically demonstrate that we wish to share this planet with our indigenous wildlife,
3. it is a wonderful learning opportunity for our children,
4. the recent TVO series on City Wildlife Rescue hit home with its portrayal of the concerns, cares, and joys of animal rescue. These are real people who are dedicated to a worthy cause.

To sum up, I am a fairly private person who was moved to express my support for this worthwhile endeavour and I do feel that there is common ground to get this project moving.

Thank you.

Arthur Manz

## Item 7.230.

**From:** Mariana Cuitino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife: Support the Rebuild

Hello,

My name is Mariana Cuitino and I've been a volunteer driver for the Brampton Animal Shelter for a couple of years now. I transfer injured wildlife from Brampton to Toronto. I am definitely in favour of the idea to raise funds to rebuild a new Toronto Animal Shelter. I think it's very important for us to have proper facilities when we are talking about saving lives.

Thank you,



## Item 7.231.

**From:** Lyndsay Stephenson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie,

I'm writing to ask that you please support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), as well as the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping to support, protect and rehabilitate our city's wildlife is critical, and is an important part of maintaining our city's culture and wellbeing for current and future generations.

Thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely,  
Lyndsay Stephenson

## Item 7.232.

**From:** Fernandes, Roy (St Sylvester) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please make the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing this email in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's stellar daily work.

I understand that former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath have made a motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I think this is an excellent use of budget money.

I am in full support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I had the good fortune to take a group of students for a three day experience with the Toronto Wildlife Centre this past school year. I came away extremely impressed with the fantastic work the Toronto Wildlife Centre is doing. Their commitment to selflessly giving their time to help animals that we have impacted through human activity is commendable. It is my sincere hope that you will support their work and pass the budget motion.

Looking forward to hearing about your positive decision for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely,  
Roy Fernandes

## Item 7.233.

From: Cindy Shigetomi <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:05 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: New Wildlife Centre in The Rouge

Dear Sir:

With the recent sad news that our TORONTO City Council denying and voting against the need to announce a climate emergency, I think it is just as important to realize and support our wildlife live and assist them with the extreme conditions of survival they are subject to within and around our city and our need to establish a permanent new home.

I support the motion by councillor Glenn de Baeremaeker the TRCA and the TORONTO Wildlife Centre in The Rouge. They are linchpin to the survival of our precious wildlife.

Please help this become a reality by recognizing this as a priority project.

Thank you!  
Cindy

## Item 7.234.

From: Morris St. Pierre <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 7:20 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Toronto Wildlife Centre  
Subject: I support motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 Budget

Attention: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mac Kenzie Secretary/Treasurer

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is an organization which plays a crucial role in taking care of injured wildlife in Toronto. They are an organization for which I have great respect and admiration. They need support, encouragement and more facilities to help them meet their goals.

With this in mind I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Your assistance in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre reach this goal would be a legacy accomplishment for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for generations to come.

Best regards to all decision makers in determining the destiny of the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Respectfully yours,  
Morris St. Pierre

## Item 7.235.

**From:** will smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 6:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Re. Toronto Wildlife Centre/TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer,  
Re. TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

For nearly two decades my wife and I have been modest financial supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. More importantly though, we've been users of their services in the care of sick, injured or distressed wild life that have stumbled onto our property. Visits to TWC at Downsview Park have been too numerous to mention, but no matter whether the potential patient was an injured bird or an orphaned racoon, the attention and care received has always been stellar. As taxpayers living in [REDACTED] we cannot overstate the importance of these services to us.

We're aware of how supportive TRCA has been in connection with the move of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to the Rouge National Urban Park. A long-term land-use agreement allowing for the building of a purpose-built facility will provide a more than appropriate base for Canada's busiest wildlife care centre.

We would also like you to know that we wholeheartedly support the motion introduced by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath identifying the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

In closing, we support the TRCA's efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), allowing for the potential expansion and improvement of its core programs: the Wildlife Hotline, Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, Wildlife Rehabilitation, and Public Education.

Nancy and Bill Smith

## Item 7.236.

From: "Pam Lootsteen" <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, May 20, 2019 at 11:21 AM -0400  
Subject: Wildlife rescue and rehab centre in the Rouge  
To: "John MacKenzie" <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: "director@torontowildlifecentre.com" <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

Dear Mr. Mackenzie and the TRCA Board,  
I am sending this email to support the TRCA in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre build a permanent space in Rouge Park. I support councillor Jack Heath's motion to make this a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

A few years ago I asked the TWC's help with an injured racoon that had put himself on my front porch for safety. The temperature that evening was going to be -25C. I could not watch an animal freeze to death. The Toronto Wildlife Centre helped both that racoon and us in a timely, professional manner and prevented a horrible death. I have donated to this organization when I can.

I understand the new centre will increase public viewing of their work and educational activities. This is very important. There is empirical data showing links to how much moral value we accord animals and how we treat other human beings. If we raise our children to value the lives and feelings of animals, we will likely raise children who are kind to other people and tolerant of diversity.

Please help to make the centre a reality!  
Pam Lootsteen

## Item 7.237.

From: "Genevieve Lumsden" <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, May 20, 2019 at 10:19 AM -0400  
Subject: Support for the TRCA to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park  
To: "John MacKenzie" <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: "director@torontowildlifecentre.com" <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

The majority of wildlife injuries stem from anthropogenic activities (directly or indirectly), it is therefore our responsibility to what we can to care and treat these injured and sick wildlife. Therefore, I am emailing to voice my support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your time to consider my opinion.  
Genevieve Lumsden

## Item 7.238.

From: Janet Jazairi <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:24 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre to find a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project.

I have supported TWC for several years now, ever since I cast around for help with a wounded squirrel which used to visit my garden. I was so impressed with the spirit of this place when I went up there to get a squirrel trap. I do hope that the Centre gets its funding so that it can continue to help and protect wildlife.

Yours,  
Janet Jazairi

## Item 7.239.

From: Peter Ladouceur <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:33 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a beacon of hope for vulnerable creatures.

I fully support the efforts of the TWC in acquiring a facility where they can do so much good.

Sincerely;  
Peter Ladouceur

## Item 7.240.

From: Linda Fischer <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:35 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge Park.

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

- I have taken many orphaned and injured animals to the wildlife centre over the years. I was comforted to know they would be cared for. I wholeheartedly support the motion.
- This is what the Rouge Park should be used for!

Linda Fischer

## Item 7.241.

**From:** mert ozcan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:10 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Support for the new Toronto Wildlife Centre project

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I apologize for taking your time but I'd like to tell you a short story, please bear with me 🙏

Last year on a cold winter morning, I found a little bird laying still in front of our building entrance. Poor thing was traumatized and wasn't able to fly. After taking it to a local neighborhood veterinary they told me that there Toronto Wildlife Centre would know how to treat it, so I took the little bird all the way to the Wildlife facility in Downsview in a shoebox with openings for air, some water, some cotton and food (although I have a fulltime in job in downtown, and I don't have a car).

There, after examining the poor little thing, the veterinary doctors told me that it was a migratory bird and it smashed into the building head on while flying to migrate to south (probably due to light pollution). Although they couldn't save it since its head injury was unrecoverable, I was assured that it was the best place/team to be able to understand the situation and diagnose and treat it properly. There is certainly a specialty adhered to Toronto Wildlife Center – they are experts in wildlife animals and the local veterinary clinics don't have much experience other than pets.

One thing I noticed however was that, their facility was really a rundown. I even thought to myself – I clearly remember to this day – how come Canada, having world's second largest land area and most beautiful nature and a precious wildlife and its biggest city, main hub, Toronto, doesn't have a proper facility for the wildlife protectors/savers?

The staff there seems like amazing people, very hardworking and doing this job enthusiastically but they seemed to be understaffed...

Witnessing this cold fact made me empathize with the institution, its staff and the poor animals being taken care there, so I donated a couple of times.

However now that I heard there's a possibility that a new center can be built, I'd like to let you know that as a [REDACTED] resident, I'm a big proponent of this project!

Therefore, I'd like to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your time and support for Toronto's wildlife and its precious habitants!

Mert Ozcan

## Item 7.242.

**From:** Ilse Joubert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 8:41 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** New HOME for TWC

Dear Chair and Members of TRCA Board

I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help TWC establish a permanent facility for their amazing rescue and treatment of our urban wildlife in the Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4)

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

They have saved thousands of orphaned and injured animals - even a fledgling robin I brought in a few years ago!

Urban wildlife makes Toronto a special city - we need to preserve and protect them!

Sincerely  
Ilse Joubert

## Item 7.243.

**From:** bernice zimnicki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 8:37 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** twc need

Good morning,

I would like the committee members to know that I totally support the Toronto Wildlife Centre

and their need for a new facility in the Rouge Park.

As also supported by members of the Toronto Council, it is a project that I hope gets onto your list for priority actions.

This is such an essential service in the Toronto area , really the only kind of its sort and funded only by donations.

Thank you,  
Bernice Zimnicki

## Item 7.244.

From: Ardith Merton <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:36 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Rehabilitation Centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board I support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and the Markham Councillor to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The Toronto Wildlife Centre does great work and supplies a much needed service to helpless injured and orphaned animals of all species. They email me heartwarming stories of the animals they rescue and save with delicate surgeries. They take the time to personally telephone me to thank me for my donations! A new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre building would be a tremendous help to them and allow them to continue the awesome services that they do.

Best regards, Ardith Merton

## Item 7.245.

From: Monica 09 <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:18 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Nathalie Karvonen  
Subject: Priority Allocation

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am a long standing monthly financial donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and I am writing this email to express my gratitude for the support the TRCA has shown in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Given the nature of the work this centre is doing, and that they are the only one of its kind in the city of Toronto, I would like to emphasize the need to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With urban sprawl further encroaching on rural lands, it is inevitable that wildlife, people and city/building infrastructure will sometimes clash , thereby necessitating a modern, state of the art facility that can handle all types of emergencies whenever the need arises.



Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Sincerely,  
Monica Orlowski

## Item 7.246.

Glenn De Baeremaeker



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Jennifer Innis  
Chair, Toronto and Region  
Conservation Authority 101  
Exchange Avenue  
Vaughan, Ontario, L4K 5R6

Dear Chair and members of the board:

Please accept this letter as my request for your support of the motion to make the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) a priority project in the 2020 budget.

The services provided by the Toronto Wildlife Centre will have a positive impact in every single municipality that is represented on the TRCA, and the TWC is the only organization that can provide the education, rescue, veterinarian care, rehabilitation and public awareness required to help GTA residents live in harmony with our wild neighbours.

**The TRCA and all municipalities continue to do great work planting trees, creating new wetlands, creating new meadowlands, resorting creeks and rivers, and even mandating the building of green roofs. The TRCA and its partners create the habitat which makes the wildlife hospital necessary. In fact, the very existence of our cities makes the wildlife hospital necessary.**

While the TRCA has included the Wildlife Centre project in our 2018 and 2019 budget submissions, the project, unfortunately, remains “below the line” in terms of funding priorities. I believe it is important to pass this motion which directs our staff to work with municipal staff - at the start of the 2020 budget process - to ensure the project is funded in 2020, either through additional funding or finding offsets within our current budget.

The wildlife centre motion proposes, for Toronto, a \$1 million per year allocation to the Wildlife Centre project until the wildlife centre construction costs are paid for. If Toronto provides additional funding, then moving forward is relatively easy.

If Toronto does not provide additional funding, then the motion directs staff to keep this project above the line by finding offsets. Offsets would most likely come from lowering our tree planting and habitat restoration budget allocation, thereby requiring us to find additional funds for habitat restoration. I am comfortable suggesting this as I believe there are several

initiatives that will help ensure our habitat restoration projects continue, including:

- New funding from the Rouge National Urban Park. The National Park did not exist just six years ago, which means the \$143.7 million investment by Parks Canada is new money we did not have in the past. Parks Canada will continue to spend millions on tree planting and habitat restoration over the next 10 years. Sometimes Parks Canada may contract the TRCA to do the habitat restoration, sometimes they may contract NGOs like 10,000 Trees for the Rouge to do the habitat restoration, but either way, there will be millions of new dollars spent in our jurisdiction by a branch of government that had no presence here just six years ago.
- New funding from the Don River restoration project. The \$1.2 billion project to renaturalize the Don River is relatively new funding, spread over 10 years, and includes substantial habitat improvements including 60 acres of new wetlands, meadowlands and tree planting.
- New funding from the City of Toronto Forestry initiatives. The City of Toronto has doubled its tree planting budget from \$7 million per year (in 2010) to \$14 million per year (in 2018) and is looking for locations to plant trees and conduct habitat restoration.
- New funding from the Ashbridges Bay landfill project. The project is a new \$90 million project that includes significant new land creation, tree planting and habitat restoration.
- New funding from the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Project. The project will see over \$160 million invested - and over 50 acres of new habitat created – over the next ten years.
- New funding from The Scarborough Waterfront Trail Project. The project EA has just been approved by the provincial government, which means this \$370 million project will bring new funding to the TRCA and will include substantial tree planting and habitat restoration. While not funded yet, Toronto already allocated \$5 million in the 2019 budget to help fix Brimley Road access for cars and pedestrians and may get full funding soon. The project includes 20 acres of new habitat creation and restoration.
- New funding from federal programs. Some \$22.31 million, for example, has recently been allocated to the TRCA to fund erosion management and hazard mitigation projects over ten years; all these projects will include habitat restoration components.

In conclusion, in a TRCA budget that is over \$130 million per year (and is estimated to be over \$200 million in 2019), I believe we can find the funding necessary to help create the largest wildlife hospital and rehabilitation centre in Canada. The Wildlife Centre project should be embraced and supported by the TRCA, and I encourage you to vote accordingly.

Cheers,

Glenn De Baeremaeker

## Item 7.247.

**From:** Una Stirling <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 7:43 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Important re - 2020 budget TRCA

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA

I want to bring to your attention the important work carried out by the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I personally know 3 people who have had dealings with this organization, where they have found an injured (and in one case orphaned), animal and brought it to the attention of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. All 3 cases ended well with lives saved thanks to the intervention of the Centre. While I haven't had to deal with a sick animal, I have been for a tour of their current facilities. They are doing the most impressive work in the shabbiest of conditions. The volume of injured and sick animals that they take care of is staggering. As this city continues to grow the need for their services will also grow.

I support the motion by Glenn DeBaeremaeker and Jack Heath to make the Centre a priority project for the upcoming 2020 TRCA budget. It's Item EX10.4.  
This would be to help the Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park - Toronto.

Please do everything you can to make sure they get the funds.

Your help is much appreciated!  
Una Stirling

## Item 7.248.

**From:** Gayle McIntyre <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 2:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** • Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

***I support the TRCA in its efforts to help The Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.***

***I am writing in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and the incredible work they have accomplished for decades. People are extremely grateful to have someplace they can take wildlife they find in distress. Having been to their building I find it amazing they have for years carried out the essential work of caring for injured wildlife from such an old, small, dilapidated building for 26 years with no government funding relying on donations and volunteers. Our precious wildlife is being inundated by human settlements which invade their territories and destroy their habitat compromising their ability to survive and thrive. It is inevitable they will have confrontations with humans and infrastructure so we need to provide a safe location with professional care to supply adequate recovery and rehabilitation.***

***Our city is growing and the public is concerned that our wildlife is protected in a new accessible location to provide for this essential service of rescue, care, and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. The Toronto Wildlife Centre is Canada's busiest wildlife centre deserving of a permanent home in the beautiful Rouge National Urban Park. I hope this is a priority and thank you for your consideration.***

## **Item 7.249.**

**From:** Lina Dajani <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 10:47 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Centre at Rouge National Park

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing you today to express my support of the TRCA and its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). Furthermore, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

A couple of years ago, my husband and I found a dazed and confused red squirrel in our back yard. We didn't quite understand what was wrong with it, and through calls to 411, were directed to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. The Wildlife Centre coached us over the phone while we captured the poor squirrel, and then took us in at the end of a long Sunday to assess their condition. It appeared that the squirrel had suffered from head trauma, and was lucky to have been rescued before night time, when they might have fallen prey to a bigger animal.

While at the Wildlife Centre, we noticed the wealth of data that was being collected on urban wildlife. I believe that the work of the Wildlife Centre in both rescuing wildlife and in contributing to our understanding of how wildlife co-habituate our cities is significant and should be prioritized.

Sincerely,  
Lina Al-Dajani

## **Item 7.250.**

**From:** Sharon Kirsch <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 9:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for funding of new Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

We are writing to express our support for your organization, the TRCA, as you help Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4). To this end, we

are in favour of the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

Like many citizens of the Toronto region, we have encountered injured wildlife—a red-winged blackbird with a broken neck, a newly fledged robin caught in a cat's jaws—and found ourselves with almost nowhere to go for advice or support. Toronto Wildlife Centre serves as an essential source of help and advice for injured wildlife in the city, but their existing space and resources have not been adequate to meet the needs of a city and region abounding in wildlife. With the stresses of urban development, climate change, and dwindling biodiversity, our wildlife will need increasing support. We therefore urge you to designate Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for your 2020 budget.

Yours sincerely,  
Sharon Kirsch and Mark Laird

## Item 7.251.

**From:** Michael Savoie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 8:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: The Toronto Wildlife Center

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

My name is Michael Savoie. My wife, Anne Frank and I are supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Center (TWC) and have been for years. We are as generous as we can be with our donations.

Anne and I are home owners. We own [REDACTED]. Our home is situated in a beautiful area known as [REDACTED].

If you know our neighbourhood you will know that we are surrounded by ravines in which every wild species of animal that we have here in Toronto lives. We are very aware of the diversity of animal life that we in Toronto have come to marvel at.

But admiring the wild life is not enough.

We have to take some responsibility for wild animals.

Anne and I believe part of our responsibility is caring for sick and injured wild animals, and that is exactly what the Toronto Wildlife Center does.

Whether it's a sick coyote, injured deer, oil-covered ducks, abandoned baby raccoons or a snake, TWC has taken on the role of caregiver to one and all.

As you know the present Wildlife Centre located in the Downsview Park is no longer an appropriate location.

We feel it is important for us to acknowledge the generous support the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been, and hopefully will continue to be towards the TWC as it works to establish a permanent home for it's vital work within the Rouge National Urban Park.

Anne and I think it is also important for us to acknowledge and support the hard work done by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The officers, staff and volunteers not to mention the number of industry professionals, have all worked long and hard to finally arrive at the point where the TWC is asking the TRCA to please continue their support and consider very carefully whether to allocate the badly needed funds which will be used to help construct the new home for the TWC. With the TRCA backing the TWC will be in perfect shape to fulfill their dream of having a permanent home in an appropriate location.

We are encouraged that Toronto City Staff have agreed that the permanent home for the TWC is warranted at the 6461 Steeles Avenue East location.

We are in support of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie's (Councillor Scarborough-Rouge Park) efforts to bring the TWC to their permanent home quickly.

No doubt you are aware that the plans for 6461 Steeles Avenue East are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), as well, the plans conform to the Greenbelt Plan.

The plans conform to the City of Toronto Official Plans as they relate to Heritage Conservation and the Natural Environment.

Toronto is a big city. We have all the benefits of living in a world-class city. We are blessed with our environment and the creatures that go with it. When those creatures are sick and hurt the TWC is called in to treat the patient. TWC presently does this work while existing from donations, and at the same time working out of a building that is slated for demolition.

Now with your approval the Toronto Wildlife Centre will have a permanent hospital, rehab space and office space that has been needed for years.

Michael Savoie and Anne Frank

## Item 7.252.

**From:** Ingrid Brown <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** May 20, 2019 7:19 PM

**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>

**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

**Subject:** Urging you to allocate \$20 million for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

- I have dealt with the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years. I have brought them soil, blankets, pine cones, boxes, dishes, weigh scales, heating pads, .... I have sewn covers for laundry baskets to house song birds and I have sewn new nets for large hoops to catch injured animals. They work on a low budget and recycled items are always appreciated.
- I have seen them intently working the phones, so I know that they are a resource for thousands of people who don't know what to do when an animal is either a nuisance or needs help.

- I live in a forested area and my dogs and I have incurred mange. The Toronto Wildlife Centre cures these animals so they do not become a health issue for the public.
- My dog took pity on an orphaned baby coyote that had gone blind. The Rescue Team diligently worked with me to rescue that animal. I live near a conservation area and that team went all over the hills tracking where it hung out. I kept a diary whenever the kit came around the house (with my dog notifying me by barking); they set up a video camera; they set up a trap with bait. They knew its movements so well that they eventually were able to give it a series of meatballs that cured it. So we did not incur mange that time. (My dogs had collie in their blood and regular over the counter pills to cure mange are lethal for them, so mange is a huge expense.) I was constantly given directions regarding this coyote.
- That coyote had a sibling who did not fare as well. It had a bad leg and decided not to hang around when I tried to help it. So it went to a park on the other side of the road. It had to be trapped by several people, including Vaughan Animal Services, and was hospitalized for several weeks. There were pets in the area saved from getting that cruel mange.
- [REDACTED] also found a young fox with mange dying on her property. It probably would have been dead within hours. They trapped it and took it back to the centre.
- Of course there is the humane aspect, not just for the animals and birds, but for people who can't stand to see the suffering and don't know how to help. Truly, the Toronto Wildlife Centre is not just about animals, but about taking worry from humans. The Centre prevents the spread of disease--and that has to be worth a large financial expense .
- Then there is the education aspect. Children and adults are taught that these critters have feelings and there are proper ways to handle them. By understanding that, people are less likely to abuse. That means less work and expense for the police and judicial departments.
- They serve a big region with a lot of wildlife that need to live with humans harmoniously. I would like you therefore to allocate \$20 million or more to the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Regards, Gail Brown,

## Item 7.253.

Heather L. Kelly

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer  
john.mackenzie@trca.on.ca

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board of Directors,

Thank you for your established and ongoing support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and its move to the Rouge National Urban Park. Providing long-term use of land to build a much-needed permanent home for Canada's busiest wildlife centre is a significant commitment. It is genuinely appreciated. And the next step of commitment is vitally needed now.

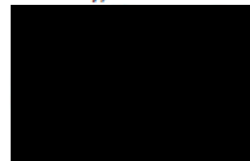
I support and encourage the TRCA in its effort to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Further, I ask the TRCA to approve the investment of \$20 million in the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility. This commitment is urgently needed from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

I first found the Toronto Wildlife Centre after I had witnessed a horrific scene where a bird was seriously injured as it was dragged under a metal carry-cart in downtown Toronto. I knew nothing at the time about Toronto Wildlife Centre - only that this living creature, an inhabitant of our city, desperately needed medical help. I took the bird home in a taxi, found the TWC, the next day I took the bird there for assessment and care, and I left. A few months later I became a monthly donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. And more recently, I have become a wildlife care volunteer. I work a weekly shift around my demanding schedule as a consultant, small business owner, Director of Marketing for a major downtown venue, Board Member of two organizations, Committee member for two national organizations, and other responsibilities. Why? Because wildlife – a myriad of different animal species - are essential in the GTA and around the globe. Because wildlife needs our help - often to address harm that humans have caused directly or indirectly. Because rescue, care, and treatment of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife is important to local taxpayers like me. And because the Toronto Wildlife Centre's excellent work needs additional resources – human and financial resources.

Staying where the Toronto Wildlife Centre currently is located is not an option. The building is in poor condition and slated for demolition. With your support, the new facility will increase public viewing of the fascinating and valuable work that Toronto Wildlife Centre does; it will ensure that a wide range of educational activities will be offered; and it will provide adequate space that is urgently needed for the rescue, treatment, and rehabilitation of animals. All TWC programs – the Wildlife Hotline, Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, Wildlife Rehabilitation, and Public Education – will improve, which will benefit the animals and the public.

Please vote to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. And please approve the investment of \$20 million in the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility.

Sincerely,



Heather L. Kelly





## Item 7.254.

**From:** Sharon Morris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

To The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

It has been brought to my attention that there will be a vote on Fri May 24<sup>th</sup> in which a very important decision will be made on whether to allocate \$20 million (of the required \$30 million) towards construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). These funds would be critically important, as their current facility at Downsview Park is slated for demolition, and they have to move out of it by year end 2019.

I understand that TRCA has already been very supportive of the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their move to the Rouge National Urban Park, and have provided them with the use of land long-term to build a new permanent home to replace their current one. I am very proud of the TRCA for their contribution to this initiative to date and would like to see them take the next step.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is very important to Toronto and to me, and so I am writing to ask that you please give them top priority in allocating funds towards the construction of their new facility. They do an incredible job helping wildlife in need via rescues as well as care & treatment of sickness or injuries. The city of Toronto calls upon this organization frequently whenever there is wildlife in danger or distress and the TWC never fails to deliver. They are an amazing, dedicated group and one the city of Toronto can be proud of. I personally have supported them with donations for years and will continue to do so in the future.

I am very pleased to see the TRCA providing their support to the TWC in establishing a new permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thanks so much for your attention to this item.

Kind Regards,

Sharon Morris

## Item 7.255.

From: Gloria Lindsay Luby <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: May 20, 2019 5:40 PM  
To: John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: director <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
Subject: Wildlife centre

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

As a past board member of TRCA and former vice chair of the Toronto Zoo, I am well acquainted with this issue.

My purpose in writing you is to request that you identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the 2020 budget. I realize that funds will be tight given the recent provincial budget and the cutbacks on the conservation authorities, however this project is essential for saving animals who cannot save themselves.

We must take a long term view and think about the future beyond these next few years. I have been a donor to the Wildlife Centre for many years and recognize the valuable role it plays, particularly since it operates on a shoestring.

I know there are many competing needs for this money. Please make this project a priority in your budget deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Gloria Lindsay Luby

## Item 7.256.

**From:** Carlos Garcia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 5:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** We support the Toronto Wildlife Center

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

We have long known the amazing work of the Toronto Wildlife Center, which is one of the organizations we've chosen to financially support through monthly donation, as they are critical for the care and well being of the wildlife around us.

A few years back, we have found an injured swan on the road who had been hit by a car and we were glad we have their number to call and someone on the line to guide us through the process of properly picking up and transporting the injured bird to their rescue facility.

We were also thrilled when they announced they were moving to a new facility that would be perfect for the animals they care for and for staff who will have better resources to tend for the injured ones.

We've been to their current facility a few times and in one of their open houses, we were able to see with our own eyes how they do this amazing work.

With our constant invasion of our wildlife's habitat causing these defenseless creatures so many problems, the least we can do is to provide them with decent care.

Therefore, I fully support **the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Best regards,**  
**Carlos Garcia & Katia Picada**

## **Item 7.257.**

**From:** Kerry Morris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 5:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that TRCA has been very supportive of helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre in moving to the Rouge National Urban Park, and have provided them with the use of land long-term to build a new permanent home to replace their current one at Downsview Park.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a vote on Fri May 24<sup>th</sup> in which a decision will be made on whether to allocate \$20 million towards the construction of a new facility for TWC. This is very important, as their current facility is in poor condition, and they have to move by year end 2019.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is very important to me, and I am writing to ask that you please give them top priority in allocating funds towards the construction of their new facility! They do such an amazing job helping wildlife in need, and I have supported them for many years, and they are such a worthy and important resource for wildlife in the GTA.

I applaud the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thanks so much for your attention to this important matter!

Regards,

Kerry Morris

## Item 7.258.

**From:** Melanie Isbister <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 4:56 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** 'Nathalie Karvonen' <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

As a resident of [REDACTED] (both personally and my business), I am contacting you to express my strong support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Toronto Wildlife Centre has been very helpful to wildlife in need from both my home and office locations in King Township on various occasions over many years.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Isbister

## Item 7.259.

**From:** rauni taylor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Supporting Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I have supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years and have had the opportunity to also visit their facility at the Toronto ( Downsview ) location.

My husband and I have brought numerous wildlife to the Centre for help as we have found injured squirrels and birds throughout the years.

The current building is in poor condition and is slated for demolition forcing them to move by the end of this year.

We hope and pray that the Toronto Wildlife Centre will move to the Rouge National Urban Park and build a fantastic permanent home to help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre.

We totally support Toronto, York, Durham and Peel to allocate 20 million dollars towards construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility and that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is so very important to us and local taxpayers.

We support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda item EX 10.4)

We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This endeavor will make Toronto and the GTA stand out as an even greater city than it already is !

Sincerely  
William and Rauni Taylor

## Item 7.260.

**From:** Star & Ben <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Support for TWC

Greetings Mr. Mackenzie!

I wanted to write to you today to tell you that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and that I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Toronto Wildlife Centre has always been an important part of my life, and my husband and I have been involved with the organization in some way for at least ten years. My husband and I frequently make use of the fabulous services that the TWC provides as we often find animals around the city in need of help. Also, as we have donated our services to edit videos for the TWC, my husband and I have witnessed so much of the great work that the TWC does for wildlife and it always inspires us to be better stewards of the natural world.

We are not alone in our cities, we share our streets and backyards with so many other species and it's sometimes hard to remember that. In a world that is struggling under the weight of human civilization it is more important than ever to support and take good care of the wildlife that we share our planet with, and I strongly believe that the Toronto Wildlife Centre plays a huge and vital role in doing just that.

Thank you kindly for your time and have a great day! :)

Sincerely,  
Star H. Spider

## Item 7.261.

**From:** Heather Slater <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a fantastic organization that does amazing work and I have been a long time supporter. Looking after our wild neighbours should be a priority.

Please ensure they get the funding they need as a matter of urgency.

Thank you,  
Heather Slater

## Item 7.262.

**From:** Susan Metcalfe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of TRCA Board,

We would like to add our support to the proposal for the Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

We have used the Toronto Wildlife services on several occasions over the years as well as giving donations and supplies. Their service is unique to the city and preform it exceptionally well.

Perhaps our most unique experience was "the travelling muskrat". While visiting friends in Grimsby there was a severe late spring ice storm and unbeknown to us a muskrat sought shelter above the skid plate of our car.

The day after returning home ( about 100km at highway speeds, plus a trip later that day to Canadian Tire), the muskrat was seen by our neighbour to emerge from under the car. Fred was able to feed carrots and celery to it by opening the hood of the car, and ultimately caught it and put it in a large cage we used for cat shows. We phoned Toronto Wildlife and they said to bring it in. They took a complete accounting of the episode and kept it for several days of

observation. The muskrat did well at the Centre and was apparently a staff favourite. Then in spite of the inconvenience they appropriately returned the muskrat to its place of origin. We feel it's important that their service be given the opportunity to continue and expand, that would be provided by including them in the TRCA 2020 budget.

Susan Metcalfe and Dr. Fred Westman

## Item 7.263.

**From:** Phil Mostowich <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** New Toronto Wildlife Centre facility - TRCA Agenda item EX10.4

To : Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

We have been financial supporters of the TWC for well over a decade. My wife and I believe in helping those who dedicate themselves to helping wildlife, and especially those who are helping animals that are negatively impacted by human activity. The folks at TWC do a great job in such endeavours. We would all benefit from the construction of a new rescue and rehabilitation facility in that it would quite simply make our world a better place. We urge you to grant the funding required.

Philip and Joanne Mostowich

## Item 7.264.

**From:** Chiquita Phillips <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am writing to let you know of my support & my family's support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. We hope this worthwhile commitment to wildlife in an urban region can find a permanent home in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park. I understand this item will be on the TRCA (Toronto & Region Conservation Authority) agenda as item EX10.4.

I would also urge you to support the motion by councillors de Baeremaeker & Heath to make the wildlife centre a priority in the 2020 budget.

Thank you for taking time to read this message.  
Chiquita Phillips

## Item 7.265.

**From:** Lorna Kennedy-Johnson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 10:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are monthly contributors to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Years ago we discovered an injured skunk that was clearly in distress. It was a Saturday morning and the city's animal services were closed for the weekend. I had heard about TWC and gave them a call. Within an hour they appeared and were able to catch the young pregnant female. She was very badly injured with paralysis to her hind quarters. I was told by the young man that she would probably have to be put down but I knew she would not have to suffer any more. He was so kind and gentle with her that I couldn't help getting very emotional. Since then we have been contributors.

On numerous occasions I have called to ask questions about animals that I thought were in trouble. Their phone number is on our speed dials on our mobile phones. I also give this number out to anyone who might need it.

With so much discussion on climate control and saving our species I feel the contribution proposed by TRCA is extremely important. It is a little step to save our urban wild animals and educate people about their importance but little steps lead to a big step.

Please make Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.  
Thank you, Lorna Kennedy-Johnson and John Johnson

## Item 7.266.

**From:** HENDERSON Gail -C I O <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:02 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Good Morning,

- I'd like to offer my support on the intended move of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to its permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- I support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councilor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is extremely important to have an upgraded space for the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. I'm not sure if you've visited the current building used, it's seen better days to say the least.

All we seem to do is develop areas for more housing and don't take in to consideration how this affects the wildlife around us. We keep disturbing their homes forcing them to move which can lead to injuries and homelessness for the animals. This is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to local taxpayers that have any sense of compassion for these poor defenseless creatures that they at the very **LEAST** have somewhere to be treated if they become injured.

**Gail Henderson**



## Item 7.267.

**From:** Lisa Mastrobuono <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre as a Priority Project for TRCA's 2020 Budget  
**Importance:** High

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board (c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer),

I am writing to express my support for the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA) in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Rouge National Urban Park (Agenda Item EX10.4). I understand that a motion related to this issue is being debated on May 24, 2019.

First of all, I would like to thank TRCA for its support of TWC's move to Rouge Park. It is heartening to hear that you've agreed to provide the use of Rouge Park land on a long-term basis to build a permanent home for this country's busiest and highest-profile wildlife centre, the TWC. But TWC needs a bit more support from TRCA -- specifically, identifying TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I think many Torontonians who have had positive experiences with TWC would support the move to making it a fiscal priority in the 2020 budget. I have had many experiences over the years with TWC where they have provided me with advice about wildlife issues, as well as actual assistance to protect ill and vulnerable animals in my neighbourhood. As a born Torontonian and local taxpayer, I know that I am very supportive of the TRCA providing funding to TWC to realize a very worthwhile effort like building its permanent home.

In conclusion, I would like to re-iterate my strong support for the motion by former Toronto Counsellor De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Lisa Mastrobuono**

## Item 7.268.

**From:** Fong, Judy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife rescue rehabilitation centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I'm submitting this email in support of the TRCA's efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support

the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My family and I live by a lake in [REDACTED] and we have been able to save injured wildlife because of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Without a place to bring them to, these wildlife would have perished as road kill. I hope the Toronto Wildlife Centre gets their permanent home built. I fully support my tax dollars going toward this important endeavour.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

*Jai (Judy) Fong-McNeil, M.Ed., RP, ADS*

## Item 7.269.

From: Derek R Thomson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: May 21, 2019 11:18 AM  
To: John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Mr Mackenzie,

I am writing in support of the planning and funding of a new facility in the Rouge for a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). I think this would be a great opportunity for the GTA and for the TWC. The GTA is an unique environment in that from East to West and North into the York Region, many ravine systems have been preserved as a place of recreation for people across the region. Although no longer natural environments, the ravines and the many creeks, rivers and associated parks and green spaces act as homes and corridors for all kinds of wildlife. I have seen White Tail deer in the Don Valley literally a ten minute bike ride from the downtown core of Toronto. As well, across the GTA, the emphasis that has been made to preserve trees has enhanced our interaction and observation of many kinds of birds.

This access to green spaces and the wildlife that inhabit them is one of the things that makes the GTA such a great place to live. We all benefit from being able to observe and interact with wildlife. It creates a sense of curiosity and wonder for children and adults alike. However, for all of the animals there is inherent risk in their interaction with us. Having an organization like the TWC to provide support of injured or orphaned animals, and to act as a resource of information about what to do when we encounter an animal that we think may be in distress, should be a significant priority in the long term planning of the continued growth and development in the GTA. Therefore I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My own initial interaction with the TWC occurred many years ago when I think they were still on Dundas near River Street. I had a raccoon mother with pups in the chimney of my house in [REDACTED] and we had hired an ill-prepared wildlife removal company. This company traumatized the mother during the removal. However, she did escape them. The TWC advised me over the phone to put the pups in a safe place where the mother could come back to retrieve them. She did return, but only retrieved one of the pups and did not come back for the others. The TWC agreed to take them. I felt pretty bad about the whole thing but was very thankful for the advice and support of the TWC in this situation.

This is a worthy organization that I will continue support.

Thanks for your consideration,

Derek Thomson

## Item 7.270.

**From:** BYRNE Patricia -PROJMANOFF <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Mr. Mackenzie

I am a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, so I have first hand experience working with the dedicate staff and volunteers there. Their work is vital to support the diverse population of wildlife we share the city with. The current location is unsuitable for the work they do and is rapidly deteriorating, they need a permanent facility to continue the work they do for the GTA.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Patricia Byrne

## Item 7.271.

**From:** Annette Pivnick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 10:19 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre new facility funding

Chair and Members of the Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority ("TRCA") c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear TRCA Chair and Board Members,

Please approve the \$20 million funding that will be allocated towards the construction of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's ("TWC") new facility at the Rouge National Urban Park.

For 29 years the staff and many volunteers of TWC has been rescuing and rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife within the Greater Toronto Area. The TWC is Canada's largest rehab facility for wildlife, taking in over 5,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals in 2018, a phenomenal number of patients!

A modern and permanent facility for the TWC will be beneficial not only for wildlife but also the residents of the the Toronto, York, Durham and Peel regions as all need to coexist in an ever changing environment. In addition to their rescuing and rehabilitating of wildlife, the TWC's educational and outreach programs will provide valuable learning and life experiences for the communities.

Please make the TWC's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Yours truly,  
Annette D. Pivnick

## Item 7.272.

**From:** Barbara Edwards [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Our wildlife face habitat loss, destruction, and fragmentation

**To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer**

I am writing this letter about a serious problem that I care about. Today's wildlife is suffering. We need to start paying more attention to this matter, and doing everything we can to help. This is a problem that we caused and now we need to start making up for it by protecting our wildlife.

Our wildlife face habitat loss, destruction, and fragmentation. This impacts animals, plants, habitats, sea life, and even our environment. There are so many things we need to work on in helping to protect our wildlife. **The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority** is already taking steps towards this by supporting the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Please do a little more by providing the Funds for this new Wildlife Facility which will allow the Toronto Wildlife Centre's trained volunteers and staff expand and improve their important rehabilitation and rescue services.

Most people have an idea what to expect when handling dogs and cats. Unlike pets, wild animals aren't used to human touch, and may panic and lash out when handled. It's best to call your nearest wildlife center and have trained volunteers and staff provide required guidance. I live in Whitby and recently took a wild pigeon with a contagious virus to the **Toronto Wildlife Centre**. I had tried to obtain help, without success, from local and regional animal services before contacting the **Toronto Wildlife Centre**, so was relieved when a volunteer on their phonenumber responded and immediately offered guidance and assistance, which meant that I had to drive to their Facility in Toronto.

For the above reasons, I urge you to please support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Sincerely, Barbara Edwards

## Item 7.273.

**From:** Irina Lytchak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear John Mackenzie:

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Toronto Wildlife Centre was the only place in the City to take in an injured bird I found on my balcony a few years ago. Ever since then, I've been following their journey and watching their team rescue and rehabilitate hundreds of injured animals in and around the GTA.

Their work is not only integral to preserving the wildlife in our city but also positively contributes to the much larger, global climate change landscape.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
*Irina Lytchak*

## Item 7.274.

**From:** Katherine Hartley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,  
I congratulate you all for your support of the Toronto Wildlife's Centre move to the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a fairly new donor to the TWC I recognize the important role it plays in caring for our urban wildlife and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a former school age daycare teacher I also realize the importance of having a place in our city where our children can go and not only experience nature in it's glory, but also to see how humans happily and with dedication

take on the responsibility of caring for all critters that might be in distress. Who knows what the positive impact of this might be on young people.

What a feather in Toronto's cap to put a place like TWC at the Rouge where people come to recreate, socialize and heal.

It is my belief that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to local taxpayers and having a building placed in an area where taxpayers and visitors to our city congregate

helps to spread the word.

With my best regards,

Kathy Hartley

## Item 7.275.

**From:** Jamie Bascevan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support of 20 Million Dollar Donation-Toronto Wildlife Centre

Toronto Regional Conservation Authority  
John Mackenzie

Good day: We are sending this email as a support to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. We are donators and we volunteer for the City Of Brampton and we bring in sick and injured animals to the TWC on a regular basis. We are also in support of the 20 Million dollar donation to Toronto Wildlife Centre's construction of their new facility. They deserve this help if not more in our opinion. The great work that they do is AMAZING. They worked in our community to help capture and rehabilitate an injured Mallard Duck (Cupid) that was shot with a pistol bolt in the not so distant past here in Brampton. We and the local community have always been grateful to them for that. Have a wonderful day, and good luck to the Toronto Wildlife Centre with their future endeavours.

Best Regards,

Jamie Bascevan  
Loretta Balanzin

## Item 7.276.

**From:** Pat Stone <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: the Chair and the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to urge you to support the construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

The Centre has been caring for wild animals in need for a long time, supported by concerned citizens in the community, of which I am one. A civilized society takes care of those in need, and this should include the natural world which is your important concern. I have participated in studies done by the TRCA to help establish the presence of populations of various flora and fauna in the greater Toronto area and know the importance of ensuring the survival of these in the midst of this very concentrated society. A first-class facility for the Centre would greatly help their work and further your broad mission.

I urge you to support the motion by councillors in Toronto and Markham to make the establishment of the new facility a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. We must care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the best possible way. Your substantial support would make this possible.

Sincerely  
Patricia Stone

## Item 7.277.

**From:** Christine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New facility for Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing to urge you all to allocate \$20 million towards the construction of the new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. Ontario's wildlife is in need of this facility as humans encroach further and further into their space.

I have brought a small song bird in who was blinded by conjunctivitis, a rabbit that was hit by a car, a seagull with a broken wing who was found in an industrial area, and a turtle who was run over by a car and suffered a broken shell. Three of these animals were impacted by human activity, and if it wasn't for the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would not have been able to get help for them.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baermaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

On Friday May 24, please vote in favour of allocating the funds to help build the new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely,  
Christine Reiman

## Item 7.278.

**From:** JILL EDWARDS <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>

**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - permanent home

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I am writing in support of the TRCA in your efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Rouge National Urban Park. I understand that you will decide this Friday on whether or not to allocate a significant budget to this project. I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn de Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am a local tax payer, who strongly supports the work of TWC in their ongoing efforts to rescue and care for sick and injured wildlife in Toronto. Part of the reason I support TWC is because I am an active volunteer with FLAP Canada (a non-profit organization that has been advocating for bird window collision reduction in the GTA). I actively rescue and recover injured and dead birds in the downtown core during spring and fall bird migration. As such I have seen first hand the work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to care for and treat the injured birds that I rescue, in order for them to continue their journey north in the spring and south in the fall. Without the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and their expertise, it would be very difficult for FLAP to find adequate facilities to assist these birds.

I hope that you will strongly support TWC this Friday.

Many thanks,  
Jill Edwards

## Item 7.279.

From: Stuart Philpott <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: May 21, 2019 12:59 PM  
To: John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre funding

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

As a taxpayer and pensioner who has supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre with monthly donations for some time, I am delighted with the role the TRCA is now playing in helping the Wildlife Centre find a permanent home.

The Centre is unique in the vital services it provides to the sick and injured creatures in the GTA's thriving wildlife population.

I also deeply urge the board to include the funding requirements of the Centre in its budgetary allocation for the coming year so that it can start functioning in its new home without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Philpott



## Item 7.280.

**From:** Byrne, Joanne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer

I support the TRCA with its wonderful efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National urban park (TRCA agenda item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

On a personal note my sister volunteers at this facility and always speaks highly of the work the Toronto Wildlife Centre does.

Thank you,  
Joanne

**Joanne Byrne**

## Item 7.281.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Support of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Friends

As an animal lover and concerned citizen about the uncertain fate of our animal fellow beings who share our planet, I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also would like to express my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Mr. Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Mr. Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I wholeheartedly support the wonderful work that is lovingly carried out by all the people of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am humbled by their devotion to even the smallest of our animal friends when they are hurt and in need of our help and compassion.

Kind Regards  
John Mastrofini P. Eng.

## Item 7.282.

**From:** Lynda Massey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:24 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 Budget

Memo to: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Subject: TRCA 2020 budget

From: Lynda Massey

As a long-term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

In addition, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

## Item 7.283.

**From:** Daveral <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 Budget

Memo to: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Subject: TRCA 2020 budget

From: Daveral Prins

As a long-term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

In addition, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

## Item 7.284.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority Board c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing to you to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also wish to express my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I understand that this motion will be considered at the TRCA meeting on Friday, May 24th.

I have been a member of the Toronto Wildlife Centre since 1994 and cannot overstate its importance to the City of Toronto. My first contact with TWC involved a salamander that my neighbours had accidentally brought home from a beach in Florida, in a bag of shells. My veterinarian recommended taking it to TWC. TWC staff were able to identify the species and, with the information gathered from my neighbours about where they had stayed in Florida, arranged for the little salamander to be transported (with a volunteer travelling to Florida, and with advice from the Metro Toronto Zoo as to how to safely "package" him for transport) to a wildlife centre in Toronto which was able to return the salamander to his original home. That is dedication and I have been a supporter ever since.

I honestly don't know the number of times I have taken injured or orphaned birds or animals to TWC for care or have called and spoken to staff about what to do in a specific situation. From a group of hummingbirds that flew into my window during a storm, to orphan squirrels, sick or injured raccoons, pigeons, opossums, and concerns about a red-tailed hawk on the side of the road, a duck at High Park and a fox in my neighbourhood, TWC has always been ready to help.

We are very fortunate to have a leading wildlife facility in Toronto where we live so closely with animals and birds who often need assistance. I have seen TWC grow through the dedicated leadership of Nathalie Karvonen from a small facility downtown, and I strongly support its move to a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park where it will have the space to meet the ever-growing need for its services and where it will be able to provide expanded public education opportunities for all of us.

Yours truly,

Janine Denney-Lightfoot

## Item 7.285.

**From:** Susan Trankovits <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre's goal of building a new facility in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

The Toronto Wildlife Centre performs an absolutely vital function for this part of southern Ontario, as the foremost provider of medical aid to sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. I became involved with the Toronto Wildlife Centre when my cat caught a young chipmunk in my backyard and let it go in my kitchen. They provided much needed advice on how to capture the poor animal and lent me a trap, then provided medical care for the chipmunk when I brought it to them. They were amazing! Unfortunately, their current facility is too small and in very poor condition. The wild animals of this region badly need this new facility. All lovers of wildlife badly need this new facility.

Please provide as much support as you can.

Yours truly,

Susan Trankovits

## Item 7.286.

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Chair and Members of the TCRA Board:

I am writing to you to express my strong support of:

- the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and,
- the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Having lived in [REDACTED] for over 25 years, I have come across numerous wildlife issues requiring immediate attention:

- (1) In one case, a lost or orphaned baby raccoon was running back and forth at a major intersection causing a traffic jam and a dangerous situation for the public. With my assistance, local wildlife responders did eventually capture the raccoon. Later, I was able to speak to the site where they brought the animal. The site was an unlicensed individual who kept no logging records, relied on neighbours to bring in table scraps and food, and would release the animals *en masse* into an unspecified forest.
- (2) In another situation, a raccoon with an obvious broken leg was on our property. Again, I called the local responders but was told that they couldn't help unless I could corner and confine the animal. They also mentioned that numerous neighbours had already called with their concern. This discouraging response suggested that I put myself in danger by trying to confine the animal and I felt hopeless as to how to handle the situation.
- (3) In a third instance, I found a bat lying on my stoop in the middle of the day. I decided to try calling the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I was given clear and ready instructions on how to safely move the bat into a container and take it to the Centre. The bat was appropriately received by the Centre and given immediate attention.
- (4) In a fourth instance, I observed a sick raccoon and was able to take a photo to send to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I was able to speak directly to a professional who was able to advise me what to look for if the animal returned. They offered continued assistance if required.
- (5) While speaking with a veterinarian specializing in ophthalmology who was treating my pet, I learned that he worked on a *pro bono* basis to help wild animals with eye problems at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. He spoke very highly of the Centre and its excellent work.

These examples bring to light the necessity for a responsive, professional, and caring organization such as the Toronto Wildlife Centre. They act rapidly and professionally to animal emergencies, thereby not only helping animals, but also restoring safety to the public. In addition to animal rescue, they appropriately care for orphaned, injured and sick animals and, if possible, upon recuperation, release them into their original habitat. Through their excellent reputation the Centre has been able to establish ties with community veterinarians and specialists.

The GTA is rapidly growing. Those areas on the fringes of the GTA will be increasingly affected by wildlife emergencies. As the natural habitat of wildlife becomes increasingly encroached and natural green corridors cut off, human encounters with sick or injured wildlife will inevitably become more and more frequent and dangerous for the public as well.

I am fortunate to have toured the current facility of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am impressed by the quality and dedication of the staff. But the facility is bursting at its seams and the situation is URGENT. I would like to think that we are a humane society, one that cares for wildlife. I hereby offer my strong and ongoing support of the TRCA in establishing a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely,  
Isobel Ralston

## Item 7.287.

**From:** Nancy Moysiuk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 8:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre new facility vote May 24th

To: The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre

I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years and recognize the valuable services that they have provided at their Downsview location.

On a personal level, they have responded to my call when a baby squirrel was left abandoned from a neighbour's home demolition and was trying to crawl up my leg, and when a robin hit my glass window. In each case, these animals were successfully released after a short hospital stay. When an endangered blanding turtle roamed into my urban yard, they gave me direction by phone as to where to release her. Locally, they also responded when ducks were caught in oil discharge in the Mimico Creek and they came to collect a sick raccoon outside a storefront on Bloor, thereby preventing local residents from coming into contact with an unpredictable large mammal. Without the veterinary care provided by TWC, I would have tried to hand rear the squirrel/ feed the robin and would risk picking up a zoonotic disease, or generally being scratched or bitten. Many people in Toronto, like myself, have sympathy for our native wildlife and wish to help when they are in need. TWC does not try to tame the animals in their care. Their goal is to rehabilitate and release them back to resume their wild existence. Their staff are dedicated and much of their work is performed by volunteers.

I am very grateful to TRCA for the support they have given TWC in securing the use of land in the Rouge National Urban Park for their new Centre. I am concerned, however, regarding their upcoming eviction from their existing location at the end of 2019. They have no building to house them at the new site. They are in a difficult position and I am hoping that you will support them. I believe that most people in Toronto, like myself, want the TWC to continue their work of rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife, as well as providing direction in situations where there is conflict with wildlife. I think that Toronto is a large enough city to support their work.

Specifically, I support, and hope you will support, TWC establishing a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park, TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4.

I support the motion by former Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am worried about their future without your support. Thank you for considering this,

Nancy Moysiuk

## Item 7.288.

**From:** Candace Dukhan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 8:18 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am writing in support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me and TWC has directly helped me on two separate occasions - when I came across an injured pigeon, and another time an injured squirrel. In the absence of the TWC I don't know who I would have called on to help these animals and I was immensely grateful for their assistance.

Sincerely,  
Candace Dukhan

## Item 7.289.

**From:** Bohui Gao <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 9:44 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** About helping animals

Hi John Mackenzie,

My name is Bohui Gao. I am resident lived in [REDACTED]. I like animals very much. I think that animals are best friend with human. I support the TRCA efforts to help Toronto wildlife centre establish a permanent animals home In Toronto Rouge National Urban Park. They can help more have sick, injured animals get the rescue care and treatment. I have been sending sick birds to Toronto wildlife centre and got better treatment. I appreciate wildlife centre staff. I support wildlife centre move to Toronto Rouge National Urban Park new place for helping animals life. I think that is animals recover best place.

Thank you very much ,

Have nice day.

Bohui Gao

## Item 7.290.

**From:** Leanne CASAUBON <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:43 PM

**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>

**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

**Subject:** For May 24, 2019 TRCA meeting: Letter of support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's new permanent home as a priority development in Rouge Park

Dear Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board Chair and Members:

I am writing you, as a long-time resident of [REDACTED] to express my strong support for an important matter that will be tabled at the upcoming meeting on May 24, 2019, TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4. Regarding this Agenda Item, I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre **establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP)** in Scarborough. Also, I strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to **identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget**.

As you know, the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) is the busiest centre in Canada that provides veterinary and wildlife rehabilitation services for wild animals of the natural world living in proximity to humans. The TWC supports hundreds of species of animals that live among us in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The centre provides expert care for over 5,000 sick, injured, and orphaned animals annually – **many that have experienced untoward effects of humans**. The TWC is mostly funded through donations, and is supported by several hundred volunteers that work with the staff to provide care for all of its wild patients.

I have been a volunteer in wildlife care at TWC for over two-and-a-half years and have witnessed, first hand, the incredible things that TWC does to support animals of our natural world in and around the GTA. With limited resources, the staff and volunteers give these wild animals a second chance at life. It is a duty we have as humans to protect the natural world, and TWC's prime purpose is to do just that for the animals within it. Additionally, TWC staff provides essential education for residents of Toronto, young and older, about wildlife, how to protect wild animals and our natural world, and how to live in harmony with all of the beautiful creatures around us. I have recently been witness to human ignorance and sometimes outright cruelty that has impacted wildlife living among us in the GTA and beyond, including some species that are now at risk – and it makes more poignant the need to promptly develop the new, permanent home for TWC so that it can enhance its services to care for wildlife and to educate the public regarding wildlife and our natural world, as well as living in harmony with wildlife. **It is urgent that the build of TWC's new home begin, as the current building is deteriorating, and the lease is ending at the end of 2019.** To ensure that the excellent care and services of TWC are not diminished during this transition, prompt movement toward building the new centre is imperative.



The City of Toronto and surrounding municipalities should be proud to have the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a premier organization that supports the natural world and wildlife living among us! Beyond that, the City of Toronto, the TRCA, and other leading organizations and policy-makers must help to support this essential organization so that it can continue the amazing and important work it does. At this juncture, the support of the TRCA with a priority for funding of the new TWC in the TRCA 2020 budget will allow for the next phase for TWC with the development of its new, permanent home in the Rouge Park! The staff and volunteers of TWC will be most grateful for the support by the TRCA to move the development of the new site forward as soon as possible; as will all of the wildlife that TWC cares for!

I look forward to hearing a positive outcome from the TRCA meeting regarding this important issue. I would also appreciate a response to confirm your receipt of this letter of support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leanne K. Casaubon, MD MSc FRCPC

May 21, 2019

RE: ITEM 8.6 OAK RIDGES CORRIDOR CONSERVATION RESERVE TRAIL PLANNING PROJECTS

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

Hello,

We want to respectfully thank you to your efforts in the conservation of our environment and public lands. These efforts enhance our lives, strengthen our community and make us proud of living here - in close proximity to the beautiful, protected and natural Oak Ridges Moraine.

We have been receiving correspondence related to the above trail project and the two trail location options since last November. In addition, the TRCA representatives met with us and our very concerned neighbours for a walkthrough of the suggested second option located just behind our properties (Vandervoort). We signed and sent a petition to go back to the original MacLeod Estate linkage carriageway. Attached is the original petition.

Today, after reading the TRCA report recommendations for item 8.6 for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and would like to express our strong **support of the TRCA experts' recommendations to choose the original planned McLeod Estate Linkage carriageway.**

Some advantages of choosing the above as highlighted in the TRCA report:

- *More variety of landscapes create a more interesting and engaging trail user experience*
- *Connects to both an existing neighbourhood trail and the ORCCR trail system*
- *Location serves the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk*
- *Less new construction disturbance due to construction efficiencies with other projects*
- *Less presence of stormwater management features along the trail alignment decreases design complexities*
- *Less number of nearby residential homes compared to Vandervoort option in regards to privacy issue*
- *More central location which connect to the existing neighbourhood trail & serve the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk*
- *Less on-street parking and disturbance issues*
- *Less design complexities due to elevation which results in a more accessible trail*

We thank you in advance for your work and appreciate your decision on supporting the TRCA staff report to go with the original McLeod Estate carriageway Linkage trail project.

Regards,

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Shiva & Kamran Anvari

[Redacted Signature]

November 12, 2018

To: Toronto and Region Conservation for the Living City

**Re: Re: Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects – Macleod estate Trail Linkage Projects**

We received your letter dated Oct 22, 2018 and we are extremely worried and deeply concerned about the privacy, safety and security of our families as you are suggesting a trail behind our backyard fences.

1. Privacy:

This will affect our privacy; our backyard, living room and even our bedrooms will be visible from any potential trail. Many of these homes have swimming pools that the residents and their families enjoy during the summer season. Any such trail will drastically affect the use and enjoyment of homeowners both inside and outside of their homes drastically. in our backyards and also our enjoyment inside of our homes. We are certain that you are not and will not be able to control and govern people after you allow them to walk and populate behind our fences.

2. Security:

Some of us have already experienced break ins. The suggested new trail is raising even more concern to our security. Due to the lower land elevation of Vandervoort properties in comparison to the Oak Ridges land on the other side of our fences, inside our homes, and for some, even second floor bedrooms are entirely visible from the moraine. Allowing public access to the back of our properties will result in decreased security for the residents and their families - these properties were not designed with this new plan in mind. You are not able to guarantee no break ins will happen as a result of this new plan and public access to the back of our properties.

3. Safety:

The Moraine is a sensitive ecosystem and a shelter for wild animals. We all know that behind our fences, a wide variety of wild animals are living. We have seen many of these animals, year around, and they include but are not limited to: deer, coyotes, foxes, turkeys, and various other smaller wild animals. We chose and enjoy living beside them and count on our fences for protection. When you open the gate to the moraine, our families will not feel safe anymore. There is also a pond very close by the Vandervoort entrance; and we have safety concerns for our children to be safe from now on with being in such a close proximity to the pond right outside our doors.

4. Access:

We have heard of previous plans by TRCA to connect the neighbourhood to the trail's main spine. There was the original plan of Macleod estate trail linkage to connect the existing and original treed trail path from Yonge Street (right across Stouffville Rd.) passing through Windrow St. and Silver Maple Rd. and connecting it to MacLeod Estate Crt. We heard this plan was cancelled. The second plan to connect the same existing trail towards north and connecting it to the main trail spine was opposed by neighbouring properties; hence the study of Vandervoort Dr.

We strongly believe the Vandervoort entrance is NOT a good option as it is located in the far end of the community, as oppose to the original plan which is located at the heart of the community and provides more people larger access to the main trail and area. What is the valid casue of relocating the Macleod estate trail linkage project from its original location and close proximity to Macleod estate to more than a kilometer away to the border of the community at vandervoort?

**Item 7.291.**

We suggest TRCA goes back to the original plan if it is a must that a new plan is created. Otherwise, the trail already exists. We as a community have enjoyed walking and biking in the existing trails around us, using either the Yonge street entrance across Bond Lake or Jefferson Sideroad entrances. Our community agrees that the trail entrances and accessibility is adequate and that there is no need for a new entrance.

When we purchased our homes in this neighbourhood we all paid high premiums for having the moraine and no public access behind our homes. We were told that the Moraine land is protected and belongs to the Province and no one is able to touch it by law.

When we asked the developer at time of purchase to change the elevation so surface water does not flood our backyards and wash-off soil (due to the elevation), they said this is not an option, as no human is allowed to touch the moraine; but now we are witnessing that the town can in fact touch it and is in the process of reducing our security and making it an unsafe area for us to live and raise our families.

By signing this letter we the undersigned express our strong objection and concern regarding your proposed Vandervoort trail suggestion.

Regards,

Kamran Anyan

Natasha Liang

M. Mordani.

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## Item 7.292.

May 21, 2019

RE: ITEM 8.6 OAK RIDGES CORRIDOR CONSERVATION RESERVE TRAIL PLANNING PROJECTS

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

Hi,

We want to respectfully thank you to your efforts in the conservation of our environment and public lands. These efforts enhance our lives, strengthen our community and make us proud of living here - in close proximity to the beautiful, protected and natural Oak Ridges Moraine. We have been receiving correspondence related to the above trail project and the two trail location options since last November. In addition, the TRCA representatives met with us and our very concerned neighbours for a walkthrough of the suggested second option located just behind our properties (Vandervoort). We signed and sent a petition to go back to the original MacLeod Estate linkage carriageway. Attached is the original petition. Today, after reading the TRCA report recommendations for item 8.6 for the May 24th meeting agenda and would like to express our strong support of the TRCA experts' recommendations to choose the original planned McLeod Estate Linkage carriageway. Some advantages of choosing the above as highlighted in the TRCA report: • More variety of landscapes create a more interesting and engaging trail user experience • Connects to both an existing neighbourhood trail and the ORCCR trail system • Location serves the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk • Less new construction disturbance due to construction efficiencies with other projects • Less presence of stormwater management features along the trail alignment decreases design complexities • Less number of nearby residential homes compared to Vandervoort option in regards to privacy issue • More central location which connect to the existing neighbourhood trail & serve the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk • Less on-street parking and disturbance issues • Less design complexities due to elevation which results in a more accessible trail We thank you in advance for your work and appreciate your decision on supporting the TRCA staff report to go with the original McLeod Estate carriageway Linkage trail project.

Regards,

Kishor Shah and Nandini Shah

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### Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE:** **TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT**

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#### KEY ISSUE

Update on the 90% construction document estimate, including construction management fixed fees, fixed construction general conditions cost and tender results to date for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Administrative Office Building Project.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT this staff report on the 90% construction document estimate, including construction management fixed fees, fixed construction general conditions cost and tender results to date be received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2019 with a recommendation for award once all tenders have been received and reviewed.**

#### BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2015 Resolution #A23/15 approved 5 Shoreham Drive as the preferred site for the new TRCA headquarters and on February 24, 2017, staff reported at Authority Meeting #1/17 that all six of TRCA's participating municipalities, had approved the Project and the allocation of \$60,000,000 in new and existing capital funding. At Authority Meeting #4/18 on May 8, 2018, staff reported that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry granted approval to use \$3,538,000 in disposition proceeds from land sales, for an overall budget of \$63,538,000 with the disposition funds to be applied to reduce the overall term of the required financing.

In May 2017, TRCA retained Jones Lang LaSalle Canada (JLL) as its project managers and in September 2017 retained an integrated design team, led by ZAS Architects and Bucholz McEvoy Architects, to proceed with the detailed design, planning and approvals, of the Project. These assignments were followed by a Request for Qualifications and Proposals which resulted in the selection of Eastern Construction Company Limited to provide pre-construction services throughout the design and procurement stages along with construction management services for the construction of the new facility. This work includes the issuance of tenders to construction trades, as approved through Resolution #A216/17 on November 17, 2017.

#### RATIONALE

During the design and pre-tender process the project milestone schedule included cost estimates at the completion of schematic design, design development, 50% contract documents and 90% contract documents. A.W. Hooker was retained to prepare independent construction cost estimates that could be compared against those completed by Eastern Construction to provide a level of certainty that the project can be achieved within TRCA's defined budget. The costing reconciliation process between A.W. Hooker, Eastern Construction and the integrated design team has provided TRCA greater cost certainty with the proposed design and allowed for the ongoing consideration of design revisions and value engineering.

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The original intention was to have the cost consultant and construction manager provide complementary cost estimates at the less predictable stages of the project, namely schematic design and design development. It was expected that as the design became more detailed only cost estimates from Eastern Construction would be necessary given the greater predictability of estimates at the 50% and the 90% stages. At schematic and design development the cost estimates were reconciled between A.W. Hooker and Eastern Construction and the design team made the necessary design changes to align the project with the approved budget. The 50% cost estimate, provided solely by Eastern Construction, highlighted the need for design alterations to meet the approved budget. The design team made the necessary changes through an extensive value engineering exercise.

Following the completion of 90% design, Eastern Construction issued an estimate which suggested the project was at risk of being over budget and suggested that a value engineering process would not align the Project with the approved budget but instead would potentially require a re-design process. Given the unexpected result of the 90% cost estimate TRCA, in consultation with JLL and the design team undertook the following strategy to ensure the project was able to proceed without substantially modifying the scope and delaying construction:

- A.W. Hooker was requested to provide a 90% contract document estimate to either validate the design direction or confirm Eastern Construction's 90% estimate. Subsequently, A.W. Hooker issued an estimate that showed the design team could align the project with the approved budget through a typical value engineering exercise.
- Using the Class A estimate from A.W. Hooker (+/- 5% accuracy), TRCA requested the design team provide Eastern Construction a list of design alternates to be included in the tender documents that if necessary could be instituted to bring the project in on budget with a minimum impact on the approved design (see below).
- TRCA requested Eastern Construction include in the "Instructions to Bidders" a clause that states the owner will, if necessary, negotiate with the low bidder trade suggested design alternates to bring the project in alignment with the approved budget.
- Eastern Construction has been requested to tender those items where there is the greatest divergence between the Eastern estimate and the Hooker estimate as soon as possible and thereby provide the team with an early indication of the project tendering direction.

Given the strategy outlined above, the project team feels confident in proceeding with the project tendering process. It should be noted that TRCA is not obligated to proceed with the Project based on the results from tenders. The tendering process started May 9, 2019 with the final tenders closing June 11, 2019. The tender amounts to date and a comparison to the budget cost are expected to be presented at the June 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

As noted above, TRCA staff revised the original project cost based on the results of the design development costing reconciliation process between A.W. Hooker and Eastern Construction. The revised budget shown below compares the design development construction budget of \$45.2M to the 50% cost estimate by Eastern Construction of \$46.7M and the 90% cost estimate from A.W. Hooker of \$47.5M. The comparison does not include the 90% cost estimate from Eastern Construction which ranged from \$55M to \$57M. TRCA's project manager JLL is of the opinion that this estimate reflects trade fatigue in providing Eastern cost estimates and do not accurately reflect the market.

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Item	Budget Based on DD Cost Estimate	50% CD Cost Estimate-Eastern	90% CD Cost Estimate-Hooker
General Conditions		\$6,266,795	\$5,759,100
Const. Mgmt. Fee		\$900,142	\$845,000
Const. Cost		\$39,588,107	\$40,985,900
Total Const. Cost	\$45,250,472 <sup>1</sup>	\$46,755,044 <sup>2</sup>	\$47,590,000 <sup>3</sup>
Consultant Fees	\$4,021,133	\$4,021,133	\$4,021,133
Permits	\$624,697	\$624,697	\$624,697
Furniture/Fittings and Equipment	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000
Relocation Costs	\$2,026,697	\$2,026,697	\$2,026,697
Project Management	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000	\$2,575,000
Financing Costs	\$2,515,265	\$2,515,265	\$2,515,265
Non-Recoverable HST (1.76%)	\$1,037,736	\$1,037,736	\$1,037,736
Soft Contingency	\$399,000	\$399,000	\$399,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000,000</b>	<b>\$61,504,572</b>	<b>\$62,339,528</b>

<sup>1</sup>includes 3% design and 5% construction contingency.

<sup>2</sup>includes 5% construction contingency.

<sup>3</sup>includes 5% construction contingency.

The design team have provided a list of design alternates to be included in the tender documents that have an estimated value of \$2,070,000 to reduce the construction costs. The items are as follows:

1. <b>Granular B material</b> in lieu of Native Material for Back Fill.	\$285,000
2. <b>Cast in place Concrete Sidewalk in lieu of Slab Paver</b> at entrance.	\$300,000
3. <b>Separate Price</b> for alternate planting list. Approx.	\$230,000
4. <b>Nail, Glue, or Dowel Laminated Wood Slabs</b> in lieu of Cross Laminated Wood Slabs	\$500,000
5. <b>Separate Price</b> for <b>Temporary Waterproofing Applied to Wood Slabs.</b>	\$230,000
6. <b>R2 type Roof</b> in lieu of Roof T4 and delete Glass Guard around Roof Terrace.	\$125,000
7. <b>Separate Price</b> for Sealer applied to Concrete Topping on Wood Slabs.	\$100,000
8. <b>Interface Carpet</b> as noted in Schedule of Materials in lieu of Tretford Carpet.	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,070,000</b>

It should also be noted that TRCA is in the second stage of the National Research Council's - GCWood Low-rise Non-Residential Wood Demonstration Projects program. Two meetings have been held with the program team from NRC and it was made clear that this project was a very good fit with the program. TRCA has provided NRC with all the required documentation and an agreement is anticipated to be finalized in July 2019 with potential for an up to \$2M grant.

**Tenders to Date** - The first round of tenders close between May 23 – 30, and as such, the tenders to date will be presented at the June 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.

Major Maintenance Capital funding is available to Site Plan Approval process and tender for construction under account 006-50.



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### DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

The key phases of the project are as follows:

Project Phases / Duration	
Site Plan Approval	July 2018 – July 2019
Building Permit	October 2018 – August 2019
Tender Contract Documents	July 2018 – April 2019
Award Construction Contract	March 2019 – July 2019
Construction (assumes partial bldg. permits)	June 2019 – June 2021
Occupancy	March 2021 – June 2021

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### Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Derek Edwards, Director, Parks and Culture

**RE:** **TORONTO REGION CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (TRCF) 2019 BUDGET**

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#### KEY ISSUE

Approval of Toronto Region Conservation Foundation's 2019 budget.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT Toronto Region Conservation Foundation's (TRCF) 2019 budget be approved.**

#### BACKGROUND

Toronto Region Conservation Foundation (TRCF) is the fundraising and charitable arm of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Since 1961, the Foundation has raised over \$40 million to support TRCA initiatives.

On May 3, 2017, TRCA and TRCF entered into a Management and Administrative Services agreement to support the common goals of both organizations. At Authority Meeting #5/17, held on June 23, 2017, Resolution #A125/17 was approved, in part, as follows:

*"...THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Management and Administrative Services agreement as well as updates regarding the two major fundraising campaigns be received."*

The agreement defines how TRCA employees will be providing management and administrative services to TRCF to promote a harmonious day-to-day relationship between the two organizations. Under this agreement, TRCF and TRCA have agreed to work collaboratively at the end of each calendar year to prepare a budget for the following calendar year and to submit this budget to their respective boards for approval.

The purpose of this report is to: (a) present TRCF's 2019 budget for TRCA Board of Directors (BOD) approval, and (b) share budget updates related to an improvement in the Foundation's operating deficit.

TRCF's 2019 budget for BOD approval is outlined in Attachment 1.

At the Toronto Region Conservation Foundation Board of Directors Meeting #1/19, held on May 8, 2019, Resolution #DR8/19 was approved as follows:

*"THAT The 2019 Preliminary Budget be approved."*

#### **Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation Operating Deficit**

For the year ended December 31, 2017 TRCF reported an accumulated operating fund deficit of \$103,500, an improvement of \$343,300 from the 2016 operating deficit balance of \$446,800.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, TRCF reported an accumulated operating fund deficit of \$19,200 representing an improvement of \$84,200 from the prior year.

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This overall reduction consists of a \$57,400 surplus from ongoing operations and a \$26,795 surplus related to an investment designation adjustment.

TRCF has demonstrated a consistent improvement to the operating fund over the last three years, which coincides with a change in TRCF's approach to better align its objectives and operations with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. This continued approach is expected to result in an accumulated operating fund surplus commencing in 2019.

### **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

Attachment 1 presents Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation's 2019 budget, as approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Identified in the budget are both restricted revenues (i.e., can only be used to support their designated purpose) and unrestricted revenues (i.e., can be used to support any purpose).

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**Date: May 15, 2019**

**Attachments: 1**

Attachment 1: Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation 2019 Budget

<b>Budget Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Corporate Events (Tree Planting)	70,000	30,000	100,000
Corporate Events (Other)	10,000	30,000	40,000
Living City Dinner	0	362,000	362,000
Paddle the Don	30,000	70,000	100,000
Other Events	7,100	500	7,500
<b>Events Total</b>	<b>117,100</b>	<b>492,500</b>	<b>609,500</b>
Black Creek Pioneer Village	23,500	1,500	25,000
Conservation Field Centres	297,000	3,000	300,000
Environmental Projects	47,000	3,000	50,000
Other Funds	2,800	200	3,000
Tommy Thompson Park	4,700	300	5,000
<b>Major Gifts Total</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>383,000</b>
Black Creek Pioneer Village Campaign	48,000	12,000	60,000
Bolton Camp Campaign	241,300	8,800	250,000
The Meadoway Campaign	3,934,900	200,000 *	4,134,900
Tommy Thompson Park Campaign	2,000	500	2,500
<b>Campaigns Total</b>	<b>4,226,200</b>	<b>221,300</b>	<b>4,447,400</b>
Monthlies, Direct Response, Planned Giving	0	120,000	120,000
Interest	0	110,000	110,000
Gifts in Kind	25,000	0	25,000
<b>Other Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>255,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,743,300</b>	<b>951,800</b>	<b>5,694,900</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Wages	0	346,000	346,000
Benefits	0	88,300	88,300
Facility Rentals	0	85,000	85,000
Software Maintenance	0	15,000	15,000
Credit and Debit Card Fees	0	12,000	12,000
Entertainment	0	10,000	10,000
Marketing	0	10,000	10,000
Printing and Photocopier	0	10,000	10,000
Other Contract Services	0	9,000	9,000
Audit and Legal Fees	0	9,000	9,000
Scholarships and Awards	6,000	1,600	7,600
Communications and Postage	0	7,500	7,500
Promo Materials	0	7,500	7,500
Travel and Meals	0	7,000	7,000
Event Supplies	0	7,000	7,000
Staff Development	0	5,000	5,000
Insurance	0	4,500	4,500
Internal Food Service	0	3,500	3,500
Computers and Accessories	0	3,000	3,000
Bank Charges	0	2,500	2,500
Memberships and Subscriptions	0	1,200	1,200
Licenses and Permits	0	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	0	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>646,600</b>	<b>652,600</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>4,737,300</b>	<b>305,100</b>	<b>5,042,300</b>

\* Monies to be transferred from the Weston Foundation for Fundraising and Look After Where You Live Events

### Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Moranne McDonnell, Director, Restoration and Infrastructure

**RE:** **MORNINGSIDE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT**

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#### KEY ISSUE

Update on activities to restore and enhance natural heritage habitats associated with Morningside Creek. (RES.#A146/16)

#### RECOMMENDATION

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) continue to work with the City of Toronto and community stakeholders on the strategic ecological restoration of selected areas of Morningside Creek;**

#### BACKGROUND

At Authority Meeting #7/16, held on September 23, 2016, Resolution #A146/16 was approved as follows:

*THAT approval be granted for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to work with the City of Toronto for the restoration of habitats along Morningside Creek;*

Morningside Creek is the only remaining Redside Dace creek in Toronto. Redside Dace is a fish currently listed as endangered under the Ontario Endangered Species Act (ESA 2007) and federally under the Species at Risk Act (SARA). As described in the “Recovery Strategy for Redside Dace in Ontario” (2010), it is particularly important to develop and implement restoration efforts to protect and enhance the functional habitat required for Redside Dace. There are records of Redside Dace in Morningside Creek as recently as 2016. Despite the existing records of Redside Dace, there are still significantly degraded sections within this reach and opportunities for restoration that would benefit habitat conditions and expand local population ranges. The section of creek shown in the map below (Figure 1) has been significantly altered, most recently in the late 1990s and early 2000s by adjacent residential housing developments. Portions of the creek channel were relocated and restored at that time through construction of a meandering natural channel. However, much of the associated creek and floodplain remained in low vegetation cover contributing to higher than desired in-stream temperatures, which threatens the resident population of Redside Dace.

Since 2016, with funding provided by the Save the Rouge Valley System, and the Morningside Heights Landowners Group, and in-kind support from the City of Toronto, TRCA staff have been working to implement strategic restoration projects along Morningside Creek to improve overall natural system function and address Redside Dace habitat needs. During the last 2 years, restoration projects including planting, instream habitat improvements as well as monitoring have occurred along this section of Morningside Creek.

## Item 8.3.

Deliverables at the end of 2019 include:

1. Total of 1,065 m of stream restoration; including bank stabilization, bioengineering and substrate enhancement, instream habitat, erosion mitigation and water quality improvement; (Bioengineered cuttings: 31,840 plants planted)
2. Total of 3.2 ha of riparian area restored; including riparian shrubs to improve foraging areas for Redside Dace along the creek, upland shrub and tree plantings to help cool the creek and provide natural cover for wildlife; (13,475 plants planted)
3. Total of 0.6 ha Wetland Enhancement Plantings; (1,500 shrubs planted)
4. Total of 2.5 ha of upland and floodplain tree and shrub planting implemented by City of Toronto; (17,150 tree and shrubs planted)
5. Temperature monitoring of the creek and stormwater pond outlets to support the determination that the stormwater management ponds are not increasing stream temperatures as much as solar inputs
6. Three Community Events involving TRCA, City of Toronto and the local community (Over 1000 trees and shrubs planted).

As outlined in the Provincial Recovery Strategy, one of the main limiting factors for Redside Dace within the stream is elevated thermal conditions. Within the study area, TRCA, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the City of Toronto, completed a Thermal Balance Study (2017) to explore precipitation, discharge and water temperature data related to stormwater management ponds discharging into Morningside Creek. Analysis of this data suggested that thermal loading in the study reach receives greater contributions from solar inputs over those contributed from stormwater discharge. As such, riparian plantings have become a large focus regarding future restoration planning for this reach. By planting along the riparian area and floodplain, vegetation will help to shade out surface and creek flows and will help to cool in-stream temperatures for Redside Dace. With the support of the province and the City of Toronto, additional tree and shrub plantings are proposed throughout the floodplain. As an important component of the plan, planting will not occur around deeper in-water pools where resident Redside Dace commonly reside. This approach is consistent with the Recovery Strategy habitat condition recommendations for open undercut banks with overhanging grasses.

### **RATIONALE**

Morningside Creek has experienced considerable alteration in the past. This project has provided the opportunity to restore some of the natural diversity and ecological function that was negatively impacted by historical activities and more recent urban development within the system. The continuation of this project will allow for additional riparian and upland plantings to improve instream conditions, biodiversity and wildlife habitat including habitat for the Redside Dace. The project provides an excellent opportunity to work closely with TRCA's partners to further enhance the understanding on how to manage the natural environment within occupied Redside Dace streams.

## Item 8.3.

### **Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

**Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations**

**Strategy 3 – Rethink greenspace to maximize its value**

**Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models**

### **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

In 2016, Save The Rouge Valley System and the Morningside Heights Landowner Group Ltd., entered into an agreement to transfer \$1,000,000 to TRCA for restoration and community engagement activities. By the end of 2019, TRCA will have spent an estimated \$436,000 of these funds. The remaining \$564,000 will be utilized to increase vegetation along the stream through riparian plantings, additional instream works, hosting two community events, and post-implementation monitoring valued at \$10,000, to be carried out in years 1, 3 and 5 following completion of the final restoration activities in 2021. Expenditures incurred for these activities are being tracked within account codes 113-32 and 119-55.

### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

Staff are currently in discussions with various agencies and partners to finalize the conceptual plans for future works. Future plans will include but are not limited to 3.6 ha of riparian plantings, 260 m of stream restoration through bioengineered material; 740 m of infill bioengineered material, and stream restoration works to improve meanders and bank stability and tertiary treatments for thermal inputs into the stream. Final delivery of all components will be completed by end of 2021. Future monitoring will continue in 2022, 2024 and 2026.

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**Date: May 8, 2019**

**Attachments: 1**

Attachment 1: Morningside Creek Restoration Plan 2016-2021

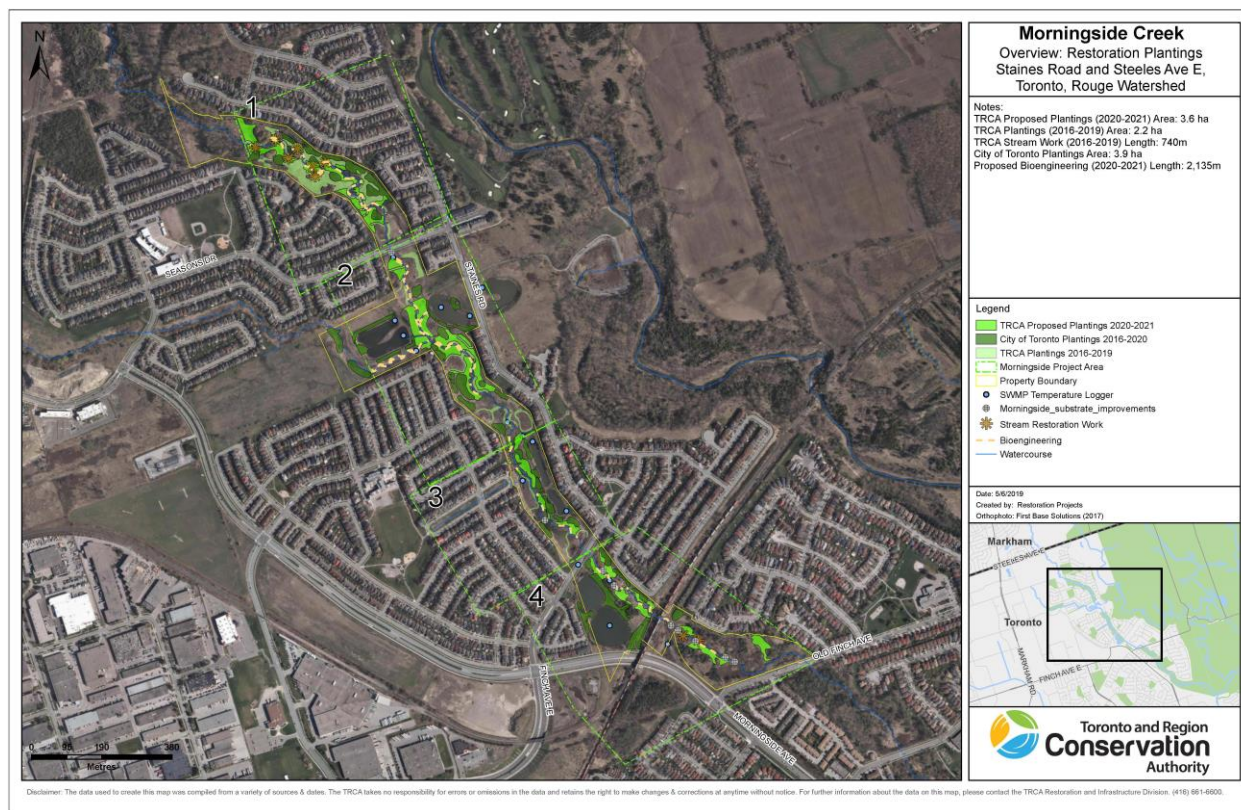


Figure 1. Morningside Creek Restoration Plan 2016-2021



### Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Darryl Gray, Director, Education and Training

**RE:** **EDUCATION TASK FORCE**  
Approval of Membership

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#### KEY ISSUE

Appointments to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Outdoor Education Task Force as per previous Board direction.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the following School Board Trustees be appointed to the Outdoor Education Task Force for the eighteen (18) month period commencing September 2019 to February 2021.**

- Durham Catholic District School Board: Trustee Morgan Ste. Marie
- York Region District School Board: Trustee Cynthia Cordova
- York Catholic District School Board: Trustee Jennifer Wigston
- Peel District School Board: Trustee Will Davies
- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board: Trustee Frank Di Cosola
- Toronto District School Board: Trustee Anu Sriskandarajah
- Toronto Catholic District School Board: Trustee Garry Tanuan
- Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir: Chair Melinda Chartrand

**THAT upon nomination by their Boards of Trustees, members from the following school boards be appointed:**

- Conseil scolaire Viamonde
- Durham District School Board

**THAT one member of the Board of Directors from each of TRCA's participating municipalities be appointed:**

- City of Toronto:
- Region of York:
- Region of Durham:
- Region of Peel:
- Town of Mono / Adjala-Tosorontio:

**THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Clerk circulate the final membership list to participating municipalities and school boards.**

### BACKGROUND

At Authority Meeting #6/18, held on July 20, 2018, Resolution #A141/18 was approved, in part, as follows:

*...THAT creation of the multi-stakeholder Toronto and Region Outdoor Education Task Force as outlined in Appendix 8 be approved, with an initial term of 18 months;*

The Outdoor Education Task Force was established to provide strategic direction and recommendations related to the future provision of outdoor education in the Toronto region. The Terms of Reference for the Outdoor Education Task Force specifies that membership consist of:

- 4.1.1 School Board Trustee from each of the area school boards;
- 4.1.2 Board Member representing each participating municipality.

Staff have received trustee nominations from school boards operating in TRCA's jurisdiction and recommend their appointment to the Outdoor Education Task Force.

The Durham District School Board and Conseil scolaire Viamonde were not able to provide nominations for appointment to the Outdoor Education Task Force in time for this report. Staff are continuing to work with these school boards to secure an appointee to participate in the Task Force. Staff recommend appointment of members of these Boards upon receiving a nomination by their Board of Trustees.

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### Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Sameer Dhalla, Director, Development and Engineering Services

**RE:** **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE THE BLACK CREEK AT ROCKCLIFFE SPECIAL POLICY AREA (SPA) FLOOD REMEDIATION AND TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
RFP No. 10009033

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#### KEY ISSUE

Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10009033 for engineering consulting services to undertake a comprehensive flood remediation and transportation feasibility assessment of the Rockcliffe Special Policy Area in the City of Toronto. The key objective of this study is to develop a flood remediation plan to reduce flood risk within the Rockcliffe community.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**WHEREAS** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) reported on flood risk in the Black Creek Rockcliffe area including next steps in pursuing flood remediation at Authority meeting #2/18 held on March 23 2018;

**WHEREAS** at Authority meeting #2/18, TRCA received authorization to seek funding for and undertake the Black Creek at Rockcliffe Special Policy Area (SPA) Flood Remediation and Transportation Feasibility Study;

**AND WHEREAS** TRCA solicited proposals for the feasibility study through a publicly advertised process and evaluated the proposals based on pre-established RFP criteria;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10009033 for engineering consulting services to undertake the Black Creek at Rockcliffe SPA Flood Remediation and Transportation Feasibility Study be awarded to Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions at a total cost not to exceed \$498,126 plus applicable taxes, to be expended as authorized by TRCA staff;

**THAT** TRCA staff be authorized to approve additional expenditures to a maximum of \$49,812 (approximately 10% of the project cost), plus applicable taxes, in excess of the contract cost as a contingency allowance if deemed necessary;

**THAT** should TRCA staff be unable to negotiate a contract with the above-mentioned proponent, staff be authorized to enter into and conclude contract negotiations with other Proponents that submitted proposals, beginning with the next highest ranked Proponent meeting TRCA specifications;

**THAT** authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to implement the contract, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents;

## Item 8.5.

**AND FURTHER THAT TRCA report back to the Board of Directors upon completion of the study.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Rockcliffe area is located in Ward 5 (York South-Weston) and within the regulatory floodplain of Black Creek. It is an area with a high concentration of Flood Vulnerable Structures in the floodplain, and thus is one of TRCA's previously identified Flood Vulnerable Clusters. Development in the area is controlled by Special Policy Area (SPA) policies originally approved in 1991. There are 413 buildings located within the regulatory floodplain, which corresponds to 622 properties because some of the residential buildings are semi-detached homes. Many of these properties have experienced surface and basement flooding during severe storms in July 2013 and August 2018 due to both riverine flooding and/or overloading of the City's sewer systems.

TRCA and the City of Toronto have been coordinating efforts to reduce flooding risks in the Rockcliffe area. In 2014, the TRCA and the City completed two separate EA studies that examined options to reduce riverine and sewer system related flooding, respectively. These EA studies are:

- 1) Black Creek (Rockcliffe Area) Riverine Flood Management Class Environmental Assessment, completed in 2014 by Amec Foster Wheeler – this TRCA EA study investigated riverine flooding and recommended riverine flood remediation measures; and,
- 2) Basement Flooding Study Area 4 and Combined Sewer Overflow Control Environmental Assessment, completed August 2014 by XCG – this City of Toronto EA study investigated sewer system flooding and recommended sewer system improvements to reduce basement and flooding.

Since the completion of the 2014 Class Environmental Assessment, TRCA has undertaken several technical modeling studies within the Black Creek and broader Humber River watersheds using new data, updated software and meteorological and flood information from the 2013 and 2018 storm events. These studies include a comprehensive watershed hydrology update resulting in new regulatory and design storm flow estimates for floodplain delineation (2015 Humber River Hydrology Update) and a high resolution 2 Dimensional (2D) hydraulic model leveraging detailed data inputs like LiDAR within the Rockcliffe community (2018 Black Creek at Rockcliffe 2D Model and Floodplain Mapping Update).

The results of TRCA's refined models and subsequent discussions with City of Toronto staff have resulted in the need to re-assess and evaluate the feasibility of the recommended flood remediation alternatives developed in the 2014 Environmental Assessment.

### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

TRCA in partnership with the City of Toronto is looking to retain the services of a multidisciplinary consulting engineering firm with expertise in flood modelling, flood remediation, traffic and transportation management, Environmental Assessment process, geotechnical and structural engineering, and cultural heritage to undertake a comprehensive flood mitigation and transportation feasibility study of the Rockcliffe community within the City of Toronto.

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On March 12, 2019 TRCA released Request for Proposal # 10009033 “Black Creek at Rockcliffe Special Policy Area Flood Remediation and Transportation Feasibility Study” publicly through the Biddingo public procurement website. The project includes the following key components:

### **1. Background Review**

The study team will review existing information available for the study area and identify data gaps and methods to fill those gaps. The team will collect utility and infrastructure information from the City of Toronto and other service providers and develop a comprehensive plan of the study area identifying potential utility and infrastructure conflicts with proposed flood remediation works.

A review of all available traffic and transportation information from the City of Toronto will be completed. In addition, an assessment of potential traffic and transportation impacts associated with the implementation of the flood remediation alternatives will be completed.

The study team will conduct geotechnical investigations at water crossings and proposed flood control berm locations to ensure sub surface conditions are appropriate to support berm structures, and modifications to road embankments have enough information to support designs.

### **2. Flood Remediation Feasibility Assessment**

The study team will review flood remediation alternatives developed as part of the “Black Creek (Rockcliffe Area) Riverine Flood Management Class Environmental Assessment” and the refined modelling work completed as part of the “Rockcliffe SPA 2D Modelling and Mapping Update” and assess the viability of the proposed measures to provide flood protection to affected areas.

This component of the study will assess in detail the feasibility of providing flood protection to residential areas adjacent to Hilldale Road and Humber Boulevard. This includes the completion of a risk assessment using the 2D hydraulic model, the development of additional flood mitigation alternatives specific to the area.

### **3. Transportation and Traffic Needs Assessment**

The study team will conduct a transportation and traffic assessment of all proposed flood protection alternatives. The objective of the assessment is to identify and evaluate impacts on the existing and future transportation network within the study area, including infrastructure enhancements that may be proposed or planned.

The assessment will include the evaluation of the following impacts: traffic operations, changes to property access, geometric design, lane configuration, sidewalks (existing and proposed), cycling facilities (existing and proposed), structural capacity, utilities, constructability, easements and property acquisitions. A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) of major bridges and structures with potential cultural significance will also be conducted in the assessment.

## 4. Flood Remediation Infrastructure Implementation Plan

This component of the study is to develop a detailed implementation strategy for the proposed flood remediation plan. Components of the plan will include:

- identification of any feasible near-term solutions to mitigate flood impacts,
- Environmental Assessment (EA) process with the establishment of a preliminary list of EA schedules for each flood control component,
- provide a list of further technical and environmental study requirements,
- provide a list of potential permit requirements, and
- develop a cost estimate for the overall implementation strategy.

It is expected that the project will be completed by July 2020 and will include a study summary report including study methodology, completed technical work, mapping, modeling and technical drawings. The report will be reviewed and approved by TRCA and City staff prior to completion.

### **RATIONALE**

Request for Proposal (RFP) documentation was posted on the public procurement website [www.biddingo.com](http://www.biddingo.com) on March 12, 2019 and closed on April 8, 2019. One (1) addendum was issued to respond to questions received. A total of twenty-three (23) firms downloaded the documents and three (3) proposals were received from the following Proponents:

- Matrix Solutions Incorporated
- Valdor Engineering Incorporated
- Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions

An Evaluation Committee comprised of staff from TRCA's Development & Engineering Services and the City of Toronto's Transportation Services reviewed the proposals. The criteria used to evaluate and select the recommended Proponent included the following:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>	<b>Minimum Score (%)</b>
Conformance with the terms of the RFP	5	3
Understanding of Project and Scope of Work	15	9
Similar Projects - Scope and Magnitude	20	12
Expertise and Availability of Project Team (Resumes)	15	9
Approach/Methodology/Schedule	20	12
<b>Sub-Total Technical</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>45</b>
Pricing	25	-
<b>Sub-Total Cost</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>	

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Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions achieved the highest overall score based on the evaluation criteria. Therefore, it is recommended that RFP No. 10009033 be awarded to Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions at a total annual cost not to exceed \$498,126, plus 10% contingency, plus applicable taxes, it being the highest ranked Proponent meeting TRCA specifications. Proponent's scores and staff analysis of the evaluation results can be provided to Board of Directors in an in-camera presentation, upon request.

### **Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following strategic priority set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

**Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models**

**Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations**

### **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

The Federal National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) will fund \$200,000 of the project cost and the remainder is funded by the City of Toronto through Black Creek at Rockcliffe Special Policy Area Flood Remediation and Transportation Feasibility Study Account 107-72 and Black Creek at Rockcliffe Flood Remediation Phase 3 EA and Design Project Account 133-36.

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### Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Moranne McDonnell, Director, Restoration and Infrastructure

**RE:** **OAK RIDGES CORRIDOR CONSERVATION RESERVE TRAIL PLANNING PROJECTS**  
Trail Planning Update and Approval of Management Plan Addendum

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#### KEY ISSUE

Approval in principle of an Addendum to the Oak Ridges Corridor Park (ORCP) Management Plan describing a conceptual trail plan to connect the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood to the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (ORCCR) trail network.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**WHEREAS** it was resolved by the TRCA Board at Meeting #10/17 on January 5, 2018 that staff initiate a public planning process for two related trail planning projects within the ORCCR: an Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan – the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, and an Update to the Oak Ridges Corridor Park East (ORCPE) Management Plan – Cycling on Secondary Trails, subject to confirmation of funding (RES #A231/17);

**AND WHEREAS** it was resolved by the TRCA Board at Meeting #10/17 on January 5, 2018 that staff report back to the Authority for approval on the final draft plans of the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan and the Update to the ORCPE Management Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** it was resolved by the TRCA Board at Meeting #6/18 on July 20, 2018 that Item 8.1 be referred to TRCA staff to work with concerned residents and the City of Richmond Hill staff through detailed site planning to ensure an appropriate trail setback from private property and the incorporation of vegetative screening measures, as well as investigate the Vandervoort Drive Entrance to the ORCCR as a trail entrance.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan, as presented in Attachment 3 (Addendum A: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage), be approved in principle, and staff proceed to update the necessary Management Plan and management agreement documents with the endorsement of the Province of Ontario;

**THAT** approval be granted to TRCA to enter into partnership agreements with the City of Richmond Hill and the Gordon and Patricia Gray Foundation for the project;

**THAT** authorized TRCA officials be directed to take any action necessary to implement the project including obtaining any required approvals and the signing and execution of documents.

#### BACKGROUND

The ORCCR is a large area covering two formerly separate properties: the ORCP (428 hectares) owned by the Province of Ontario (Infrastructure Ontario) and managed by TRCA, and the ORCPE (175 hectares) owned and managed by TRCA. The two sites were integrated



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following the completion of the ORCPE Management Plan in 2011. Together these properties form 603 hectares of prime Oak Ridges Moraine landscape on the border of the Humber River and Rouge River watersheds in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York. The ORCCR is located west of Leslie Street, south of Bethesda Sideroad, east of Bathurst Street, and north of Jefferson Sideroad and Stouffville Road.

The ORCCR is a rich natural area that includes wetlands, kettle lakes and forests, supporting many unique wildlife and plant species. The Reserve includes a significant network of popular recreational trails including a section of the main Oak Ridges Trail and a portion of the Lake-to-Lake Trail. TRCA has conducted ongoing engagement and outreach within the ORCCR and in the surrounding communities to promote environmental stewardship and build community relations. This has included guided walks, restoration plantings, and signage.

The management of the ORCP property is guided by the ORCP Management Plan (2006). A key objective of this plan is to enable passive recreational uses that welcome and accommodate local residents, supporting the development of secondary trail linkages for neighbouring communities to link to the main spine trail which runs through the ORCP.

The management of the ORCPE property is guided by the ORCPE Management Plan (2011). The ORCPE Management Plan permits cycling on the main spine trail but not on any secondary trails. At the time of plan development, cycling on secondary trails was considered and the need for an organized group to assist with management of the trails was identified. No such group stepped forward to assume these responsibilities. Therefore, cycling on secondary trails was excluded as a permitted use.

Two distinct yet related trail planning needs for the ORCCR have been raised through community advocacy. TRCA's completion of these trail planning projects will further ensure that the trail network on the ORCCR can meet the needs of a growing community, providing sustainable options for trail use that are supported by the community and will discourage informal and unauthorized trails.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project addresses the need for a secondary trail connection from the ORCP spine trail to a neighbourhood of approximately 1,000 homes, as well as Macleod's Landing Public School. This new neighbourhood was not fully established when the ORCP Management Plan was developed in 2006. During the management planning process, options for trail connections from this development to the main ORCP trail were evaluated, including the option to connect near the Macleod Estate. The Macleod Estate, located at 16 Macleod Estate Court, is one of the most historically significant homes in Richmond Hill, and is connected to the broader history of western Canada. This option was eliminated during the management planning process because of the private occupation of the residential home on the Macleod Estate property. However, the sales brochure for homes in the Macleod's Landing development indicated trail connections from the residential development and these never materialized. Current access to the main ORCCR trail from the Macleod's Landing community is via Yonge Street where there are limited to no sidewalks. Local residents have expressed that this is a dangerous access route.

As the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood was being developed, the Province of Ontario declared a parcel of land that includes the Macleod Estate as surplus and advised that the land would be sold to the highest bidder if there was no identified public buyer. The City of Richmond Hill secured a portion of this land along the remnant silver maple carriageway to construct a trail from Silver Maple Road to Macleod Estate Court, and a private family purchased the remainder

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of the surplus land so that the Macleod Estate would remain intact. This series of events triggered Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project as a partnership between TRCA, the City of Richmond Hill, and The Gordon and Patricia Gray Foundation.

The second of the two ORCCR Trail Planning Projects, the Cycling on Secondary Trails project, will plan for cycling uses on secondary trails within the ORCPE property. At the time the ORCPE Management Plan was approved in 2011, there was no organized mountain biking or cycling club in the area that was willing to manage cycling trails and cycling users. Since the management plan was approved, the Durham Mountain Biking Association (DMBA) has expressed a desire to steward mountain biking trails on the TRCA lands in the ORCCR. An update to the ORCPE Management Plan will assess appropriate cycling routes on secondary trails within the ORCPE. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the City of Richmond Hill and DMBA.

It was conceived that these two projects would be undertaken concurrently. The projects have similar internal and external key stakeholders, and the surrounding community would likely be interested in both projects. At TRCA Board Meeting #10/17, held on January 5, 2018, Resolution #A231/17 was approved and provided direction for TRCA staff to initiate these trail planning projects.

### **ORCCR Trail Planning Projects Process (In Advance of TRCA Board Meeting #6/18)**

While the ORCCR Trail Planning Projects were initiated as concurrent projects to be undertaken under one overarching planning process, it became clear that the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project should progress on a longer timeline as this project covers a larger geographical area and broader scope of work than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. The public planning process for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage was completed in the Spring of 2018 and the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan was prepared and brought to the TRCA Board for approval at Meeting #6/18 on July 20, 2018. The planning process for the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project shall continue into the Spring and Summer of 2019.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage was developed through a collaborative process that engaged TRCA staff, municipal partners, stakeholders and community members.

The project process completed prior to July 20, 2018 is outlined below.

#### **Phase 1: Initial Site Scoping and Evaluation**

- Inventoried ORCCR physical environment, natural environment, land use context in the study areas
- Inventoried existing ORCCR trails in the study areas

#### **Phase 2: Trail Planning**

- Established a TRCA staff Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concerned with both projects, hosted meeting
- Established a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) concerned with both projects, hosted meeting
- Initiated on-line engagement (TRCA YourSay Engagement Website <https://yoursay.ca/trail-planning-oak-ridges>)
- Developed and evaluated trail alignment alternatives for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, including trail connections to the ORCCR main spine trail and supporting trail

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- amenities, such as signage and rest areas
- Hosted a public engagement session
- Consulted with the City of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Hosted meeting with the TAC and the PAC
- Developed management and budget recommendations for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage
- Drafted and finalized the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan

### Phase 3: Trail Plan Endorsement in Principle

- Brought the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan to the TRCA Board of Directors for approval in principle

Engagement with TRCA staff and the public was critical for the planning process to develop the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment that was presented to the TRCA Board on July 20, 2018. Public engagement was undertaken through a multidimensional approach. A smaller PAC sought focused input from key external stakeholders, and broader public engagement techniques enabled more general feedback from the broader community. The Province of Ontario was engaged regarding the project on February 13, 2018. On-line, traditional media, and face-to-face communication methods were employed to provide information about the project and seek relevant input prior to the TRCA Board Meeting #6/18.

A public engagement session held at the Oak Ridges Community Centre on February 22, 2018 drew an estimated 70 people including local residents and trail users. Feedback forms were distributed to session attendees, inviting them to identify the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage conceptual trail alternative they preferred (and why), and to describe the trail amenities and features they would like to see along the new trail linkage. There were also large-format maps of the trail alternatives available for attendees to annotate with their comments. Broadly, there was community interest and support for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project, with questions as to how the trail would interact with Philips Lake, what type of landscapes the trail would pass through, and what type of trail would be built. Local residents were generally supportive of the direct trail connection into the ORCCR. There was concentrated, rational, yet firm opposition for either proposed trail alignment from a few residents whose properties are situated adjacent to the location of the proposed trail, citing concerns over safety, privacy, environmental impact, and constructability of the proposed trail. These neighbours also raised concerns over the impact this trail would have on the value of their properties and historical political decision-making to re-open the approval of the City of Richmond Hill trail along the remnant silver maple carriageway from Silver Maple Road to Macleod Estate Court. An on-site meeting was held with these residents, TRCA staff, and City of Richmond Hill staff on May 15, 2018 to discuss their concerns. A summary of this site visit was included as an Attachment to Agenda Item 8.1 at Meeting #6/18. The residents who attended this Public Engagement Session and May 15, 2018 site visit were among those who submitted correspondence in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment presented to the TRCA Board on July 20, 2018.

### **ORCCR Trail Planning Projects Process (After TRCA Board Meeting #6/18)**

The Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan as presented to the TRCA Board at Meeting #6/18 recommended a Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment connecting the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood to the ORCCR's spine trail. Correspondence both in support of and against the trail alignment was submitted to the TRCA Board and included as part of the

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Meeting Agenda. One of these items of correspondence suggested an alternative trail entrance to the ORCCR from Vandervoort Drive. At the TRCA Board Meeting #6/18, it was resolved:

*“THAT item 8.1 – Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects be referred to staff;*

*THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff work with concerned residents and Town of Richmond Hill staff through detailed site planning and design of the trail implementation project to ensure an appropriate trail setback from private property and the incorporation of full season planting buffers and screening for privacy, as well as safety;*

*AND FURTHER THAT TRCA investigate the Vandervoort Drive entrance to the Conservation Reserve as an entrance to the spine trail.”*

The project team has worked to address these resolutions over the Fall of 2018 and Winter 2019. This work has included technical analysis and more detailed site planning, including analyzing an alternative Vandervoort Drive trail option (Attachment 1) and the development of detailed drawings and preliminary planting plans for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment (see Attachment 2). The project team has further engaged with the concerned residents referenced in the resolution above, as well as residents adjacent to the ORCCR near the area where the Vandervoort Drive trail option would be located.

The additional project process undertaken after July 20, 2018 is outlined below:

- Hosted meeting with the TAC for technical input to inform comparison of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and a feasible Vandervoort Drive trail option
- Hosted site visit with the TAC and City of Richmond Hill staff to confirm technical input
- Consulted with City of Richmond Hill staff regarding stormwater engineering and planning considerations to inform identification of a feasible Vandervoort Drive trail option and comparison between both trail options
- Hosted site visit with concerned residents in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment
- Hosted site visit with neighbours adjacent to the ORCCR near the location of the Vandervoort Drive trail option
- Hosted PAC meeting
- Developed detailed designs and preliminary planting plans for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment
- Hosted meeting with neighbours opposed to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment to discuss setbacks and buffering measures
- Drafted and finalized a comparative analysis regarding an Investigation of the Vandervoort Drive Trail Entrance to compare this trail option to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

As noted above, a site visit took place on September 21, 2018 with TRCA staff, City of Richmond Hill staff and nine residents of Birchbark Court, Roderick Court, and Miles Hill Crescent, including five out of the eight residents who expressed opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage through correspondence submitted to the TRCA Board Meeting #6/18. The site visit included both the Vandervoort Drive trail area and the locations of their concerns along the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. The residents discussed potential advantages of locating the trail from Vandervoort Drive, including the farther trail setback from most nearby

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homes. They also reiterated their privacy, safety, ecological, litter, and property value impact concerns, adding that there are stormwater drainage concerns with the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

As noted above, a site visit took place on November 12, 2018 with TRCA staff, City of Richmond Hill staff and 16 residents of Vandervoort Drive. These residents registered for the site visit in response to a notice delivered on October 22, 2018 to 39 addresses along Vandervoort Drive and Miles Hill Crescent, whose properties border the ORCCR near the area where the Vandervoort Drive trail option would be located or construction disturbance could occur. These residents raised privacy, security and safety, ecological, litter, parking, property value impact, trail service area, and drainage concerns. The neighbours in attendance presented TRCA staff with a petition stating their opposition to the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The petition was signed by 23 people at the time of the site visit. For a detailed summary of this site visit, including materials provided to TRCA staff at the time of the site visit, please see Attachment 4.

Once TRCA staff drafted further detailed drawings and planting plans for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, TRCA offered to meet with the residents in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment to discuss trail setbacks and vegetative screening measures. An email communication was sent to 7 households advising of TRCA's availability for meeting. Only one household accepted the meeting invitation, and this meeting was held on February 4, 2019. Detailed setbacks and vegetative screening measures between the trail alignment and adjacent residential properties were discussed. Detailed draft planting plans and trail design drawings were presented and sent to all invited residents in advance (see Attachment 2). Residents were invited to provide comments on these materials in writing if they were unable to meet with the project team. During the meeting on February 4 the residents requested a row of coniferous plantings between their rear yard and the trail, as they felt the existing fencing, brush, and setback did not provide sufficient visual screening. The planting plans were updated to reflect this request, and it is expected that these additional plantings can be accommodated. The planting plans will be additionally refined during further detailed design work.

Based on the additional technical analysis and engagement undertaken since July 20, 2018, a comparative analysis was prepared outlining the difference between the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and the alternative Vandervoort Drive trail option (see Attachment 1). This comparative analysis describes the two feasible trail options, the advantages and disadvantages of each, and provides a recommended trail option. Based on this comparative analysis, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment remains the recommended trail option.

### **RATIONALE**

The Macleod's Landing neighbourhood includes over 1,000 homes and the Macleod's Landing Public School, however it is the sole neighbourhood adjacent to the ORCCR without direct trail access. Currently the closest trail access points to the ORCCR trail system are the entrance from Jefferson Sideroad near Lake Forest Drive and from Yonge Street near Bond Lake. It was expressed by a number of local residents during the public engagement process that these access points are too far to be useful to them, and walking up Yonge Street to the Yonge Street trail access is not safe due to high volumes of fast-moving motor vehicle traffic, with limited to non-existent sidewalks. The residents of the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood have expressed eagerness for a direct trail linkage into the ORCCR, and an online petition for a direct trail connection to the ORCCR has garnered over 400 signatures. The other neighbourhoods that border the ORCP between Bathurst Street and Yonge Street that were developed at the same time as Macleod's Landing all have at least one authorized direct community access into the

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ORCCR via a trail connection from the neighbourhood to the main ORCCR trail. The lack of a direct trail connection creates the risk of informal trails.

With the need for a trail connection established, the issue remains as to which of the two identified trail options has comparative advantage. The comparative analysis between the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage and the Vandervoort Drive trail option included as Attachment 1 has been developed based on technical input from TRCA and City of Richmond Hill staff, additional public engagement, and TRCA's established policies. The ORCP Management Plan recommends providing controlled access to the ORCCR for neighbouring communities, with the secondary trail connections serving this function. The Macleod's Landing Trail Linkage alignment is superior to the Vandervoort Drive trail option in fulfilling this purpose, and has unique advantages in providing cultural heritage interpretation opportunities that cannot be replicated elsewhere along the ORCCR trail system. The drawbacks to this trail option, primarily the proximity to environmental features and proximity to adjacent residential properties, can be mitigated through physical barriers and vegetative screening. The scenic advantages of the Vandervoort Drive trail option can be found elsewhere along the ORCCR trail system, and this trail option includes a location where screening cannot be provided to mitigate impacts to neighbouring residential properties.

### Alignment Comparison Summary Table

<b>Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment</b>	
<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
Location serves the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk	Closer proximity to sensitive natural features creates a higher risk of disturbance to these features
Connects to both an existing neighbourhood trail and the ORCCR trail system	Closer proximity to adjacent residences raises safety, privacy, and property value concerns from neighbours
Unique cultural heritage value and interpretation opportunities	More tree removals
More variety of landscapes creates a more interesting and engaging trail user experience	
Less new construction disturbance due to construction efficiencies with other projects	
<b><u>Vandervoort Drive Trail Option</u></b>	
<b><u>Advantages</u></b>	<b><u>Disadvantages</u></b>
Greater distance from nearby sensitive natural features reduces risk of disturbance to these features	More remote location which does not connect to the existing neighbourhood trail or serve the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk
Greater presence of scenic moraine landscape views	Greater presence of stormwater management features along the trail alignment increases design complexities

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Less tree removals	More direct views into the second floor windows of nearby residential homes raises privacy, safety, property value concerns from neighbours
Greater distance from nearby residences helps create a spatial buffer	Trail access from a quieter, more secluded residential street could cause on-street parking capacity and disturbance issues
	More new construction disturbance
	Presence of steep slopes along the trail alignment increases design complexities and results in a less accessible trail

Based on this comparative analysis both trail options have distinct advantages and disadvantages, and comparing these trail options involves a somewhat subjective weighing of disparate factors. Because a trail connection between the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood and the existing ORCCR trail system was not included during the original construction of the neighbourhood, the area that can now accommodate a functional trail linkage is constrained by the limits of the built environment and buffer distances from natural heritage features. Analyzing these two trail options underscores the need for trail planning to be integrated into the development planning process at the early stages.

Many of the neighbours' concerns regarding either trail option are related to the trail's proximity to their properties. Neither the City of Richmond Hill's Parks and Open Space Trail Guidelines, the ORCP Management Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, nor TRCA's The Living City Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (LCP) stipulate minimum distances between a trail and the boundaries of private property. Additionally, the subdivision agreements for the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood include clauses within Schedule M which state purchasers are advised that the City intends to install trail systems on public open space lands in the vicinity of residential properties.

The ORCP Management Plan recommends avoiding placing trails next to residences but, where this occurs, provide a vegetated buffer. The City of Richmond Hill's Parks and Open Space Trail Guidelines recommends spatial separation between trails and rear and side lots of adjacent private property where possible, recognizing that there are other factors to be considered. These design guidelines recommend that if a trail is closer than 10 metres to a rear property line, vegetative screening should be integrated into the trail design. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is able to meet these guidelines, whereas the Vandervoort Drive trail option is not. Detailed trail design drawings and planting plans have been developed to further specify what kinds of setback and screening measures can be integrated into the trail corridor, and these drawings have been shared with the neighbours in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment has been designed through a partnership between TRCA and the City of Richmond Hill and in consultation with the local community and key stakeholders. The trail connection has been designed in an effort to provide an important overarching benefit to the neighbourhood while attempting to mitigate impacts to the adjacent neighbours. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage provides direct trail access to the ORCCR in a centralized location within the neighbourhood, and allows unique interpretation opportunities to experience important natural and cultural heritage features. Because of the constrained nature

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of the trail corridor and concerns raised by adjacent neighbours, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage includes robust buffer plantings and additional fencing.

### **Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment Description**

From the ORCCR spine trail, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment will pass eastwards through meadow area and new-growth conifer plantations, before turning southwards through thicker plantation forest. Once the trail reaches the fence surrounding Philips Lake, the trail will continue through a corridor of open meadow between the more mature forest that surrounds Philips Lake and the fence-line of neighbouring properties. The trail will then pass near the Macleod Estate residence before turning sharply eastwards along the historic silver maple carriageway and connecting to Silver Maple Road. This approximately 800 m trail connection provides a link from the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood to the main spine trail, which runs for approximately 9.5 km through the ORCCR.

The trail design standards for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment are consistent with the trail design standards for secondary trails within the ORCP Management Plan, and are also based on the as-built design details of precedent secondary trail linkages constructed since the approval of the ORCP Management Plan. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage will have a trail tread 1.8 m wide and be surfaced with compacted limestone granular fines.

A trailhead kiosk will be incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment, located where trail users can view both the Macleod Estate residence and the silver maple carriageway (see Attachment 2). Interpretive signage relating to these cultural heritage features will be included alongside the kiosk. A rest area and/or additional interpretive signage may be included in the trail design along the section of trail away from residential properties.

It is anticipated that the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment will fulfill the accessibility standards for recreational trails set out by Regulation 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards, under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005).

### **Relationship to Building The Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

Both trail options support the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan, although the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment provides some comparative advantages to the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The following strategic directions are furthered by the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project:

Strategy 3 – Rethink greenspace to maximize its value

Strategy 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment

Strategy 5 – Foster Sustainable Citizenship

Strategy 6 – Tell the story of the Toronto region

### **Relationship to TRCA's Trail Strategy for the Greater Toronto Region**

The Trail Strategy for the Greater Toronto Region provides a vision and direction for the planning, development, and management of a complete regional trail system across TRCA's jurisdiction.



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### Kettle Lakes Destination Area

The TRCA Trail Strategy for the Greater Toronto Region identifies 10 areas that provide the essential combination of conservation area properties, regional trails, places of interest, amenities and transit access, and that are priorities for additional investment to enrich the trail experience. The ORCCR is the center of the Kettle Lakes District, noted as one of the most picturesque destinations in York Region. Both the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and the Vandervoort Drive trail option increase access to this important destination greenspace; however, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment is more central and serves the entire neighbourhood within a walkable distance including the Macleod's Landing Public School.

#### Strategic Objective 3: Promote greater trail use and awareness

Greater trail connectivity and safe trail access provide for greater trail use. Both trail options provide an additional community connection to the ORCCR. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment more fully connects to existing trails and so better fulfills this objective.

#### Strategic Objective 5: Prioritize trail and destination area capital projects

This project supports Initiative 5.1: Protect, restore and enhance habitats through sustainable trail development. Both trail options have been planned to be developed and maintained in a manner consistent with the LCP. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment allows for sustainable trail development that is less impacted by stormwater runoff/overland flow and soil conditions than the Vandervoort Drive trail option. Initiative 5.3: Identify opportunities for trail-based cultural heritage programming is better delivered through by the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment by providing visual access to and interpretation of the culturally significant Macleod Estate.

#### Strategic Objective 7: Support complete communities.

Supporting Initiative 7.1: Better integrate land use and trail planning, this trail connection project seeks to create a more complete community by providing direct trail access from a residential neighbourhood to the ORCCR spine trail. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage option provides this access to a greater proportion of the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood, the last of the ORCCR's neighbouring residential developments to be connected to the ORCCR by a trail access.

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

Based on current estimates, the total project cost of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is \$569,000 plus applicable HST. This amount includes both planning work to date and future trail implementation work. The estimate also includes an administrative surcharge and a contingency of 10% for implementation work. The cost estimate for implementation of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment (\$499,000 plus HST) is \$24,000 more than the Vandervoort Drive trail option of \$475,000 plus HST. The implementation cost estimate is greater than the estimate presented to the TRCA Board on July 20, 2018 of \$375,043.86 plus HST, primarily due to additional knowledge and details regarding vegetative buffering measures to help address privacy and safety concerns, updated labour costs, additional planning fees resulting from the extended planning process timeline, long-term TRCA aquatic monitoring access needs to Philips Lake, and upgraded fencing to further deter unauthorized access to Philips Lake. A breakdown of the total project cost is presented below. The final budget for project

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implementation will be refined as the detailed design process moves forward.

### Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project Budget (Including work done to date)

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Spent to date</b>	<b>Remaining*</b>	<b>Total Estimated Cost*</b>
Planning and Engagement	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
Baseline Studies Survey, Detailed Design and Approvals	\$21,500	\$29,500	\$51,000
Construction Equipment, Materials, Implementation	\$0	\$351,000	\$351,000
Vegetated Buffer	\$0	\$97,000	\$97,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$91,500</b>	<b>\$477,500</b>	<b>\$569,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Received to date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>
City of Richmond Hill	\$0	\$370,000	\$370,000
Gordon and Patricia Gray Foundation	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
TRCA	\$35,000	\$75,000	\$110,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$545,000</b>	<b>\$580,000**</b>

\*These amounts do not include applicable HST.

\*\*This total reflects anticipated costs including HST.

To date, TRCA has expended \$70,000.00 for planning and engagement work, and \$21,500.00 for baseline studies, survey, and detailed design in account code 14-110, including any applicable HST.

Through letters of agreement the City of Richmond Hill will commit to provide a contribution of \$370,000.00 towards the project, and the Gordon and Patricia Gray Foundation will commit to provide a contribution of \$100,000.00. These agreements will be finalized and executed in 2019. TRCA contributed \$35,000.00 towards the project in 2018 and will contribute an additional \$35,000.00 in 2020. The remaining balance of \$40,000 will be provided by TRCA in 2020 and directed to planting activities. Maintenance costs related to the portion of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage on TRCA-managed lands will be included in the existing agreement between TRCA and the Province of Ontario.

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### DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

The successful implementation of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage will require the efforts of TRCA and its partners. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.

TRCA will take the following actions:

- Circulate the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan to the Province of Ontario.
- Circulate the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan with approval in principle to the PAC.
- Obtain ORTA endorsement of the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan with approval in principle.
- Circulate the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan with approval in principle to the Region of York.
- Report back to the TRCA Board of Directors to confirm the endorsement of the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan by the Province of Ontario, and to receive final approval.
- Pending the securement of public land for a trail corridor, enter into the necessary partnership agreements for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project.
- Prepare an amendment to the agreement between TRCA and the Province of Ontario for the management of the ORCP to include the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage.

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**Attachments: 4**

- Attachment 1: Comparative Analysis – Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment and Vandervoort Drive Trail Option
- Attachment 2: Draft Detailed Designs and Planting Plans for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment
- Attachment 3: Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan
- Attachment 4: Previous Board of Directors Correspondence and Site Visit Summaries with Macleod's Landing Neighbours



## **Comparative Analysis: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment and Vandervoort Drive Trail Option**

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## ALIGNMENT COMPARISON SUMMARY

Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment	
Advantages	Disadvantages
Location serves the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk	Closer proximity to sensitive natural features creates a higher risk of disturbance to these features
Connects to both an existing neighbourhood trail and the ORCCR trail system	Closer proximity to adjacent residences raises safety, privacy, and property value concerns from neighbours
Unique cultural heritage value and interpretation opportunities	More tree removals
More variety of landscapes creates a more interesting and engaging trail user experience	
Less new construction disturbance due to construction efficiencies with other projects	
Vandervoort Drive Trail Option	
Advantages	Disadvantages
Greater distance from nearby sensitive natural features reduces risk of disturbance to these features	More remote location which does not connect to the existing neighbourhood trail or serve the entire neighbourhood within a 10-minute walk
Greater presence of scenic moraine landscape views	Greater presence of stormwater management features along the trail alignment increases design complexities
Less tree removals	More direct views into the second floor windows of nearby residential homes raises privacy, safety, property value concerns from neighbours
Greater distance from nearby residences helps create a spatial buffer	Trail access from a quieter, more secluded residential street could cause on-street parking capacity and disturbance issues
	More new construction disturbance
	Presence of steep slopes along the trail alignment increases design complexities and results in a less accessible trail

## INTRODUCTION

The following comparative analysis has been prepared in response to RES.#A110/18, adopted by the TRCA Board at Meeting #6/18 on July 20, 2018. The resolution was carried as follows:

**THAT** item 8.1 – Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects be referred to staff;

**THAT** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff work with concerned residents and Town of Richmond Hill staff through detailed site planning and design of the trail implementation project to ensure an appropriate trail setback from private property and the incorporation of full season planting buffers and screening for privacy, as well as safety;

**AND FURTHER THAT TRCA** investigate the Vandervoort Drive entrance to the Conservation Reserve as an entrance to the spine trail.

This comparative analysis intends to address the final part of this resolution, describing staff's investigation of the Vandervoort Drive entrance for a trail connection to the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (ORCCR) spine trail. This analysis compares the Vandervoort Drive trail option and the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment as recommended by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board approval at Meeting #6/18. The results of this comparison determine that the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment as previously presented to the TRCA Board of Directors remains the recommended trail option.

## PROCESS

To investigate the Vandervoort Drive trail entrance and develop the comparison between this trail option and the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, further technical analysis and stakeholder engagement was undertaken by the project team.

An ORCCR Trail Planning Projects Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was convened on September 5, 2018 to discuss ecological and technical site constraints of the Vandervoort Drive entrance area, and discuss a potential trail corridor in comparison to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment<sup>1</sup>. To confirm these site constraints and trail construction considerations for the Vandervoort Drive trail corridor, a site visit with relevant members of the TAC and a project team representative from the Town of Richmond Hill took place on September 13. Steep slopes, stormwater drainage routes, and the need for a construction access road were the main technical issues identified by the TAC. However, it was noted that the Vandervoort Drive access would allow for good scenic viewpoints, could likely remain further from nearby Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW), and result in less tree removal than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

Subsequently, a site visit took place on Friday, September 21, 2018 with Town of Richmond Hill staff and nine residents of Birchbark Court, Roderick Court, and Miles Hill Crescent, including five out of the eight residents who expressed opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage through correspondence submitted at Authority Board Meeting #6/18<sup>2</sup>. The site visit included both the Vandervoort Drive trail area and the locations of their concerns along

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<sup>1</sup> For further details regarding the composition and past involvement of the TAC as part of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project see Item 8.1 of Authority Meeting #6/18.

<sup>2</sup> At the Authority Board Meeting, a letter in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage signed by eight residents was included as correspondence.

the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. The residents discussed potential advantages of locating the trail at the Vandervoort Drive access area, including the greater trail setback from most nearby homes. They also reiterated their privacy, safety, ecological, litter, and property value impact concerns, adding that there are stormwater drainage concerns with the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.<sup>3</sup>

Additionally, a site visit took place on November 12, 2018 with Town of Richmond Hill staff and 16 residents of Vandervoort Drive. These residents registered for the site visit in response to a notice delivered on October 22, 2018 to 39 addresses along Vandervoort Drive and Miles Hill Crescent, whose properties border the ORCCR near the area where the Vandervoort Drive trail option would be located or construction disturbance could occur. These residents raised privacy, security and safety, ecological, littering, parking, property value impact, trail service area, and drainage concerns. The neighbours in attendance presented TRCA staff with a petition stating their opposition to the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The petition was signed by 23 people at the time of the site visit.

Based on TAC feedback and the site visits, the preliminary Macleod Estate Trail alignment cost estimate was refined and a preliminary cost estimate was developed for the Vandervoort Drive trail access. Stormwater management and drainage issues were noted at both potential trail locations. Town of Richmond Hill Development Engineering and Water Resources staff was engaged to provide detailed input into the nature and level of design interventions required for either trail option to avoid impairing the safe functioning of stormwater management systems servicing the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood and the Town of Richmond Hill's access needs. This input helped refine the design and cost estimates for each trail option.

## MACLEOD ESTATE TRAIL LINKAGE ALIGNMENT

From the ORCCR spine trail, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment passes eastwards through meadow area and new-growth conifer plantations, before turning southwards through thicker, more mature plantation forest and reaching a fence that surrounds the majority of Philips Lake. The trail will continue past this fence through a corridor of open meadow between the forest that surrounds Philips Lake and the fence-line of neighbouring properties. The trail will then pass near the Macleod Estate residence before turning sharply eastwards along the historic silver maple carriageway and connecting to Silver Maple Road, which ultimately extends by existing trail all the way east to Yonge Street. The total length of this proposed trail connection is approximately 798 metres (m). Please see Map 1 for the conceptual location of this trail alignment.

### Advantages

#### Location and Neighbourhood Access

The Macleod's Landing neighbourhood includes over 1,000 homes and the Macleod's Landing Public School, however it is the sole neighbourhood adjacent to the ORCCR without direct trail access. An online petition for a direct trail connection to the ORCCR has garnered over 400 signatures, and a public engagement session undertaken as part of the Macleod's Landing Trail Linkage project on February 22, 2018 found general support from local residents. The 2006 Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan (the Management Plan) proposes the concept of secondary trails to link neighbouring communities to the ORCCR spine trail. A trail connection that serves the entire neighbourhood

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<sup>3</sup> For full details regarding the concerns of these neighbours in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment see Item 8.1 of Authority Meeting #6/18.



fulfills the direction of the Management Plan and the needs of many residents who have been advocating for a direct trail connection. It will also improve safe access into the ORCCR for local residents and students at Macleod's Landing Public School.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment provides direct trail access to the ORCCR in a centralized location serving the entire neighbourhood, located within a walkable distance from each address. A walkability analysis completed by Town of Richmond Hill staff demonstrates that this trail access, located off Silver Maple Road between Aspenview Drive and Birchbark Court, is located within 800 metres (m) from every address in the neighbourhood (estimated at 3,100 residents, 100% coverage) (see Figure 1). Eight hundred metres is a commonly-used metric for walkability, and represents an approximately 10-minute walk. The Vandervoort Drive trail access, by comparison, serves only 60% of the community (see Figure 1). If the existing Jefferson Sideroad ORCCR trail entrance is combined with the Vandervoort Drive trail access, 13% of the neighbourhood is still not served by the trail within a walkable distance (see Figure 2).

Notably, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment provides excellent access to and from Macleod's Landing Public School (195 Silver Maple Road) for the students and daycare as the trail entrance is almost directly across the street from the school. The school often brings students into the ORCCR at Bond Lake by walking up Yonge Street, which does not have sidewalks and therefore presents a safety concern. In contrast, the Vandervoort Drive trail entrance is approximately 850 m from Macleod's Landing Public School, and the Jefferson Sideroad trail entrance is approximately 810 m from the school.

TRCA's Living City Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (LCP) is a policy document that guides the implementation of TRCA's legislated and delegated roles and responsibilities in the planning and development approvals process. Policy 7.4.5.1 i) recommends that trails be connected and accessible to the community or communities which they serve. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment better fulfills this policy than the Vandervoort Drive Trail option.

### Connection to Existing Trails

The Town of Richmond Hill has constructed a trail that runs through the centre of the neighbourhood, along the heritage silver maple carriageway from Yonge Street to Silver Maple Road. This existing trail also passes along the north side of the Macleod's Landing Public School property and Macleod's Landing Park. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment builds off this existing trail infrastructure, continuing the trail along the remaining section of the heritage silver maple carriageway to the Macleod Estate and into the ORCCR, where it ultimately connects to the ORCCR's spine trail. By connecting to existing trails at both ends of the alignment, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage option offers greater trail connectivity and integration than the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The trail access from Vandervoort Drive is located approximately 550 m from the existing Town of Richmond Hill trail.

As noted above, TRCA's LCP recommend that trails be "connected and accessible to the community or communities which they serve" (Policy 7.4.5.1 i)). The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment connects to existing trails at both ends of the alignment, better fulfilling this policy objective than the Vandervoort Drive Trail option.

### Cultural Heritage Value

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment passes beside the Macleod Estate (Drynoch Estate) and along the heritage silver maple carriageway which once led to the Macleod Estate residence from Yonge Street (see Map 1 for the location of the Macleod Estate, see Figure 3 for a photo of the Macleod Estate, and see Figure 4 for a photo of the carriageway). The Macleod Estate, located at 16 Macleod Estate Court, is one of the most historically significant

homes in Richmond Hill, and is connected to the broader history of western Canada. Both the Macleod Estate residence and the scenic silver maple carriageway have been designated for their cultural heritage value by the Town of Richmond Hill under the *Ontario Heritage Act* RSO 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment continues the existing Town of Richmond Hill trail further along the silver maple carriageway leading to the Macleod Estate and provides a side view of the Macleod Estate residence. A cultural heritage interpretation installation is intended at this location to highlight this unique feature of the trail. Allowing trail users to experience and learn about important cultural heritage features can help connect local residents to the history of their community, the local area and the country. By completing the existing Town of Richmond Hill trail along the silver maple carriageway to the Macleod Estate, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment creates a unique place that connects trail users to the history of the area and develops these cultural heritage features as functional, engaging local landmarks. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment productively re-invigorates and repurposes the remnant carriageway, realizing its potential as a scenic public asset instead of allowing it to remain disconnected and disused.

The LCP Policy 6.9.1 states that it is the policy of TRCA: “To encourage the protection and enjoyment of cultural heritage resources, including built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes, and archaeological resources throughout our watersheds’ urban and rural landscapes.” The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage’s alignment passing through the silver maple carriageway and beside the Macleod Estate contributes to the fulfillment of this policy objective.

### Variety of Landscapes

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment passes through a variety of landscapes with both natural and cultural heritage value. This trail connection crosses through undulating open meadow closer to the ORCCR spine trail before passing through progressively more mature plantation forest, skirting around the edge of a treed slope surrounding a PSW, and then reaches the cultural heritage landscape of the Macleod Estate grounds with the historic silver maple carriageway. This variety of landscapes creates a more interesting and engaging trail experience, and increases educational interpretation opportunities to share the story of the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The Vandervoort Drive trail option is located entirely in an open meadow landscape, and so does not present the same variety of interpretation opportunities or dynamic trail experience.

### Construction and Environmental Disturbance Efficiencies

TRCA is working with Infrastructure Ontario to proceed with demolition of the remnant Macleod Estate boat house, located north of the Macleod Estate residence within the ORCCR on Philips Lake. This work is currently planned for 2019, and access for equipment and materials is planned along existing lines of disturbance, namely the remnant access driveway to this boathouse. Construction for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment could be scheduled and located alongside the boathouse demolition work, reducing duplication of environmental and nuisance construction disturbance. Locating a significant portion of the trail<sup>4</sup> within already-disturbed area, namely the silver maple carriageway and the remnant access driveway to the boathouse, reduces environmental impacts associated with the new trail connection.

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<sup>4</sup> Approximately 280 m, or 35%, of the total 798 m trail connection.

TRCA's LCP recommends that trail alignments "follow existing linear disturbances (where ecologically appropriate)" (Policy 7.4.5.1 h) ii) Locating significant portion of the trail connection within already-disturbed area is consistent with this policy.

## Disadvantages

### Proximity to from Natural Features

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment would be located comparatively closer to significant natural features than the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The Management Plan recommends a "no-go" buffer area of 30 m around woodlands and wetlands. While the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage remains outside of this buffer distance for wetland features, this trail alignment encroaches into the buffer area for a young white pine successional woodland in the area between the trail alignment and Philips Lake. TRCA technical staff have advised that a 10 m buffer from the forest's edge would be acceptable near this specific woodland, and the trail encroaches into this 10 m buffer area for approximately 150 m. Where the trail encroaches into the 10 m woodland buffer, the area that can accommodate a trail connection at this location is constrained between residential property boundaries and the wooded slope down to Philips Lake. The proposed trail was aligned to maximize distance from the property line thereby providing as much room for a vegetated screen as possible.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is comparatively closer to a PSW than the Vandervoort Drive trail corridor (the closest distances between each trail option and the PSW are approximately 35 m and approximately 45 m, respectively). Both trail options are outside the recommended 30 m buffer for PSW features.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment is also located close to the boundary of the Philips Lake Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) (life science), which loosely follows the edge of the 30 m PSW buffer. Concern for the environmental impacts of trails generally, including disruption of wildlife habitat and litter, has been expressed by residents in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage option.

The proximity of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage to Philips Lake presents a risk that trail users will leave the trail to attempt to approach the lake. This risk was emphasized by the Macleod's Landing residents in opposition to this trail option.

It should be noted that the steep slopes, thick vegetated understory, and difficult terrain that characterizes the woodland around Philips Lake will help deter trail users from encroaching into the successional woodland, the PSW, and Philips Lake. This uninviting landscape acts as a natural barrier and reduces the risk of disturbance to these features. Additional vegetative screening and fencing installation incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage design act as further deterrents to trail users encroaching into these features, providing added environmental protection measures.

TRCA's LCP recommend that trail alignments "avoid sensitive habitats, floral and/or faunal species" (Policy 7.4.5.1 h) iii). The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment is located closer to identified sensitive habitats than the Vandervoort Drive trail option, though both alignments avoid encroaching into the limits of these features. TRCA technical staff have reviewed and approved both alignments as acceptable from an environmental standpoint. TRCA's LCP allows recreational uses, including trails, within natural feature buffer areas, subject to various policy requirements (Policy 7.3.1 d)).

## Proximity to Adjacent Residential Properties

For approximately 247 m, the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment is located close to the rear yards of residential properties which border the ORCCR and the view from the trail into these properties is relatively unobstructed<sup>5</sup> (see Map 1). See Figures 5, 6, and 7 for photos of this trail section. Trail users have a full view of these residents' rear yards. Approximately 8 properties lie adjacent to this section of the trail. These properties are generally located on Birchbark Court and Miles Hill Crescent. The distance between the conceptual trail alignment and rear lot lines within this section of trail varies from approximately 3.5 m to approximately 15 m. The neighbours who have expressed opposition to this trail option generally are residents of these streets. They have cited concerns for the privacy and safety of their homes, the loss of their natural view for which they paid a lot premium, and a decrease in their property values. TRCA staff has proposed enhanced vegetative screening between this section of the trail and the adjacent residential properties, in an effort to mitigate these privacy concerns and deter trail users from approaching these properties. While this screening will help to provide a buffer between the trail and the private properties, these plantings increase the cost of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

## Tree Removals

The construction of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment would require approximately 165 m of tree removals within an approximately 10-year old plantation forest (15-20 year old trees), which increases the environmental impacts of this alignment. The Vandervoort Drive trail option would not require nearly as many tree removals, as this option is located entirely in open meadow.

While no LCP policy speaks specifically to the issue of trails and tree removals, it can be inferred that tree removals are undesirable through Policy 7.4.5.1 h) ii, which recommends that trails “follow existing linear disturbances (where ecologically appropriate) such as existing informal trails, sanitary easements, gas pipelines, and other infrastructure, rather than through undisturbed areas;”. The logic of aversion to new environmental disturbance within this policy could reasonably extend to tree removals.

Further LCP Policy 7.4.5.1 f) states that “when minor recreational uses [including trails]... remove a natural feature, or part of a natural feature, that compensation be provided in accordance with policies 7.4.2.1 c) and d) of this document.” It is staff's position that policy 7.4.2.1 c) and d) can be fulfilled, and compensation for the tree removals necessary for both the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and the Vandervoort Drive trail option will be achieved through the additional vegetative buffer plantings and through a restoration plan. The project team will continue to work with TRCA's ecology staff to determine the requirements for compensation due to tree removals, using the TRCA Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation.

## VANDERVOORT DRIVE TRAIL OPTION

From the ORCCR spine trail, the Vandervoort Drive trail option passes westwards through open meadow interspersed with new-growth conifer plantation. The trail circles around a small seasonally wet stormwater feature (see Map 2, this stormwater feature is noted as “west scour pond”) and continues through open meadow near the crest of a long berm which rises behind residences fronting portions of Miles Hill Crescent and Vandervoort Drive. The trail then descends this slope through two switchbacks and enters a narrow stormwater overland flow block between 35 and 37

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<sup>5</sup> The Vandervoort Drive trail option includes a length of approximately 465 m where sightlines provide visual access to the back lines of properties

Vandervoort Drive. This stormwater overland flow block is owned by the Town of Richmond Hill and drains to a small stormwater pond located approximately 20 m north of the rear property boundary of 35 Vandervoort Drive (see Map 2, this stormwater feature is noted as “east scour pond”).

### Advantages

#### Distance from Natural Features

As discussed above, the Vandervoort Drive trail option is located comparatively further from significant natural features than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. The closest identified significant natural feature is a PSW to the north of the trail alignment, located approximately 45 m away (the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is 35 m away from the nearest PSW). This PSW is additionally buffered from the PSW by a steep slope to the north of the trail, although there is no tree cover over this slope. TRCA technical staff has stated that siting a trail alignment farther from provincially significant natural features such as PSWs and ANSIs contributes to reducing the risk of disturbance to these features.

#### Scenic Views

Approximately 250 m of the Vandervoort Drive Trail option passes through open meadow area along a long elevated berm. This section of trail offers scenic views of the rolling moraine landscape which characterizes the ORCCR, remnant agricultural fields undergoing restoration, and a large sunken PSW to the north of the trail (see Figure 8). Rest areas could be incorporated into the trail design to highlight these viewpoints, along with natural/cultural interpretation signage to discuss the natural heritage significance of the Moraine landscape. The Oak Ridges Moraine is an ecologically important geologic landform and serves as the headwaters for the Rouge and Humber River watersheds in Richmond Hill.

While these views would be an asset to the ORCCR trail system, it should be noted that there are other locations within the existing ORCCR trail system where views of this type can be experienced.

LCP policy 6.10.1 a) states that it is the policy of TRCA to support, “programs in environmental education and stewardship that increase watershed awareness and encourage sustainable behaviours.” The opportunities for interpretive signage described above align with this policy, however the same interpretive information could be provided in other areas along the existing ORCCR trail system where views of this type can be experienced.

#### Tree Removals

As noted above, the Vandervoort Drive trail option requires significantly fewer tree removals than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. Tree removals for the Vandervoort Drive trail option are also limited to a new-growth conifer plantation, while the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment would necessitate tree removals within a more mature conifer plantation.

#### Spatial Separation from Adjacent Residential Properties

As discussed above, the Vandervoort Drive trail option is generally located comparatively further from residential properties than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. Along the 247 m section of trail where the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is in proximity to adjacent residential properties with relatively unobstructed visual access, this trail alignment is less than 20 m away from the rear fenceline of these properties. Along the 465 m section of trail where the trail is within the sightlines of residential properties, the Vandervoort Drive trail option is located between 12 m and 45 m

away from the rear fenceline of these properties. Increased spatial separation between the trail and residential property boundaries can help mitigate the risk of trail users approaching and disturbing these residences.

It should be noted that along the portion of the Vandervoort Drive trail option within the narrow corridor between 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive, the trail is located approximately 1 metre from the side yard boundaries of these residences (see Figure 9). The spatial constraints of this corridor inhibit any flexibility in increasing separation. This separation distance is less than at any point along the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. There is no room within this corridor to provide any vegetative screening. The residents of 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive have raised safety, security, and privacy concerns as a result of this proximity and the lack of any possible vegetative barriers between the trail and their side fencelines.

## Disadvantages

### Remote Location and Inferior Neighbourhood Access

As discussed above, the Vandervoort Drive trail option is located near the edge of the neighbourhood and does not service nearly as many residences within a typical walkable distance as the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. Notably, the Vandervoort Drive trail entrance is located beyond a typical walking distance for the Macleod's Landing Public School. The relatively remote location of the Vandervoort Drive trail option could lead to residents driving to the trail entrance and parking along Vandervoort Drive, which is a local residential street not designed as a collector road or for significant on-street parking. Additional parking issues are discussed below.

### Stormwater Management Features

The narrow corridor between 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive is intended as a stormwater overland flow block, leading to a small roof drain collector scour pool immediately north of 35 Vandervoort Drive (see Map 2 and Figure 8). Another scour pool is located adjacent to the trail further west, near 24 Miles Hill Crescent (see Map 2). This corridor block does not meet typical municipal public access standards to accommodate a trail. The Vandervoort Drive trail option would need to ensure the functionality of these stormwater management features are not impeded by the presence of the trail, resulting in design complexities. A culvert or swale may need to be installed, and chain-link fencing needs to be installed surrounding both scour ponds for public safety. These design needs are not rare or insurmountable, however they add additional complexity and cost to the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment involves comparatively less interference with stormwater management features; however this option may also need to integrate a culvert into the trail design (near 27 Birchbark Court).

LCP Policy 7.4.1.1.1 a) states "that all development and site alteration, infrastructure, and recreational use meet TRCA's stormwater management criteria for water quantity, water quality, erosion control, and water balance for groundwater recharge and natural features, as demonstrated through technical reports [the scope of which is determined by TRCA staff] and as more specifically described in TRCA's Stormwater Management Criteria Document." TRCA technical staff have been involved throughout the trail planning process and expect that these criteria can be fulfilled for either the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment or the Vandervoort Drive Trail option.

### Views to Residential Properties and Privacy Concerns

For approximately 465 m, the Vandervoort Drive trail option is located within sightlines of residential properties south of the trail. See Figures 11, 12, and 13 for photos of this area. The trail corridor passes through open meadow near the top of a long berm rising behind these homes. In certain areas along the trail corridor sightlines provide full visual

access into neighbour's backyards and their rear windows. In some areas there is a low berm providing some visual cover for trail users; however trail users would still be able to see into second-storey windows of these residences. There are approximately 21 properties that lie within these open sightlines from the trail corridor.

The residents who attended the site visit on November 12, 2018 expressed privacy and security concerns related to the elevated location and open sightlines from the trail corridor to the nearby residences. The neighbours noted that sightlines from various locations on top of the berm along the trail corridor lead straight into the second-storey bedroom and bathroom windows of certain properties. The neighbours expressed concern that trail users could easily leave the trail for a few metres to the top of the hill and have a full view of their backyards and rooms (see Figure 14). Similarly to the neighbours in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment, the privacy and undisturbed natural view into the ORCCR from these properties was factored into a premium purchase price of their homes. They also feel that with this open landscape and easy visual access, trail users could easily intrude into their properties by jumping over their rear fences.

It should be noted that vegetative screening can be integrated into the trail design for the Vandervoort Drive trail option. As the Vandervoort Drive trail location is generally farther from nearby properties, less dense vegetation would be required than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment, however the extended length of plantings required increases the cost for the Vandervoort Drive trail option.

### Parking

The neighbours who attended the site visit on November 12, 2018 expressed concern that the private and quiet nature of their streets would be compromised by people coming from outside the neighbourhood to park on their street if the proposed trail's entrance from the street is located at Vandervoort Drive. As a trail access point from Vandervoort Drive would be relatively close to the existing and busy trail entrance at Bond Lake (from Yonge Street), the residents suggested that Vandervoort Drive would become the secondary parking area and trail entrance for Bond Lake, which draws visitors from beyond the immediate area. Constructing a trail connection from Vandervoort Drive would therefore undermine the purpose of the trail to serve the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood as a local connection.

The entrance to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment is located from Silver Maple Road, a wider and more central street that functions as a collector road within the neighbourhood. The Macleod's Landing Public School fronts onto Silver Maple Road, a public bus route runs along this street, and the existing entrance to the Town of Richmond Hill trail is located from Silver Maple Road. The street does not have same degree of private residential character as Vandervoort Drive – it provides amenities that are intended to serve the neighbourhood as a whole. The central location of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage entrance is within a reasonable walking distance for the entire neighbourhood, reducing the likelihood of people driving to the trail entrance and increasing on-street parking. Silver Maple Road is also farther from Yonge Street and Bond Lake. On-street parking is permitted along Silver Maple Road, and with the less private nature of the street any on-street parking that does occur is not expected to incur as much of an intrusion to residents.

### Construction Disturbance

Vandervoort Drive and the narrow corridor between 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive does not provide sufficient space for trail construction equipment access and stockpiling. The Vandervoort Drive trail option will require a temporary construction access road for equipment access and stockpiling materials. This road would begin at Silver Maple Road east of Yonge Street and lead north into the ORCCR, meeting the intended trail location near the stormwater pond



north of 35 Vandervoort Drive. This road will involve a small stream crossing. The Vandervoort Drive trail option necessitates environmental disturbance and construction nuisance beyond the location of the trail alignment. Construction nuisance will be temporary, restoration of temporary environmental impacts will be undertaken, and compensation for permanent environmental losses will be applied. This construction access road also increases the cost of the Vandervoort Drive trail option.

LCP Policy 7.4.5.1 j) recommends “that the number of *watercourse* crossings for trails be minimized.” The small stream crossing necessary for the construction access road described above is only a temporary feature, however the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment comparatively better fulfills this policy as no watercourse crossings are needed.

### Steep Slopes

In the area behind 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive, the trail would need to climb a steep slope to the crest of a large berm (see Figure 13). This would necessitate a number of switchbacks and steeper maximum slopes than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. These steeper slopes result in a comparatively less accessible trail than the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. Both trail options will be able to meet the design standards set by *O.Reg 413/12 Integrated Accessibility Standards* under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (2005). These standards do not set a maximum slope requirement.

LCP Policy 7.4.5.1 h) vi recommends that trails “avoid incompatible topography, so that grading or filling is avoided or minimized.” The steep topography described above demands additional trail construction measures to contend with this slope, such as switchbacks and bench-cutting, which are not necessary for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

## CONCLUSION

Both trail options have distinct advantages and disadvantages, and comparing these trail options involves a somewhat subjective weighing of disparate factors. Because the Town was not able to secure a trail connection between the Macleod’s Landing neighbourhood and the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve trail system during the original construction of the neighbourhood, the area that can accommodate a functional trail linkage is constrained by the limits of the built environment and buffer distances from natural heritage features. A petition with over 400 signatures calls for a direct trail connection from the Macleod’s Landing neighbourhood to the ORCCR. The other neighbourhoods bordering the ORCCR developed at the same time as Macleod’s Landing all have at least one authorized local trail access into the ORCCR. Analyzing these two trail options underscores the need for trail planning to be integrated into the development planning process at the early stages.

It should be noted that sections of both the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and the Vandervoort Drive Trail option pass within TRCA’s Regulated Area<sup>6</sup>. Within the Regulated Area LCP Policies 8.4 (General Regulation Policies) and 8.10 (Recreational Use) must be fulfilled. Part of the intention for these policies is to ensure minor recreational uses (including trails) undergo proper site planning and minimize environmental impacts to the satisfaction of TRCA

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<sup>6</sup> Through Ontario Regulation 166/06 under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, TRCA regulates construction, alteration, and development activities in and around valleys, streams, and wetlands and along the Lake Ontario shoreline. The regulated area represents the greatest physical extent of combined features and hazards plus a prescribed allowance as set out in the regulation.



technical staff. TRCA technical staff have been involved in the planning process for both the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and the Vandervoort Drive and are satisfied that these policies can be fulfilled for both trail options as the detailed design and construction process moves forward.

Both trail options support TRCA's Five Year Update to Building The Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan, although the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage provides some comparative advantages. Strategy 3 – "Rethink greenspace to maximize its value" envisions a well-connected network of accessible greenspace. Both trail options provide an additional community connection to greenspace, however the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage more fully connects to existing trails and so better fulfills this outcome. Strategy 4 – "Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment" speaks to providing optimal access to TRCA owned or managed greenspace. Both trail options provide access to the ORCCR for the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood, however the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment is more central to the community and serves the entire neighbourhood while the Vandervoort Drive trail option does not. By encouraging increased neighbourhood access to nature-based recreation provided by the ORCCR trail system, both trail options uphold Strategy 5 – "Foster Sustainable Citizenship". The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage provides unique opportunities for both natural and cultural heritage interpretation, more comprehensively supporting Strategy 6 – "Tell the story of the Toronto region."

Neither the Town of Richmond Hill's Parks and Open Space Trail Guidelines, the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, nor TRCA's LCP stipulate minimum distances between a trail and the boundaries of private property. The Management Plan recommends avoiding placing trails next to residences but, where this occurs, provide a vegetated buffer (page 63). The Town of Richmond Hill's Parks and Open Space Trail Guidelines recommends spatial separation between trails and rear and side lots of adjacent private property where possible, recognizing that there are other factors to be considered. These design guidelines recommend that if a trail is closer than 10 metres to a rear property line, vegetative screening should be integrated into the trail design. The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is able to meet this guideline, whereas the Vandervoort Drive trail option is not.

The Management Plan recommends providing controlled access to the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve for neighbouring communities (page 63), and the function of secondary trail connections should be to provide this access (page 64). The Macleod's Landing Trail Linkage alignment is superior to the Vandervoort Drive trail option in fulfilling this purpose, and has unique advantages in providing cultural heritage interpretation opportunities that cannot be replicated elsewhere along the ORCCR trail system. The drawbacks to this trail option, primarily the proximity to environmental features and proximity to adjacent residential properties, can be mitigated through physical barriers and vegetative screening. The scenic advantages of the Vandervoort Drive trail option can be found elsewhere along the ORCCR trail system, and this trail option includes a location where screening cannot be provided to mitigate impacts to neighbouring residences.

In consideration of this comparison, TRCA and Town of Richmond Hill staff recommend the Macleod's Landing Trail Linkage as the preferred option for creating a neighbourhood link to ORCCR.

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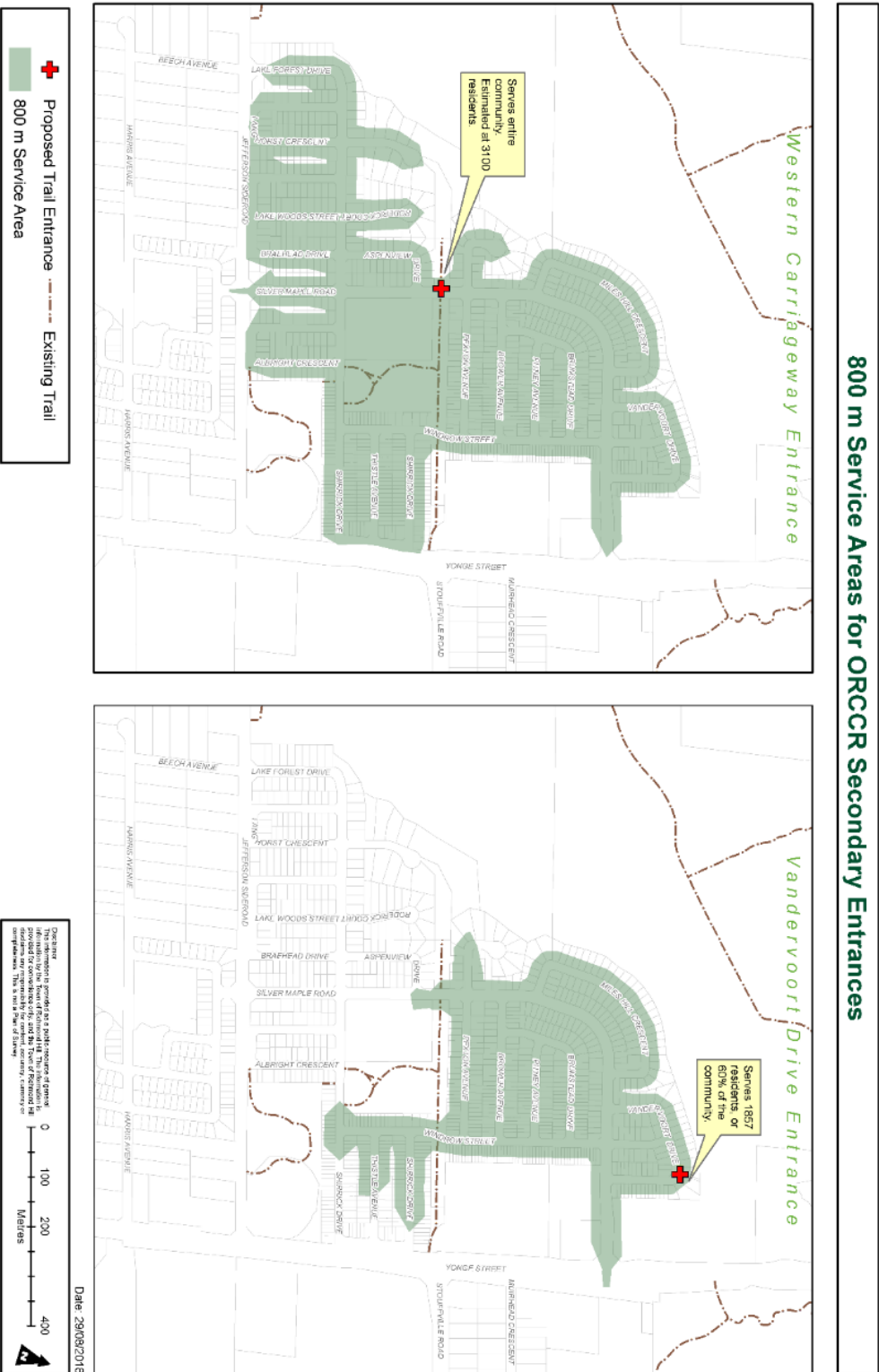


Figure 1: Comparative Service Area Analysis

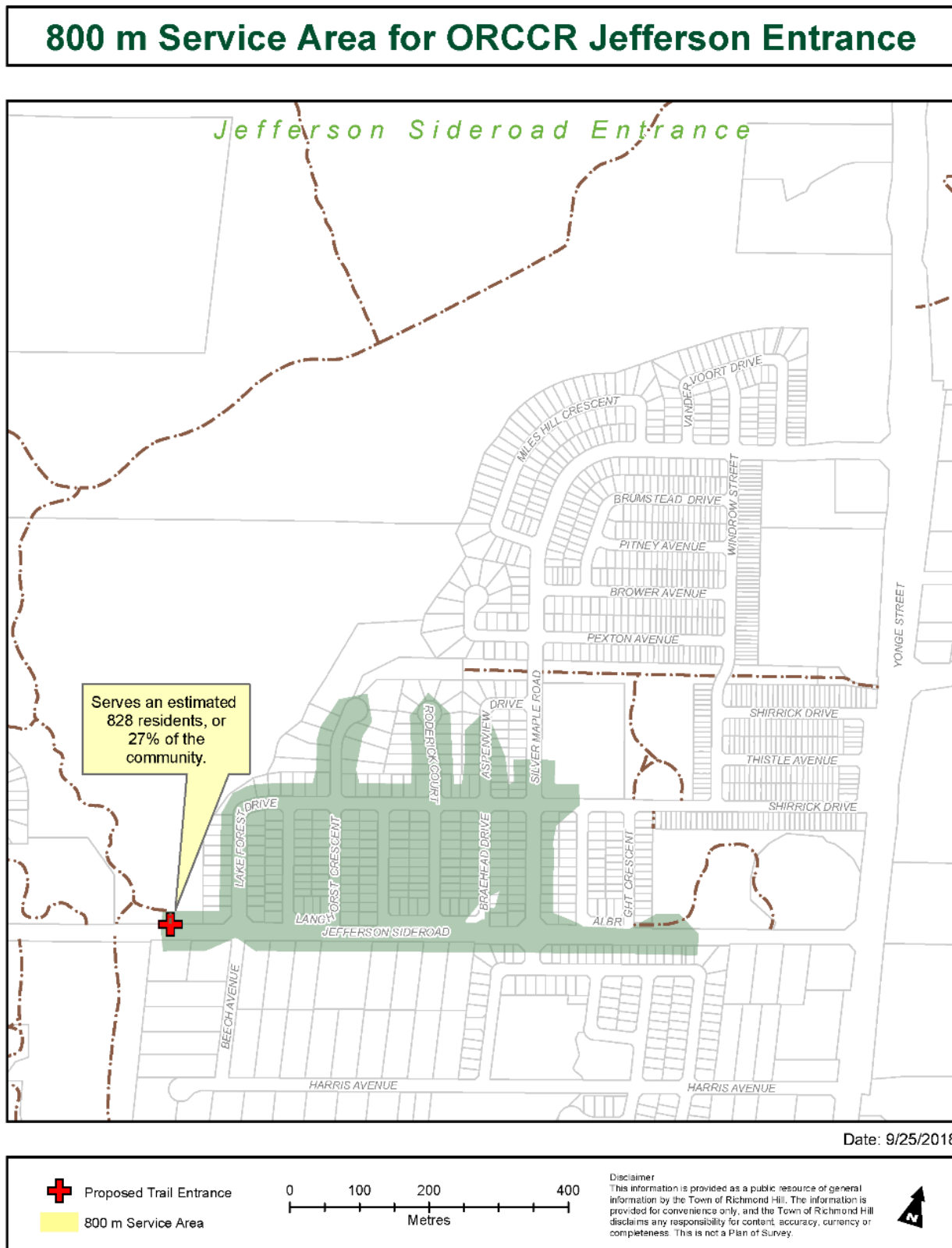
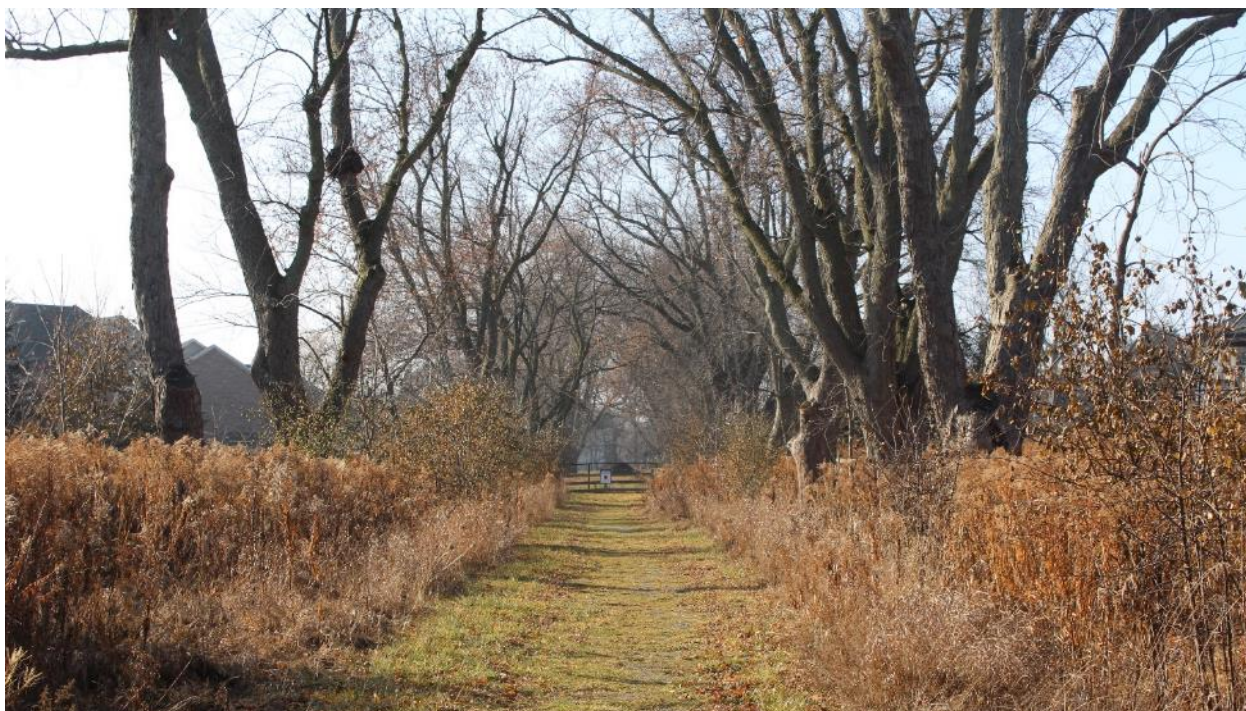


Figure 2: Jefferson Sideroad Trail Access Service Area Analysis





*Figure 3: Macleod Estate Heritage Residence (looking west from proposed trail location)*



*Figure 4: Heritage Silver Maple Carriageway (looking west along proposed trail location)*





*Figure 5: View looking north from Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment (see Map 1 for photo location)*



*Figure 6: View looking north from Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment (see Map 1 for photo location)*





*Figure 7: View looking south along Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment (See Map 1)*



*Figure 8: Example of scenic views from Vandervoort Drive trail option*





*Figure 9: Stormwater overland flow corridor between 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive*



*Figure 10: East scour pond (see Map 2)*



*Figure 11: View looking northwest from Vandervoort Drive trail option (see Map 2)*



*Figure 12: View looking south east from Vandervoort Drive trail option (see Map 2)*





*Figure 13: View looking south from Vandervoort Drive trail option (see Map 2)*



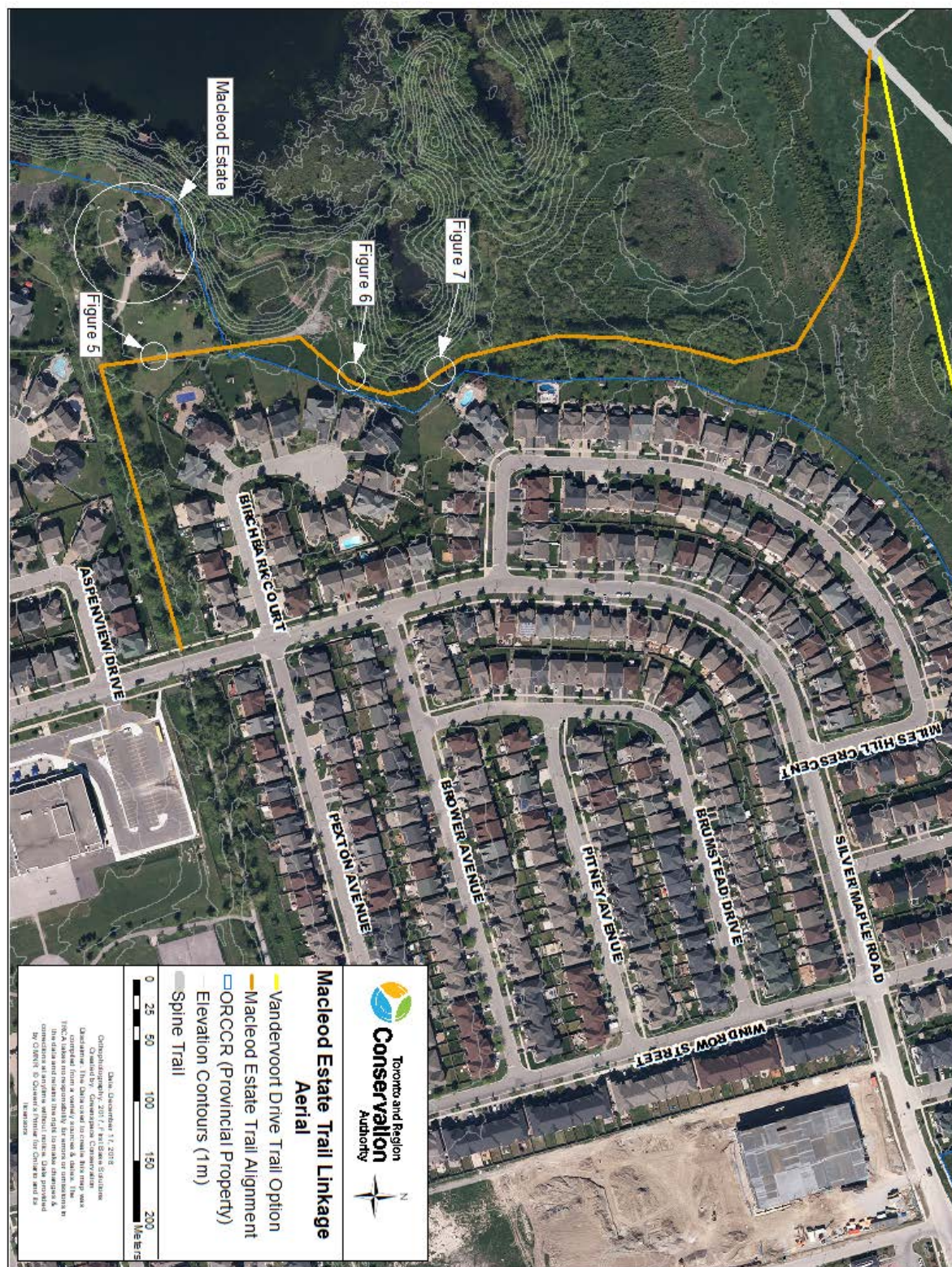
*Figure 14: View looking south from top of berm north of Vandervoort Drive residences*



*Figure 15: View looking west to berm rising adjacent to Vandervoort Drive residences*

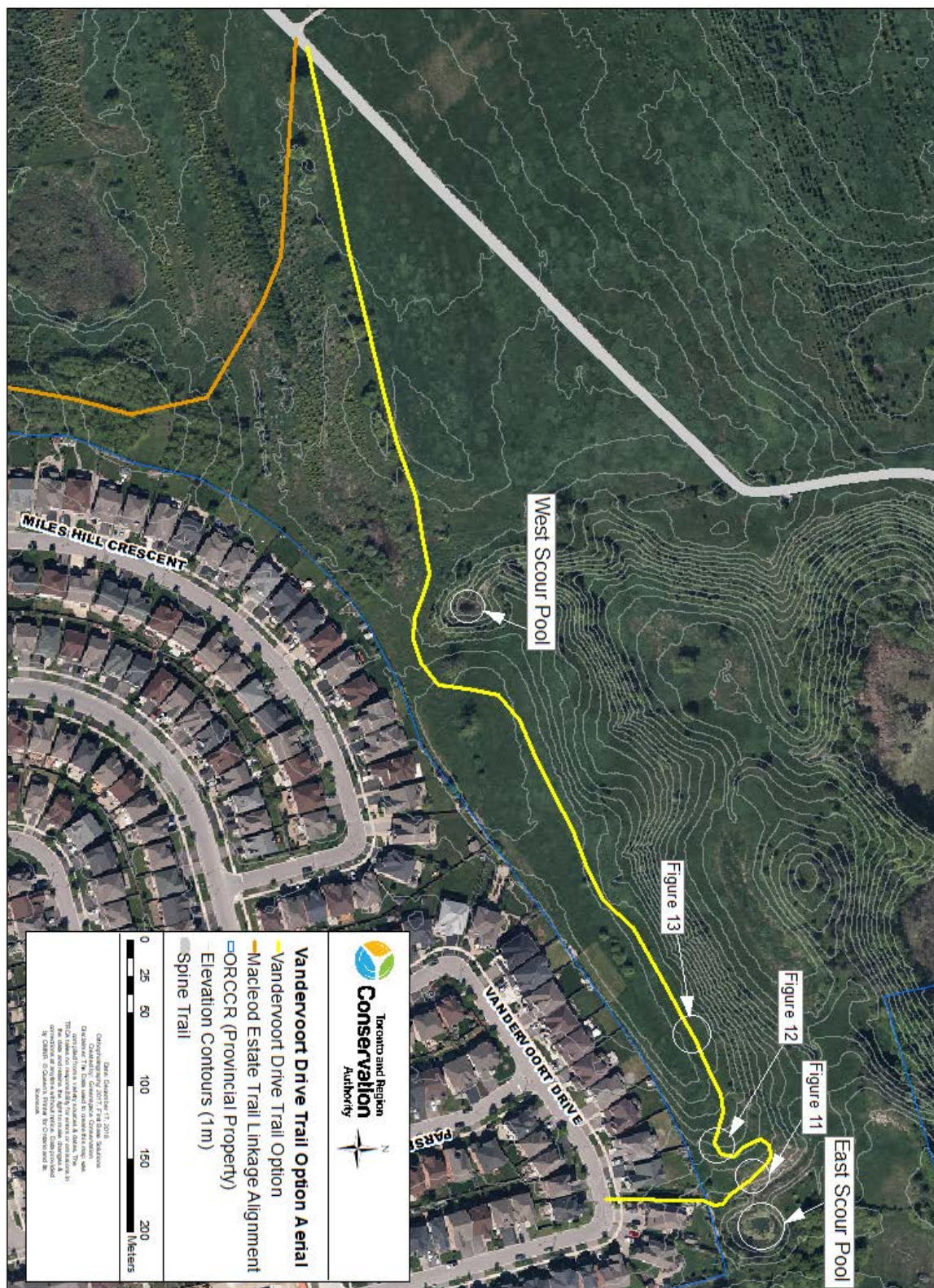


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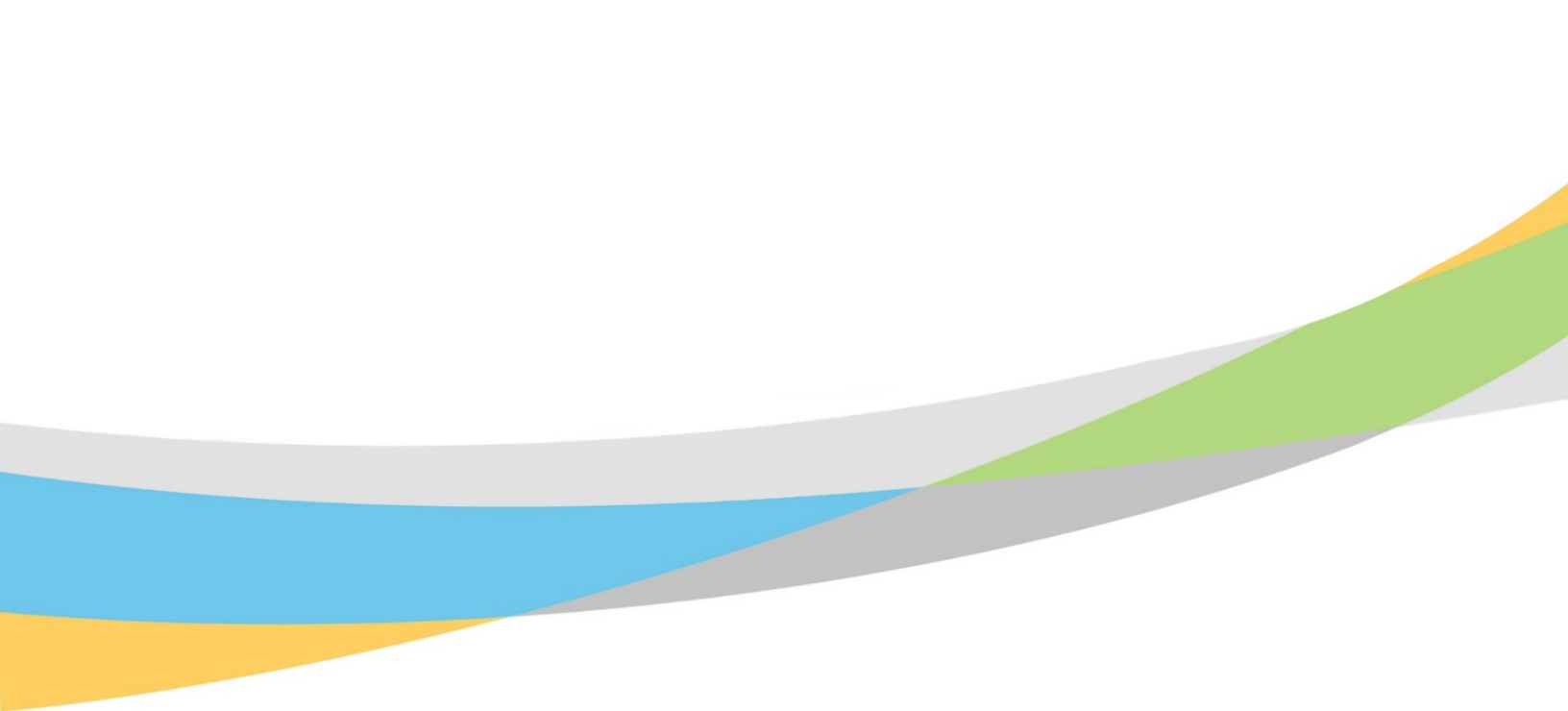


Map 1: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment Aerial





Map 2: Vandervoort Drive Trail Option Aerial



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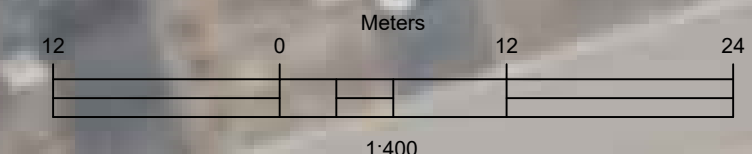
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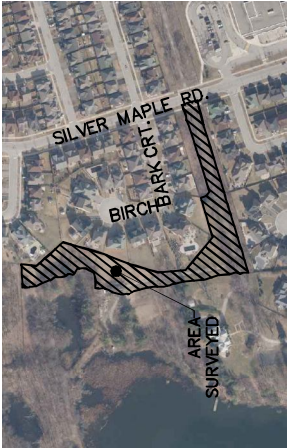
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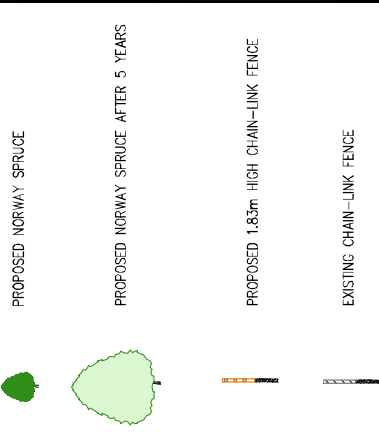


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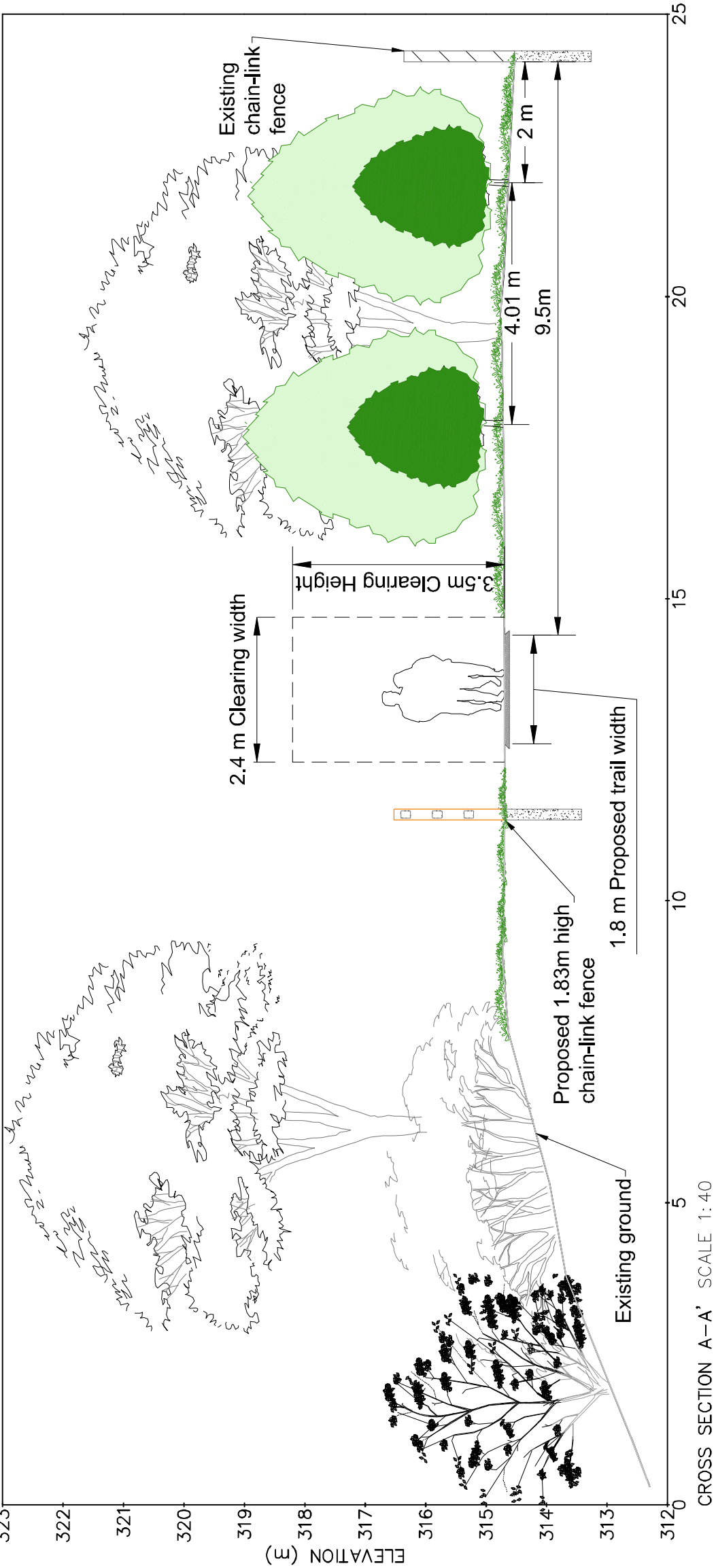
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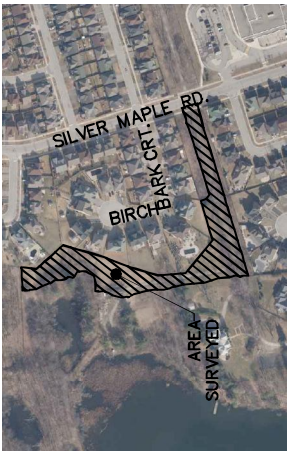
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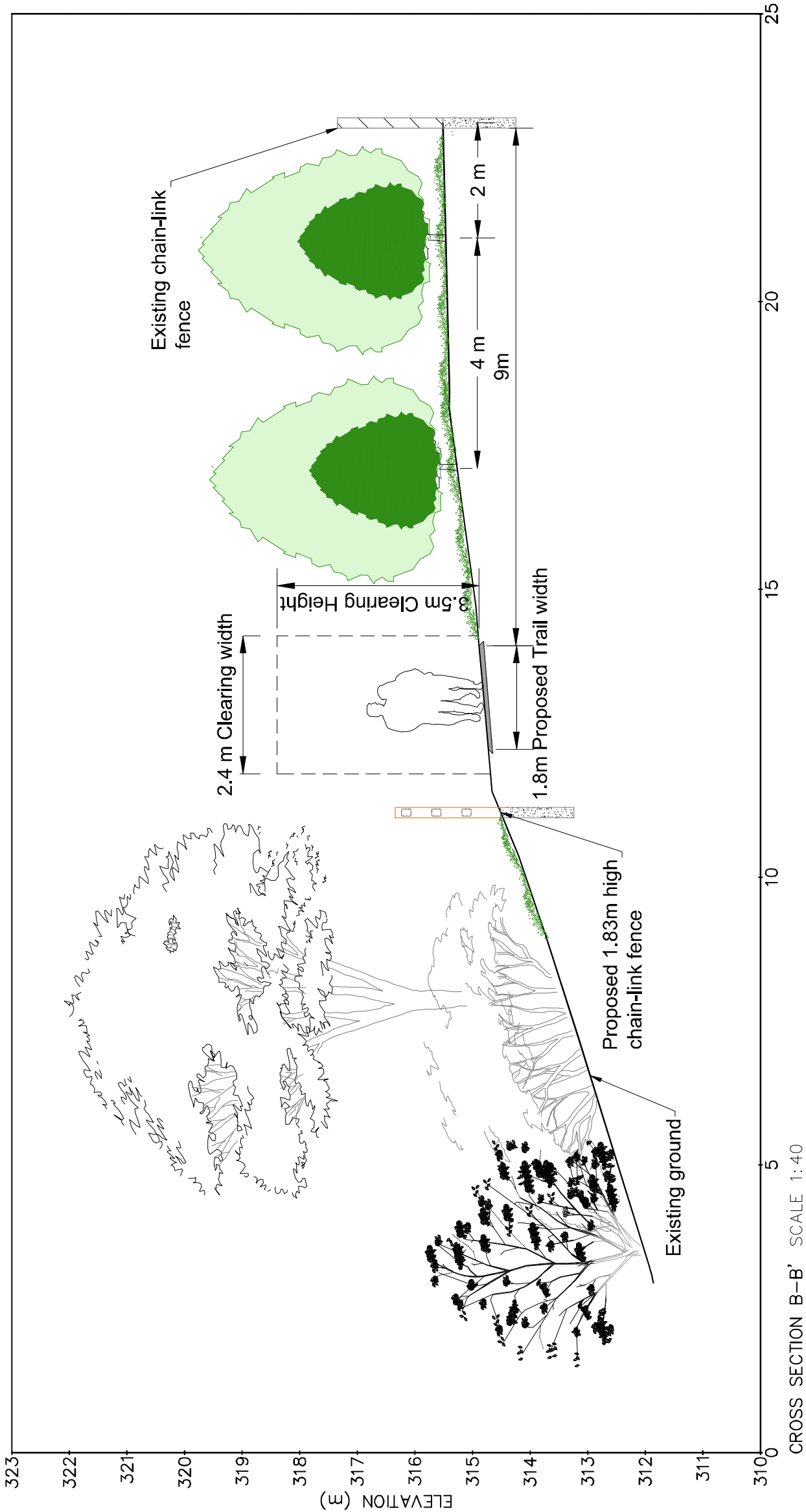
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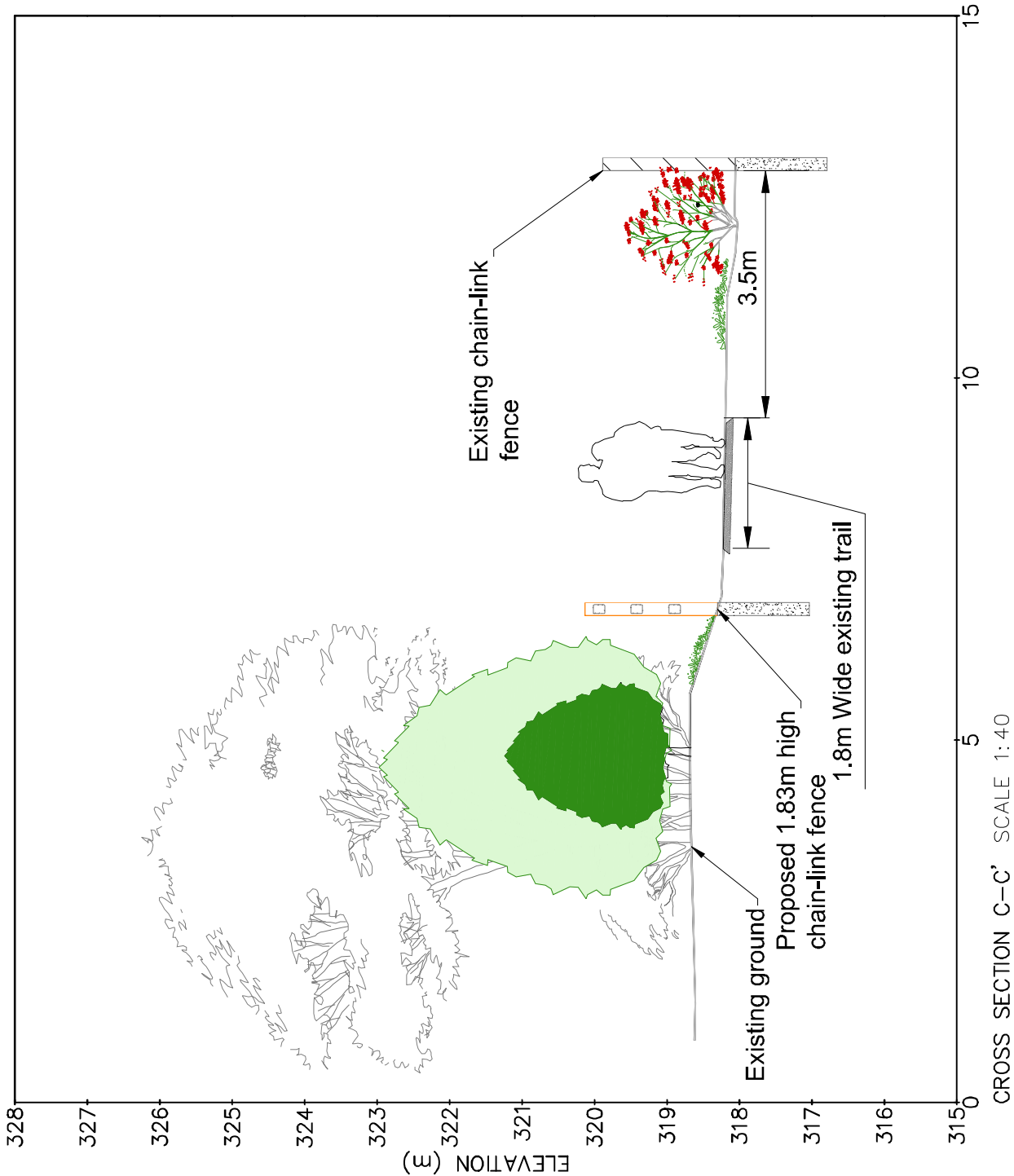
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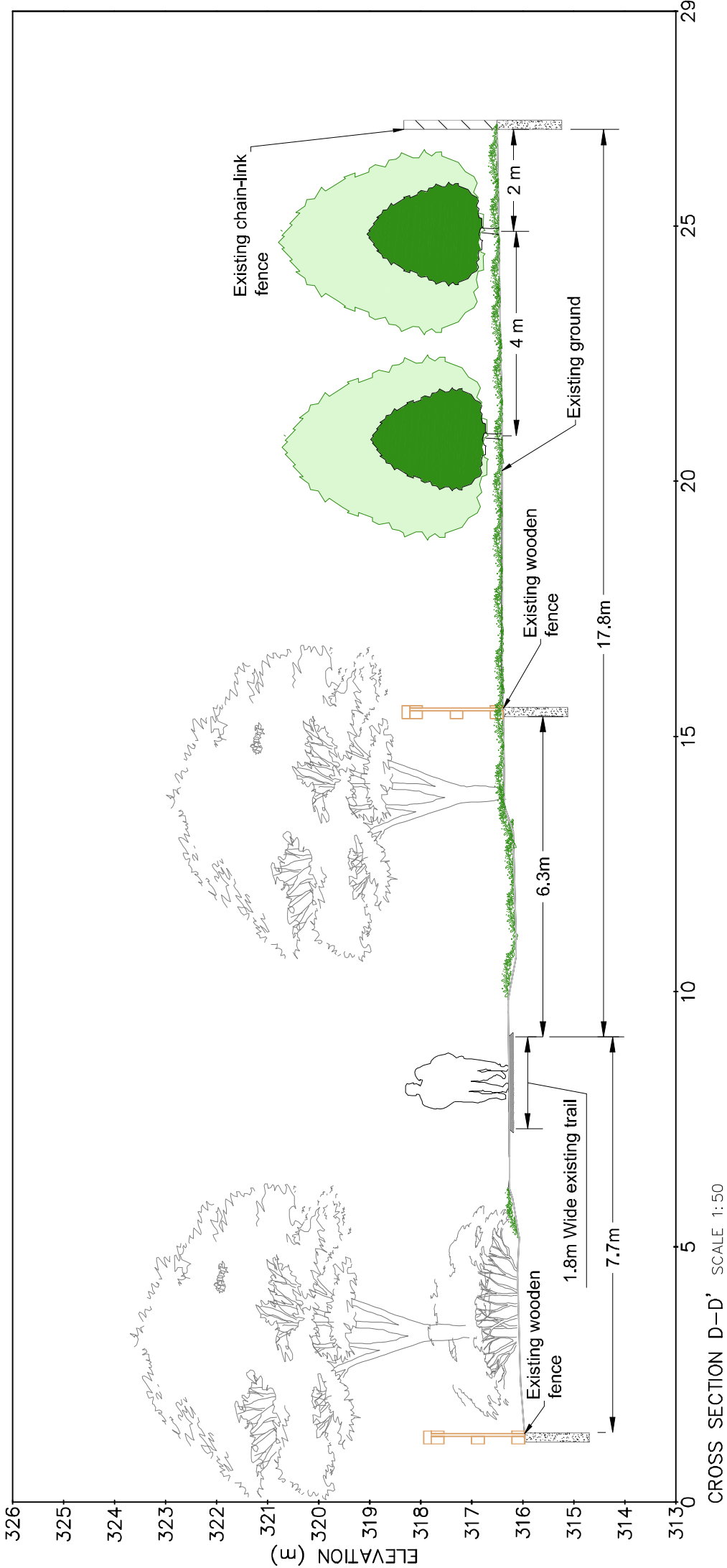
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### Gray Dogwood :

- Potted stock- average height is 175 cm (1.75 meters)

Gray Dogwood will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and can grow 1 foot in height per year. Under ideal conditions gray dogwood can be expected to live for 40 years or more.



### Downy Serviceberry :

- Potted stock- average height is 175 cm (1.75 meters)

Downy serviceberry is a small tree or multi-stemmed large shrub. It has a rounded crown with many small arching, spreading branches. Tree/shrub can grow 20 to 50 feet in height with a variable spread. It will grow to full size in between 5-8 years. Plants can be grown single-trunked or multi-stemmed. It rarely lives longer than 50 years.



### Planting Notes

Planting will take place the spring after trail implementation Shrubs cannot be planted among the norway spruce for additional privacy in early stages, it would cause low survival rates.

Full plant care program will be implemented, includes 3 waterings in the first season, plant monitoring (and replacements if necessary) for 2 years following

Deer like to browse on newly planted trees and will likely lower survival ship, this is a major consideration of species choice

The smaller the plant at the time of planting, the higher the survival rates (the proposed tree size is the largest we would want to plant in this type of application), they are also the most expensive to plant and care for Trees are planted 2 m from property fence line and 4 m apart in all directions



### White Spruce:

White spruce can live between 50 to 100 years, and can reach the height of 20 to 25 m (65 to 80 ft), with a spread up to 6 m (20 ft). The tree has a moderate growth rate. It can grow from 30 to 60 cm (12 to 24 in.) a year till maturity.

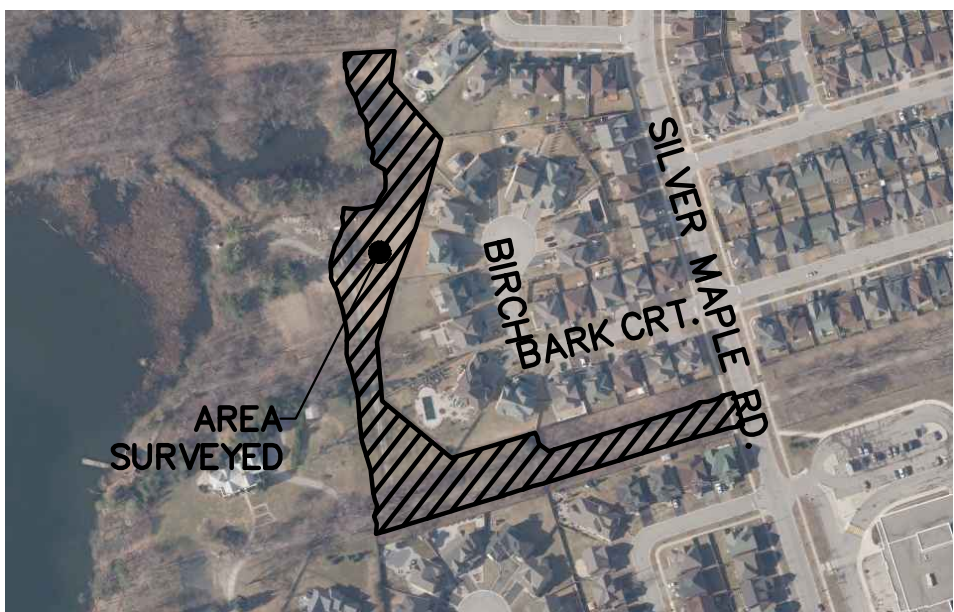


### Fragrant Sumac :

- Potted stock- average height is 80 cm to 125 cm

Fragrant Sumac will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It grows at a slow rate, it will grow to full size in between 5-8 years and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 25 years.

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## A.1 INTRODUCTION & STUDY AREA

### A.1.1 Introduction

Since the approval of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park (ORCP) Management Plan and the establishment of a trail system within the ORCP lands, urban development has increased substantially around the ORCP property. When the ORCP Management Plan was approved in 2006, the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood located at Jefferson Sideroad and Yonge Street was not fully established. This new neighbourhood has now grown to over 1000 homes, including the Macleod's Landing Public School. There is no trail linkage from this neighbourhood into the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (ORCCR) trail network<sup>1</sup>. Local advocacy by residents of the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood has demonstrated the desire for a direct, safe trail connection from this relatively new neighbourhood to the trail network within the ORCCR.

To adapt the existing trail network to this newly identified community desire, TRCA undertook a public planning process from approximately October 2017 to June 2018 to assess the feasibility of a new trail connection from the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood to the existing ORCCR trail network. The new trail connection will be known for the purposes of this trail planning project as the "Macleod Estate Trail Linkage." The public planning process included the development of multiple trail alignment alternatives based on ecological and cultural constraints, gathering feedback on these alternatives, the determination of a preferred conceptual trail alignment, and the assessment of opportunities for trail amenities. The planning process included input from TRCA technical staff through a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Town of Richmond Hill, key public interest groups through a Public Advisory Committee (PAC), and the general public.

From approximately July 2018 to March 2019, additional technical analysis, detailed planning and design, and focused stakeholder engagement was undertaken to work with local residents concerned with the preferred trail alignment resulting from the public planning process outlined above and evaluate an additional alternative trail option. This additional planning and design work involved the TAC, Town of Richmond Hill, PAC, and key Macleod's Landing neighbourhood residents.

This Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan reflects the results of both the public planning process undertaken from October 2017 to June 2018 and the additional focused planning work undertaken from July 2018 to March 2019. The Addendum describes the study area context and the existing trail system into which the future Macleod Estate Trail Linkage will integrate. It describes the project process that was undertaken, and engagement techniques that were employed to seek input into this process. The Addendum describes a design concept for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, including a conceptual alignment, general design standards, trail amenities, and opportunities for design interventions to enhance trail accessibility. Finally, recommendations for the management of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage are included and a budget is

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that a series of land use and land management changes have occurred since the approval of the ORCP Management Plan in 2006. The lands formerly known as the ORCP are now intended to be managed cohesively with approximately 175 hectares (ha) of TRCA-owned property to the immediate east of the lands formerly known as the ORCP. Both properties are now known collectively as the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve. This Addendum recognizes and describes this new management context.

outlined. Guided by this Addendum, additional detailed design work will be undertaken for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage that will address the additional technical details, engineering works, and siting of trail amenities needed to begin the construction of the trail.

### A.1.2 Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve

Immediately adjacent to the 428 hectares that form the ORCP, TRCA owns approximately 175 hectares of greenspace lands east of Bayview Avenue. Referred to as the Oak Ridges Corridor Park East (ORCPE) property, these lands are dominated by natural cover and consist of many unique and sensitive natural features. A Management Plan was completed for the ORCPE in 2011 (Oak Ridges Corridor Park East Management Plan). The majority of the property within the ORCPE is owned by TRCA, with the exception of two parcels owned by the Province of Ontario (See Figure A1). The two parcels owned by the Province were addressed in the Management Plan developed for the ORCP in 2006; however, for the purposes of management zones, management recommendations and trail planning, they are now considered part of the ORCPE area.

It is the intent of TRCA and the Province that the main ORCP and the ORCPE lands be managed cohesively. Following the completion of the ORCPE Management Plan, the ORCP and the ORCPE were combined into ORCCR (See Figure A1). Restoration activities and trail development should consider the properties together as one area, and projects for the Reserve should be managed cohesively to allow TRCA to more effectively streamline work.

Together, the ORCCR properties form 603 hectares of prime Oak Ridges Moraine landscape on the natural boundary between the Humber River and Rouge River watersheds in the Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York (see Figure A2). The ORCCR is located west of Leslie Street, south of Bethesda Sideroad, east of Bathurst Street, and north of Jefferson Sideroad and Stouffville Road.

The ORCCR is a rich natural area consisting of forest and successional forest areas, wetlands, waterbodies, meadows, agricultural fields, a golf course, approximately 17.1 km of popular recreational trails, and some notable cultural heritage features. The site contributes to a large forest complex, including the Jefferson Forest Area of Natural and Scientific Interest to the southeast. Bond Lake has been identified as an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, and Bond Lake along with Philips Lake, Thompson Lake and other kettle waterbodies within the site form part of the provincially significant Philips-Bond-Thompson Wetland complex (See Figure A3). Bond Lake, Philips Lake and Jefferson Forest all support regionally- and locally-rare species. The site contributes a diversity of high quality and sensitive habitats to the ecosystem functions of the headwater region.

Urban development has increased substantially around the ORCCR in the past decade, and there are housing developments immediately adjacent to the boundary of the Reserve in multiple locations. The areas south of King Road, north of Jefferson Sideroad, and around Old Colony Road are especially developed. Richmond Hill's population continues to rise, and—pending development in the area surrounding the ORCCR along Leslie Street—will increase impact on the Reserve.



### A.1.3 Study Area

The study area for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project is in the southwestern portion of the ORCCR, generally in the area surrounding Philips Lake. This area is within the ORCP property (See Figure A4). There are approximately 3.5 km of existing authorized trails in this area. Trail planning is focused within this area, though the surrounding context of this study area is examined as well to inform trail development and management decision-making.

### A.1.4 Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan

At TRCA Board Authority Meeting #8/06, on October 27, 2006, the ORCP Management Plan was approved through Resolution #A235/06:

**“THAT** the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan, prepared by AMEC Earth and Environmental dated August 2006, be approved;

**THAT** copies of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan be sent to the members of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Advisory Committee with a request that the document be endorsed and they consider opportunities for providing multi-year funding to support the implementation of the plan, and operation of the park;

**THAT** staff assist with the establishment of an Oak Ridges Corridor Park Advisory Committee made up of interested citizens, interest groups and organizations, to help with the implementation of the management plan;

**THAT** the province be requested to approve the official name of the park as "Kettle Lakes Nature Reserve at Richmond Hill";

**THAT** approval be granted to enter into agreements with the Province of Ontario and the current Oak Ridges Corridor Park land owners to maintain and protect the completed trail on an interim basis and until the lands are conveyed to the Province of Ontario;

**AND FURTHER THAT** appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary to implement the agreements including obtaining any necessary approvals and execution of documents.”

Section 6.0 of the ORCP Management Plan provides guidance for trail planning and development on the property. Regarding secondary trails, the Management Plan states:

“Secondary trails are proposed to link the neighbouring communities to the spine trail; the total length of proposed secondary trails is 2.8 km. People living adjacent to open space have a natural desire to access these areas. If formal access points are not provided, residents will make their own paths which can be much more detrimental to the sensitive environments than a formalized path in a pre-determined location.”

When the ORCP Management Plan was approved in 2006, the Macleod’s Landing neighbourhood near the Macleod Estate at Jefferson Sideroad and Yonge Street was not fully established. This new neighbourhood now contains approximately 1000 homes and the Macleod’s Landing Public School; however, there is no trail linkage from this area of the neighbourhood into the ORCCR trail network. The lack of a trail connection

creates the risk of informal trails, as the neighbourhood has expressed eagerness for an additional safe, direct trail linkage within the study area into the ORCCR. Existing informal trails from the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood have been inventoried within the study area (See Figure A5).

## A.2 TRAIL PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage was undertaken from approximately October 2017 to June 2018, within an ecosystem framework and in consultation with TRCA staff, key public stakeholders, and the general public to ensure watershed health, public enjoyment and environmental sustainability. The project was managed under the broader umbrella of the "Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects," which was concerned with both the Cycling on Secondary Trails project and the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage project<sup>2</sup>.

### A.2.1 Project Process

The public planning process was undertaken in three phases:

#### Phase 1: Initial Site Scoping and Evaluation

- Inventory ORCCR physical environment, natural environment, land use context in the study areas
- Inventory existing ORCCR trails in the study areas

#### Phase 2: Trail Planning

- Establish a TRCA staff Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), host meeting
- Establish a Public Advisory Committee (PAC), host meeting
- Initiate on-line engagement (TRCA YourSay Engagement Website)
- Develop and evaluate trail alignment alternatives for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, including trail connections to the ORCCR main spine trail and supporting trail amenities, such as parking, signage and resting areas
- Host a Public Engagement Session
- Consult on pedestrian and cycling trails with the Town of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Host meeting with the TAC and the PAC
- Develop management recommendations for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage
- Drafting and finalization of the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan

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<sup>2</sup> The Cycling on Secondary Trails Project intends to evaluate and plan for changes to cycling uses within the ORCCR trail system, primarily focusing on mountain biking trails within the ORCPE property. While the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project and the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project were initiated simultaneously, the timeline for the Cycling on Secondary Trails project will extend further than the culmination of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project. This longer timeline is due to the need for additional fieldwork and focused discussion with key interest groups. A further Addendum to the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan will be prepared at the completion of the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project.

### Phase 3: Trail Plan Endorsement in Principle

- Bring the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan to the TRCA Board of Directors for approval in principle

From approximately July 2018 to March 2019, TRCA undertook additional technical analysis, detailed planning and design, and focused stakeholder engagement to work with local residents concerned with the preferred trail alignment resulting from the public planning process outlined above and evaluate an additional alternative trail option. This additional focused planning and design work involved the TAC, Town of Richmond Hill, PAC, and key Macleod's Landing neighbourhood residents. An alternative trail option leading from a stormwater overland flow block off Vandervoort Drive to the spine trail was evaluated against the preferred trail alignment resulting from the public planning process. Additionally, more detailed trail designs and planting plans were developed articulating trail setbacks from private property and the specifics of planned vegetative screening and buffering measures.

The specifics of this additional project process are described below:

- Hosted TAC meeting for technical input to inform comparison of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and a feasible Vandervoort Drive trail option
- Hosted site visit with the TAC and Town of Richmond Hill staff to confirm technical input
- Consulted with Town of Richmond Hill staff regarding stormwater engineering and planning considerations to inform identification of a feasible Vandervoort Drive trail option and comparison between both trail options
- Hosted site visit with concerned residents in opposition to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment
- Hosted site visit with neighbours adjacent to the ORCCR near the location of the Vandervoort Drive trail option
- Hosted PAC meeting
- Developed detailed designs and planting plans for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment
- Hosted meeting with neighbours opposed to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment to discuss setbacks and buffering measures
- Drafted and finalized a memorandum regarding an Investigation of the Vandervoort Drive Trail Entrance to compare this trail option to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

After the completion of this focused engagement and planning work, TRCA re-sought approval in principle of the Addendum to the ORCP Management Plan at the TRCA Board of Directors Meeting #4/19, and circulated this approved Addendum to the Oak Ridges Trail Association and Infrastructure Ontario.

### A.2.2 Engagement and Consultation

Engagement with TRCA staff, external key interest groups, and the general public was critical to the planning process for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage.

#### A.2.2.1 TRCA Staff

A TAC was formed to gain input and feedback from internal TRCA staff. This TAC included representation from various departments including Land Management, Planning Ecology, Terrestrial Natural Heritage, Archeology and Cultural Heritage, Planning & Development, Watershed Strategies, Restoration Projects, Resource Management Projects, Enforcement & Compliance, Parks & Culture, and Bathurst Glen Golf Course.

The TAC convened four times during the course of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage planning process to discuss opportunities and constraints, trail alternative alignments, trail amenities, programming, and implementation. Meetings were held on January 17, 2018, March 22, 2018 and September 5, 2018. A site visit was held on September 13, 2018. Input on specific issues was also sought informally from TAC members. Key input provided by the TAC included the ecological buffers and constraints necessary to incorporate into decision-making for the trail alignment, appropriate design specifications and plantings, identification of drainage issues, and maintenance issues that could arise with certain potential trail amenities.

#### A.2.2.2 Public

Public engagement was undertaken through a multidimensional approach. A smaller PAC sought focused input from key interest groups, and broader public engagement techniques enabled more general feedback from the broader community. On-line, traditional media, and face-to-face communication methods were employed to provide information about the project and seek relevant input.

##### Public Advisory Committee

A Public Advisory Committee was formed to gain input and feedback from key external interest groups. The PAC included representation from The Regional Municipality of York, the Town of Richmond Hill, the Oak Ridges Trail Association, the Durham Mountain Biking Association, The Gordon & Patricia Gray Animal Welfare Foundation, and interested residents. The Committee met twice over the course of the project to discuss opportunities and constraints, trail alternative alignments, trail amenities, programming, and implementation. Meetings were held on January 19, 2018, April 6, 2018 and November 26, 2018. The PAC was concerned with both ORCCR Trail Planning Projects (the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project and the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project). Key input provided by the PAC included underscoring the need to prevent trail access to Philips Lake to preserve ecological value, recommendations for incorporating planting buffers into the trail design, the need to incorporate design to enhance trail accessibility for a wide variety of users, and suggestions for trail amenities and programming that promote ecological stewardship.

It should be noted that while the Philips Lake Stewardship Panel is not active and therefore could not be engaged through this public planning process, the PAC included many of the individuals who would likely make up this committee. This PAC included many of the same groups who had participated in the PAC convened for the Oak Ridges Corridor Park East Management Plan.

##### Online Engagement

An online web presence for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage planning process was launched on December 21, 2017. An engagement webpage was created through the TRCA YourSay platform, which could communicate key project dates, project updates, distribute supporting documents and photos, advertise upcoming events, and enable users to provide feedback on key elements of the trail plan through an online survey and online comment forms. Users could also subscribe to email updates about the project. The YourSay page covered both the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project and the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project. Text was added to the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve TRCA webpage to notify visitors

about ongoing ORCCR trail planning projects, and to direct visitors to the YourSay page for further engagement in the projects.

A general ORCCR online trail user survey was launched on December 21, 2017. The questions were intended to obtain a general sense of how trail users access the ORCCR, how they are using the trails, when and how often they visit, the purpose of their visit, what they like and dislike about the trail system, etc. A total of 112 responses were collected between December 19, 2017 and May 8, 2018. Some key findings from the survey indicate that most respondents access the ORCCR by car, that Stouffville Road, Jefferson Sideroad, and Old Colony Road are the most popular access points, that most respondents visit once per week for between one and three hours on weekend mornings, most respondents participate in hiking and mountain biking, and overall respondents rated their trail experiences at 8/10.

### Public Engagement Session

A Public Engagement Session was held on February 22, 2018, at the Oak Ridges Community Centre (12895 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill). The Public Engagement Session was concerned with both ORCCR Trail Planning Projects. Materials related to the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project presented to the public included contextual information on the entire ORCCR trail system, two conceptual alignment options for the proposed Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, study area ecological constraints, and perspective artistic renderings and cross-sections. The materials were mounted on display boards and presented in an open house format, where attendees were free to circulate around the space and view the materials at their own pace. Project team members from TRCA and the Town of Richmond Hill were available to answer questions from attendees in an informal manner.

The Public Engagement Session was advertised through both online and physical tactics. A flyer was distributed via Canada Post's neighbourhood mail to approximately 1764 addresses (1734 homes, 30 businesses), and this flyer was also posted at the Oak Ridges Community Centre, the Bond Lake Arena, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Public Library. The flyer was also included in a Macleod's Landing Public School newsletter. A newspaper ad promoting the Public Engagement Session was issued in the February 15, 2018 edition of the Richmond Hill Liberal newspaper. The Session was promoted through word-of-mouth at a TRCA Snowshoeing event on February 10, 2018. The Public Engagement Session was advertised through the online TRCA events calendar and the Town of Richmond Hill online bulletin board. Tweets were sent from the @TRCA\_Trails Twitter account to promote the session, which were retweeted through the @YorkRegionGovt York Region Transportation Services Twitter account. An email blast was sent through the Oak Ridges Trail Association's email distribution list on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. An email was sent out to people who had requested to subscribe for email project updates through the YourSay Engagement website. Details on the Public Engagement Session were posted to the ORCCR Trail Planning Projects YourSay Engagement website, and many of the marketing tactics employed to promote the Session directed people to the YourSay website to find out more about the event and the ORCCR Trail Planning Projects generally.

It is estimated that 69 people attended the Session. Feedback forms were distributed to session attendees, inviting them to choose the conceptual trail alternative alignment they preferred (and explain why), and describe the trail amenities and features they would like to see along the proposed new trail linkage. There were also large-format maps of the trail alternatives available for attendees to annotate with their comments. Broadly, there was community interest and support for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, with questions as to how the trail would interact with Philips Lake, what type of landscapes the trail would pass through, and what type of trail would be built. Local residents were generally supportive and excited about

the direct trail connection into the ORCCR. There was concentrated, rational, yet firm opposition for the proposed trail alignment from a few residents whose properties are situated adjacent to the location of the proposed trail, citing concerns over privacy, safety, environmental impact, and constructability of the proposed trail. The day after the Public Engagement Session, the materials from the Session were posted on the YourSay website, and an online questionnaire was posted asking the same questions as the feedback forms distributed at the Session. This online comment period continued for approximately 2 weeks and allowed people who were not able to attend the Public Engagement Session to provide their feedback.

At the Public Engagement Session, the sign-in sheet allowed people to provide their email to request to be added to the list of subscribers for email project updates. An email blast was sent to the whole list of project subscribers on July 6, 2018, including people who subscribed via the YourSay Engagement Website, notifying people of the July 20 TRCA Board Meeting. Another email blast was sent to this list of subscribers in advance of the April 26 Board of Directors Meeting.

#### Focused Engagement with Macleod's Landing Neighbours

An on-site meeting was scheduled with TRCA technical staff and the residents who had expressed their opposition to the plan at the Public Engagement Session on May 15, 2018, in an effort to address their concerns during the detailed design process. At the site visit the neighbours raised many of the same concerns as at the Public Engagement Session. They expressed concern for the security of their homes because the trail alignment is proposed so close to the rear yards of their properties. TRCA staff noted that they have not heard of any cases of people jumping fences into residential properties to commit crimes in any other areas in the TRCA jurisdiction where trails are in close proximity to residential properties. The neighbours also relayed that at the time they bought their homes, they were promised by the developer and the Town of Richmond Hill that their view into the ORCCR would remain undisturbed. The neighbours in attendance expressed concern for the environmental protection of Philips Lake and the surrounding area. TRCA staff discussed some trail design measures that could mitigate these issues, such as buffer plantings and fencing. The neighbours also raised concerns over the impact this trail could have on the value of their properties and historical political decision-making to re-open the approval of a previous Town of Richmond Hill trail alignment along the remnant silver maple carriageway from Silver Maple Road to Macleod Estate Court. TRCA staff reviewed the tentative plan approval and implementation commencement with the neighbours. It was suggested that the neighbours could provide a delegation or submit correspondence when TRCA seeks approval of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Addendum to have their concerns heard by the TRCA Board. These neighbours submitted correspondence as part of the July 20, 2018 TRCA Board Meeting outlining their concerns and suggesting another trail alignment from Vandervoort Drive to the ORCCR spine trail.

A site visit took place on Friday, September 21, 2018 with Town of Richmond Hill staff and nine residents of Birchbark Court, Roderick Court, and Miles Hill Crescent, including five out of the eight residents who expressed opposition to the preferred Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment through correspondence submitted at the July 20, 2018 TRCA Board Meeting. The site visit included both the potential Vandervoort Drive trail area and the locations of their concerns along the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment. The residents discussed potential advantages of locating the trail at the Vandervoort Drive access area, including the greater trail setback from most nearby homes. They also reiterated their privacy, safety, ecological, litter, and property value impact concerns, adding that there are stormwater drainage concerns with the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

To engage the neighbours who would be directly impacted by a Vandervoort Drive trail option, a site visit also took place on November 12, 2018 with Town of Richmond Hill staff and 16 residents of Vandervoort Drive. These residents registered for the site visit in response to a notice delivered on October 22, 2018 to 39 addresses along Vandervoort Drive and Miles Hill Crescent, whose properties border the ORCCR near the area where the Vandervoort Drive trail option would be located or construction disturbance could occur. These residents raised privacy, security and safety, ecological, littering, parking, property value impact, trail service area, and drainage concerns. The neighbours in attendance presented TRCA staff with a petition stating their opposition to the Vandervoort Drive trail option. The petition was signed by 23 people at the time of the site visit.

The correspondence submitted by the neighbours in opposition to the preferred Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment and a summary of the November 12, 2018 site visit was consolidated and presented as an attachment at the TRCA Board of Directors Meeting on April 26, 2019. In this way the comments expressed by both groups of neighbours could be considered by the TRCA Board of Directors in their decision to approve the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment.

#### Town of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Ontario Regulation 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards (under Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, S.O. 2005, c.11), in “Section 80.8: Consultation, recreational trails”, states:

“(1) Obligated organizations shall consult on the following before they construct new or redevelop existing recreational trails:

1. The slope of the trail.
2. The need for, and location of, ramps on the trail.
3. The need for, location and design of,
  - i. rest areas,
  - ii. passing areas,
  - iii. viewing areas,
  - iv. amenities on the trail, and
  - v. any other pertinent feature. O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.

(2) Obligated organizations shall consult on the matters referred to in subsection (1) in the following manner:

1. Obligated organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities.
2. Municipalities must also consult with their municipal accessibility advisory committees, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act. O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.”

To fulfill these requirements, members of the project team attended a Town of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee on March 28, 2018 to present the conceptual alignment for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage and gain feedback from Committee members. Concern was expressed by the Committee regarding the granular limestone fine trail surface. It was noted that the trail surface should be firm and stable enough to prevent wheelchair wheels from slipping or becoming stuck, and pavement as a trail surface was



suggested. There was also concern raised over extended lengths of trail with 5-8% slope (30m). A switchback and/or rest areas at appropriate intervals should be considered to address this issue. It was noted that the trail width should be wide enough for wheelchair passing. It was also noted that signage should be accessible for those with visual disabilities. As a more general comment regarding the ORCCR trail system, it was suggested that trail improvements should be made to recognize aging population demographics; for example more washroom facilities should be integrated into the ORCCR trail system. Another general comment mentioned erosion issues that have been emerging on the existing ORCCR trail system, and that these maintenance issues need to be addressed for both the existing trail network and for the future Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. Efforts have been made to address many of these concerns within the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Concept (see Section A4).

## A.3 CURRENT TRAIL SYSTEM & CONDITIONS

### A.3.1 Existing Trails

The existing authorized ORCCR trail network includes a spine trail, which is the primary multi-use trail offering an east-west link through the Reserve, and secondary trails which are intended to link neighboring communities to the spine trail and create loops for recreational enjoyment (see Figure A6). The authorized existing trail system within the study area consists of a section of the primary multi-use spine trail and two secondary trail sections (see Figure A5). The ORCCR trail network also includes linkages to regional trail networks - the Lake-to-Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail alignment runs through the ORCCR, and this alignment connects with the Oak Ridges Trail directly north of the Reserve. A large section of spine trail is also a designated section of the Oak Ridges Trail Network. Thus, the ORCCR is linked to 121 km of Lake-to-Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail, and over 350 km of trails that comprise the Oak Ridges Trail network (see Figure A7).

*Table A 1: Existing Trail Network (excluding the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage)*

	Existing ORCCR Trail Network	Existing Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Study Area Trail Network
Spine Trail	9620 m	2327 m
Secondary Trail	7527 m	1137 m
<b>Total</b>	<b>17147 m</b>	<b>3464 m</b>

#### A.3.1.1 Primary Trail

The primary multi-use spine trail runs generally east-west through the ORCCR property, from Bathurst Street in the southwest to Bethesda Sideroad in the northeast. The spine trail is designated as a side trail of the Oak Ridges Trail Network.

The primary trail is designed for a relatively high volume of use, and therefore the trail width and construction is substantial enough to allow safe passing, along with a consistent and even surface. The primary trail is constructed to a maximum width of 2.4 m and surfaced with compacted granular limestone fines on a compacted granular base (see Figure A8). The granular base is to be constructed to a maximum



width of 3 m. A geogrid web is employed to distribute the weight of the soil compaction evenly. The alignment of the spine trail has been carefully selected to follow the height of the land and minimize grade changes, thereby providing a trail experience that will be accessible to a wide range of users (see Section 6.2).

Appropriate, nature-based public uses are permitted along trails including hiking, walking, cross-country skiing, leashed dog-walking, and cycling. Based on the results of the online ORCCR trail user survey launched alongside this public planning process, hiking and cycling are the most prevalent trail activities.

#### A.3.1.2 Secondary Trails

Secondary trails serve two functions in the trail system: to link the neighbouring communities to the primary trail, and to provide loop trails for recreational enjoyment.

People living adjacent to open space have a natural desire to access these areas. If formal access points are not provided, residents often make their own paths, which can be much more detrimental to sensitive environments than a formalized path in a pre-determined location. As these secondary trails are providing access to local residents, a more moderate level of use is anticipated and therefore, it is possible to accommodate users on paths that are narrower than the spine trail (See Figure A9). A maximum width of 2 m with a granular surface is recommended for these trails (see Section 6.3).

#### A.3.2 Existing Access and Amenities

Currently, the closest trail access points to the ORCCR trail system within the study area are the entrance from Jefferson Sideroad near Lake Forest Drive, and from Yonge Street near Bond Lake (see Figure A10). It was expressed by a number of local residents that these access points are too far to be useful to them, and additionally walking up Yonge Street to the Yonge Street trail access is not safe due to high volumes of fast-moving motor vehicle traffic, with limited, to non-existent sidewalks.

The ORCCR trail system includes trail amenities that improve the trail user experience through enhanced user comfort, wayfinding, or interpretation opportunities. The current suite of trail amenities for the ORCCR includes trailhead kiosks, wooden postmarkers, and stone slab benches. Kiosks, benches, and postmarkers are sited based on ease of access, safety, and field-fit onsite. Trail signage and amenities are developed based on the guidance of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan. This plan (see Section 6.8.5) recommends interpretive/educational signage may be installed at specific natural or cultural feature areas along the trail. Themes include wildlife and natural ecosystems, landscape or human heritage. See Figures A11 – A14 for examples of existing trail amenities within or near the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage study area.

### A.4 MACLEOD ESTATE TRAIL LINKAGE CONCEPT

#### A.4.1 Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Goals

The goals of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage mirror the goals of the existing Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan:

- “1. To support the implementation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act by contributing to the protection, restoration and enhancement of the Moraine’s ecological functions, protecting water quality and quantity, maintaining the integrity of the continuous natural system and fostering partnerships for stewardship.

2. To address the challenge of sustaining a sanctuary for nature in an urban setting by including public uses that provide opportunities for passive recreation, linkages to the Oak Ridges Trail, and experiential learning, while protecting the environmental integrity of the park.”

Within Section 6.0, the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan provides more specific direction as to the purpose of Secondary Trails (Section 6.3), and how these trails can contribute to the goals of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan:

“Secondary trails are proposed to link the neighbouring communities to the spine trail; the total length of proposed secondary trails is 2.8 km. People living adjacent to open space have a natural desire to access these areas. If formal access points are not provided, residents will make their own paths which can be much more detrimental to the sensitive environments than a formalized path in a pre-determined location.”

When the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan was approved in 2006, the Macleod’s Landing neighbourhood was not fully established. This new neighbourhood now contains approximately 1000 homes and the Macleod’s Landing Public School, and the neighbourhood residents have expressed eagerness for a trail linkage into the Reserve within the study area. The lack of a trail connection coupled with the identified desire for access to the ORCCR trail network creates the risk of informal trails. These informal trails would likely not be developed with the technical input necessary to ensure protection of the surrounding environment. Therefore, without a more sustainable trail alternative, informal trails which degrade the integrity of the surrounding ecology are at risk of proliferating.

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage will provide a trail connection from the Macleod’s Landing neighbourhood into the ORCCR trail system that has been designed intentionally and sustainably. The new trail alignment has been designed recognizing relevant ecological buffers, such as setbacks from the area of the Provincially significant Philips-Bond-Thompson Wetland complex. The trail alignment has been developed with the input of TRCA technical staff with knowledge of the area and the sensitivities of the surrounding environment.

The proposed new trail connection is intended to function as a neighbourhood connection and will serve a wide variety of users, providing enhanced access to the natural beauty of the Moraine landscape within the ORCCR in a sustainable, intentional manner. The trail opens further opportunities for passive recreation, which provides mental and physical health benefits. Enhancing opportunities for the neighbourhood to connect to this engaging and scenic greenspace also fosters local stewardship, as residents will be able to experience and value the ORCCR as a part of their day-to-day lives.

#### A.4.2 Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Alignment

The conceptual alignment for the new Macleod Estate Trail Linkage can be seen on Figure A15. The new trail will be approximately 798 m, having a width of 1.8 m, and will be classified as a secondary trail.

##### A.4.2.1 General Trail Experience

From the ORCCR spine trail, the new trail will pass eastwards through meadow area and new-growth conifer plantations, before turning southwards through thicker plantation forest. Once the trail reaches the fence surrounding Philips Lake, the trail will continue through a corridor of open meadow between the more mature forest that surrounds Philips Lake and the fence-line of neighbouring properties. The trail will then pass near the Macleod Estate residence before turning sharply eastwards along a remnant carriageway lined

with silver maples and connecting to Silver Maple Road. A bird's eye view of this conceptual trail alignment may be seen in Figure A16

A detailed view of the conceptual trail alignment can be seen on Figure A17. Minor variations from this alignment may occur during the detailed design and construction of the trail based on on-site landscape barriers or opportunities for improvements in slope sustainability.

#### A.4.2.2 Slope Characteristics

The longitudinal slope profile of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, as calculated from the conceptual trail alignment<sup>3</sup>, is gentle relative to the ORCP trail network<sup>4</sup>. Calculated over 10 m sections of trail, the maximum longitudinal slope of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage conceptual alignment is 9.81% and the typical longitudinal slope is 2.57% (see Figure 18). Where the longitudinal slope of the trail exceeds 5%, efforts will be made during at the detailed design and implementation stages to find opportunities—through minor trail alignment adjustments—to reduce the trail's longitudinal slope. As the slope profile for the conceptual Macleod Estate Trail Linkage is based on a desktop exercise over 10 m intervals, a more detailed slope profile will be created based on the as-built trail alignment with TRCA's High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP) equipment. This more detailed longitudinal slope profile will be used for future trail signage purposes.

#### A.4.2.3 Property Ownership

Based on current land ownership arrangements and the conceptual alignment for the new Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, approximately 193 m of trail is located on land owned by the Town of Richmond Hill, approximately 57 m of trail is located on land owned privately, and approximately 546 m of trail is located on land owned by the Province of Ontario (ORCCR) and managed by TRCA (See Figure A19).

### A.4.3 Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Design

The design standards of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage are generally consistent with the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 6.1.

The general design standards of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage are based to the as-built design details of precedent secondary trail linkages constructed since the approval of the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan. The general design standards for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage are described in Table A2 below:

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<sup>3</sup> The longitudinal slope calculations for the conceptual trail alignment are based on a desktop Geographic Information Systems (GIS) exercise. The trail alignment line was converted to a series of points every 10 m. The longitudinal slopes in between these points were calculated, thus providing longitudinal slopes in 10 m sections for the trail alignment. The maximum longitudinal slope is the highest longitudinal slope out of these 10m sections, and the average longitudinal slope is the average of the longitudinal slopes of these 10m sections. This methodology will thus not capture micro scale variations of longitudinal slope within these 10m sections.

<sup>4</sup> The ORCP Primary and Secondary Trails, viewed together, have a typical longitudinal slope of 3.8% and a maximum longitudinal slope of 26.6%

*Table A 2: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Design Standards*

Trail Characteristic	Design
Trail Tread Width	1.8 m
Trail Clearing Width	2.4 m – 2.77 m
Trail Clearing Height	3.5 m
Trail Surfacing	Compacted limestone granular fines on a compacted granular base, for enhanced accessibility pavement may be considered for the portion of trail along the remnant silver maple carriageway (See Figure A20)

## A.4.4 Trail Amenities

### A.4.4.1 Trailhead Signage

A trailhead kiosk will be incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. This structure will be designed to match the construction of existing trailhead kiosks throughout the ORCCR trail system (see Figure A11). This trailhead kiosk is recommended to be sited alongside the trail near the Macleod Estate residence immediately north of the silver maple carriageway, located where trail users can view both the Macleod Estate residence and the silver maple carriageway. The precise location of the trailhead kiosk will be finalized through the detailed trail design process.

Signage posted on the trailhead will be generally consistent with guidelines provided in the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 6.8. All signage posted on these trailhead kiosks will conform to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) Regulation 191/11: Section 80.9 (Technical requirements for trails, general).

### A.4.4.2 Postmarkers

Postmarkers will be incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. These postmarkers will be designed to match the construction of existing postmarks along the broader ORCCR trail system (see Figure A13).

The siting and design of these postmarkers will be generally consistent with the guidance provided within the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 6.8.2, although the precise location of the postmarkers will be determined through the detailed trail design process and field-fit during construction.

### A.4.4.3 Benches

Benches will be incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage. These benches will be designed to match the construction of existing benches along the broader ORCCR trail system (see Figure A12). The siting of benches along the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage shall be designed to enhance trail accessibility for a wide variety of users, including seniors and persons with disabilities. These benches will be located along the section of trail away from residential properties. The precise number and location of benches will be determined through the detailed design process.

The provision of benches will be generally consistent with the guidance provided in the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 6.1.

#### A.4.4.4 Interpretive Signage

Interpretive Signage is recommended to be incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage, highlighting the ecological importance of Philips Lake and/or the cultural heritage value of the Macleod Estate and the associated silver-maple lined carriageway. Interpretive signage relating to these features will be included alongside the trailhead kiosk discussed in Section A.4.4.1.

The Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 4.1 notes that Philips Lake supports locally and regionally rare species. Philips Lake is also part of the Provincially significant Philips-Bond-Thompson wetland complex, and is relatively undisturbed as compared to Bond Lake, the other major ORCCR waterbody. Interpretive signage could describe the ecological features of Philips Lake and its ecological importance, explaining why it is essential to limit disturbance to the Lake. Interpretive signage can provide important opportunities to foster environmental stewardship.

The Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 3.4.1 notes that the Macleod Estate (Drynoch Estate) is an important cultural heritage feature significant for its associative and architectural value. The Estate residence and the silver maple carriageway associated with the Estate have both been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 for their design and associative value (Town of Richmond Hill, 2016). Interpretive signage could describe the history and significance of the Macleod Estate and the silvery maple carriageway, explaining how the Estate is linked to the broader history of Canada.

Any interpretive signs incorporated into the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage shall be designed to be generally consistent with the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan Section 6.8.5. These interpretive signs will also take guidance from the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) Regulation 191/11: Section 80.9 (Technical requirements for trails, general), subsection (3); the signs will have high tonal contrast with its background in order to assist with visual recognition; and include characters that use a sans serif font.

#### A.4.4.5 Planting

A substantial vegetated buffer will be ensured between the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage and the surrounding Macleod's Landing neighbourhood. This will be provided through existing vegetation where possible, and through the creation of additional planted buffer area where needed. Visual screening and dissuading trail users from entering the planted area are priorities for the design of this planted buffer.

To help prevent trail users from attempting to access Philips Lake, the vegetated buffer in between the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage and Philips Lake should be enhanced. Visual screening and preventing trail users from entering the planted area are priorities for the design of this planted buffer.

#### A.4.4.6 Fencing

Additional fencing should be implemented between the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage and Philips Lake. Any additional fencing should be substantial physical barriers to prevent access by trail users, however the fencing should not detract from the greenspace trail experience.

### A.4.5 Accessibility

In an effort for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage to be accessible for a wide variety of users, the new trail will fulfill the following accessibility requirements as set forth by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) Regulation 191/11: Section 80.9 (Technical requirements for trails, general):

“80.9 (1) Obligated organizations shall ensure that any recreational trails that they construct or redevelop, and that they intend to maintain, meet the following technical requirements:

1. A recreational trail must have a minimum clear width of 1,000 mm.
  2. A recreational trail must have a clear height that provides a minimum head room clearance of 2,100 mm above the trail.
  3. The surface of a recreational trail must be firm and stable.
  4. Where a recreational trail has openings in its surface,
    - i. the openings must not allow passage of an object that has a diameter of more than 20 mm, and
    - ii. any elongated openings must be orientated approximately perpendicular to the direction of travel.
  5. Where a recreational trail is constructed adjacent to water or a drop-off, the trail must have edge protection that meets the following requirements:
    - i. The edge protection must constitute an elevated barrier that runs along the edge of the recreational trail in order to prevent users of the trail from slipping over the edge.
    - ii. The top of the edge protection must be at least 50 mm above the trail surface.
    - iii. The edge protection must be designed so as not to impede the drainage of the trail surface.
  6. Despite paragraph 5, where there is a protective barrier that runs along the edge of a recreational trail that is adjacent to water or a drop-off, edge protection does not have to be provided.
  7. The entrance to a recreational trail must provide a clear opening of between 850 mm and 1,000 mm, whether the entrance includes a gate, bollard or other entrance design.
  8. A recreational trail must have at each trail head signage that provides the following information:
    - i. The length of the trail.
    - ii. The type of surface of which the trail is constructed.
    - iii. The average and the minimum trail width.
    - iv. The average and maximum running slope and cross slope.
    - v. The location of amenities, where provided. O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.
- (2) The signage referred to in paragraph 8 of subsection (1) must have text that,
- (a) has high tonal contrast with its background in order to assist with visual recognition; and
  - (b) includes characters that use a sans serif font. O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.
- (3) Where other media, such as park websites or brochures, are used by the obligated organization to provide information about the recreational trail, beyond advertising, notice or promotion, the media must provide the same information as listed in paragraph 8 of subsection (1). O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.”

The Macleod Estate Trail Linkage will also investigate opportunities to go beyond these design requirements, as requested by the Town of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee. These exact scope, nature, and location of these elements will be determined during the detailed design phase.

#### A.4.5.1 Slope Improvements

Trail slope characteristics are linked to enabling accessibility for a wide variety of users. Typically trail longitudinal grades below 5% are considered to be accessible for the widest variety of users. Trail longitudinal slopes between 5% and 8% and between 8% and 10% can be incorporated into a trail that is accessible for a wide variety of users, including persons with disabilities, if areas with slopes less than 5% are included at appropriate intervals.

Based on the preliminary desktop longitudinal slope analysis of the conceptual Macleod Estate Trail Linkage alignment, areas of the trail have been identified which are anticipated to pose accessibility issues due to longitudinal slope. These areas can be viewed on Figure A20, identified by the red circles<sup>5</sup>. These areas should be evaluated during the detailed design and construction of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage to incorporate intervals with slopes less than 5%. These rest areas could be realized through minor realignments of the trail to incorporate areas of grade lesser than 5% if possible, or by regrading a small area of the trail to a longitudinal slope lesser than 5%.

The exact design and siting of these rest areas will be determined through the detailed design process for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage.

#### A.4.5.2 Paved Surface Area

The provision of a firm and stable surface area is necessary to enable accessibility for a wide variety of users. While the limestone granular fines currently in use along the existing ORCCR trail system can provide a surface area that achieves this accessibility, pavement can also be an effective surface area to enabling accessibility. Pavement may be an appropriate trail surface in more urbanized areas, while granular fine material may be appropriate in more natural settings (MBTW Group, 2013).

Based on the input of the Town of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee, the possibility of installing a paved trail surface for the section of trail along the sliver maple carriageway will be evaluated. This section of trail is within an urban area and the trail longitudinal slope is minimal. The type and extent of any paved trail surface area along the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage will be evaluated based on budgetary and environmental impact considerations, and will be finalized during the detailed design process.

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<sup>5</sup> These areas were identified based on a combination of longitudinal slope characteristics. If a section of 8%-10% longitudinal grade was present, the area was identified for slope mitigation or rest areas. If an extended section of trail (approx. 30m) exhibited a consistent 5%-8% longitudinal grade, the area was identified for slope mitigation or rest areas. This methodology generally follows the precedent of the Accessibility Design Guidelines for York Regional Forest Trails (MBTW Group, 2013), as well as the input of the Town of Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee.

#### A.4.6 Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Management

The management, maintenance, and oversight of the section of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage within the ORCCR property will be undertaken by TRCA staff, as per the Management Agreement between TRCA and the Province of Ontario.

The management, maintenance, and oversight of the sections of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage within private lands or within lands owned by the Town of Richmond Hill will be negotiated between TRCA and individual landowners. If these activities are to be undertaken by TRCA, a formalized maintenance or management agreement will be necessary.

### A.5 MACLEOD ESTATE TRAIL LINKAGE BUDGET

Total implementation cost for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage: **\$ 521,303.21 (+HST)**

This cost is in 2019 dollars, and includes a contingency and administrative surcharge.

This cost does not include pavement as a surface treatment for the trail

The implementation budget may be refined further through the detailed design process.



FIGURES

Figure A 1: Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Map

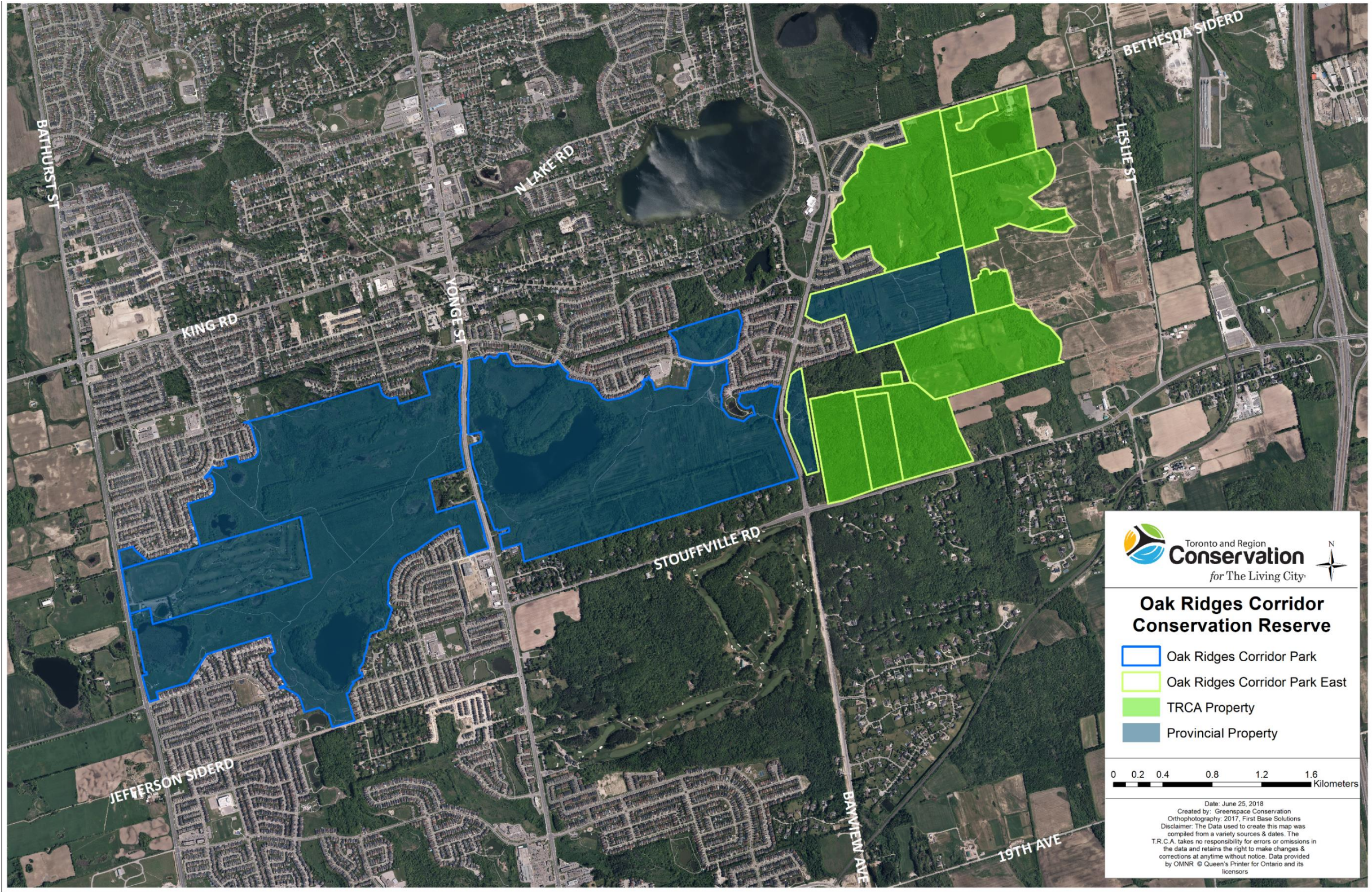
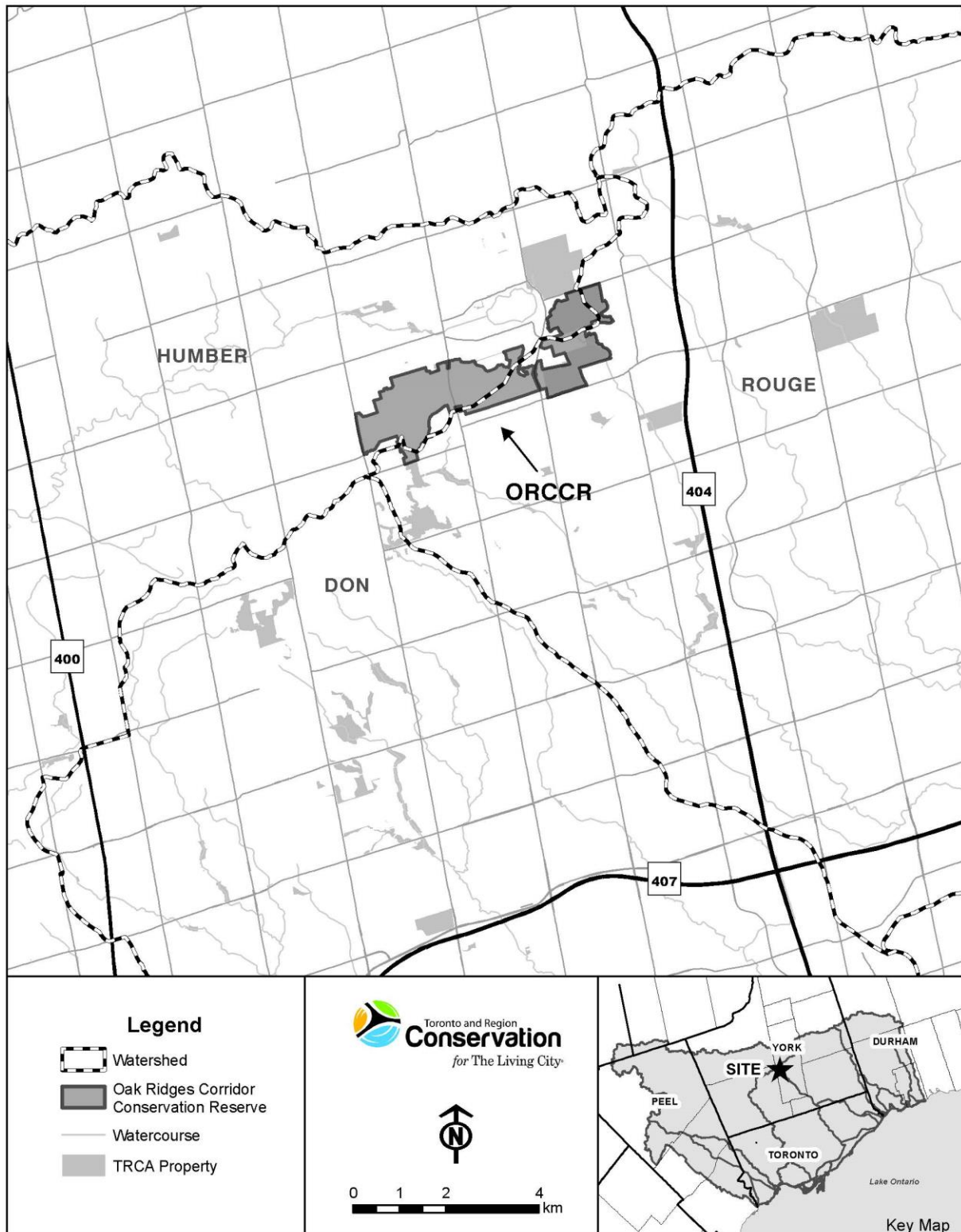




Figure A 2: Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Location Map



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Figure A 3: Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest and Provincially Significant Wetlands

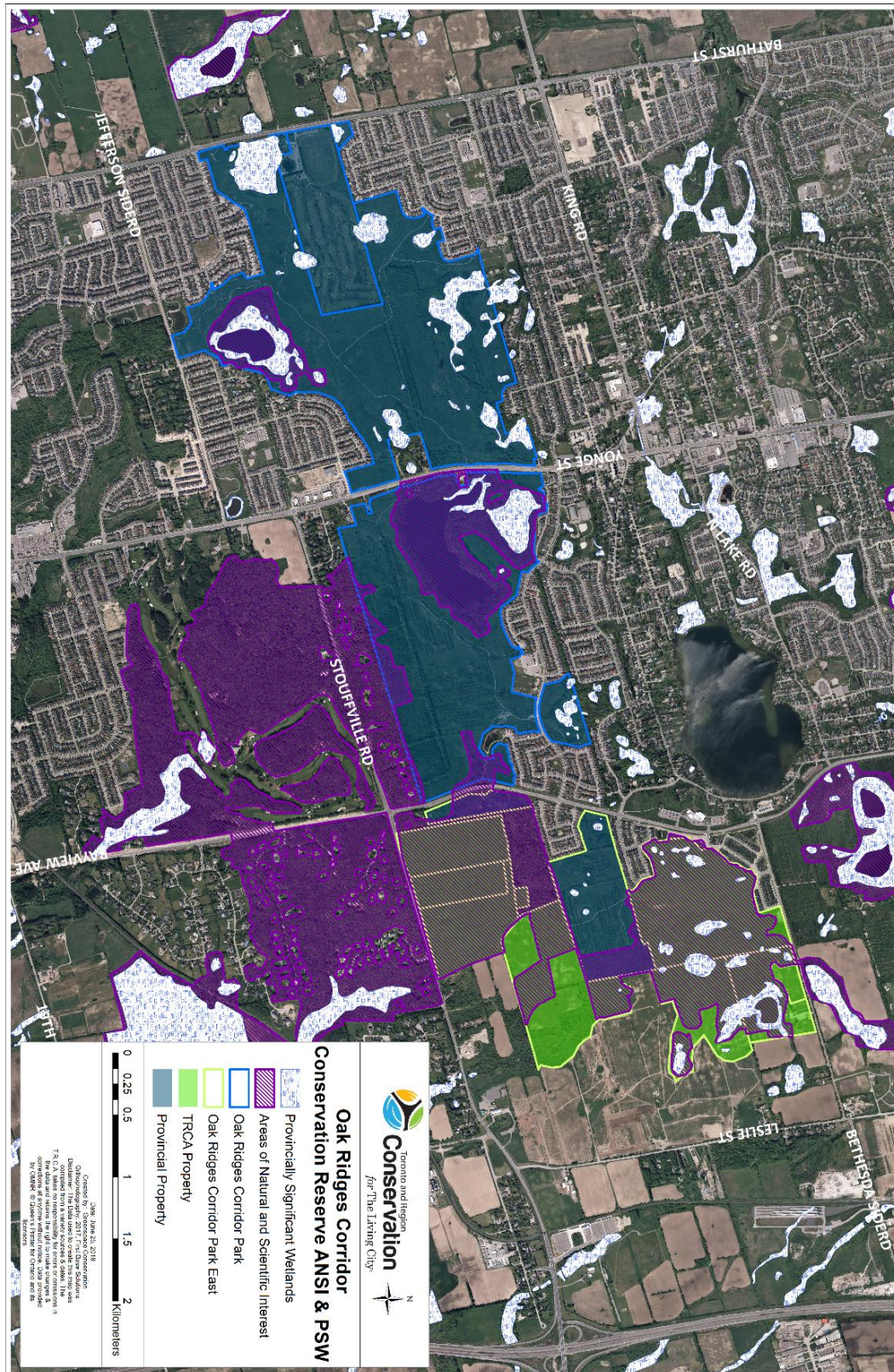




Figure A 4: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Study Area

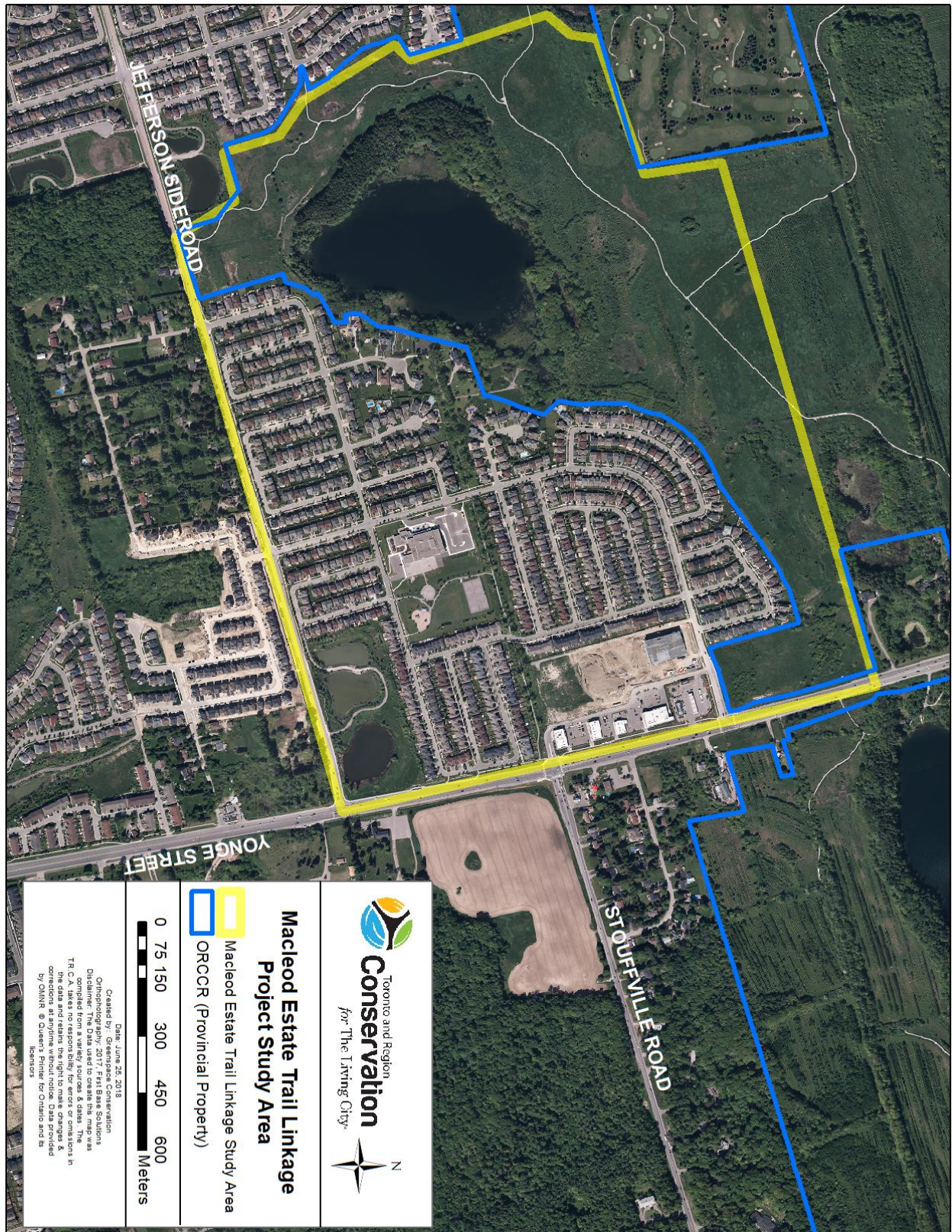




Figure A 5: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Study Area Trail Map

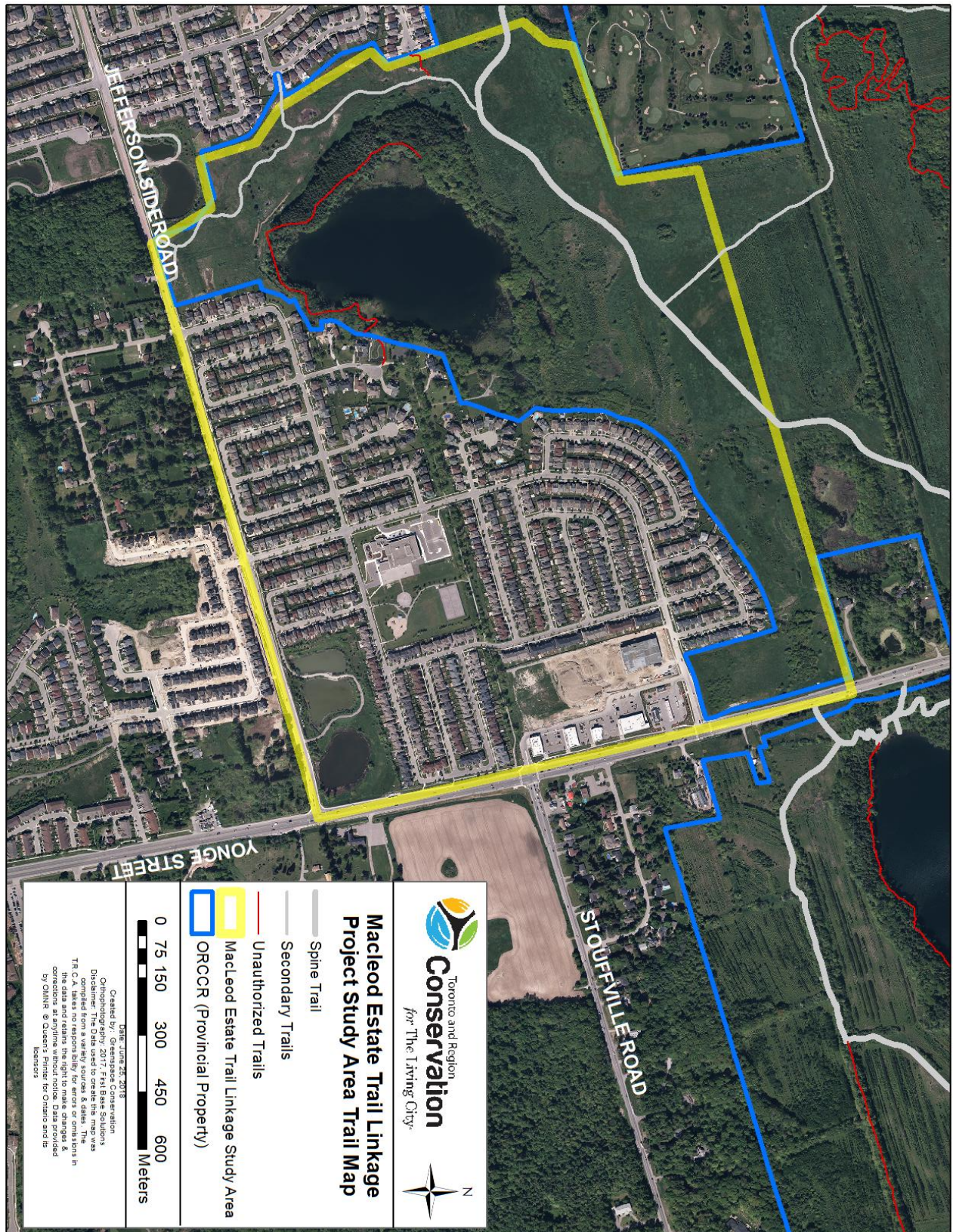




Figure A 6: Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Map

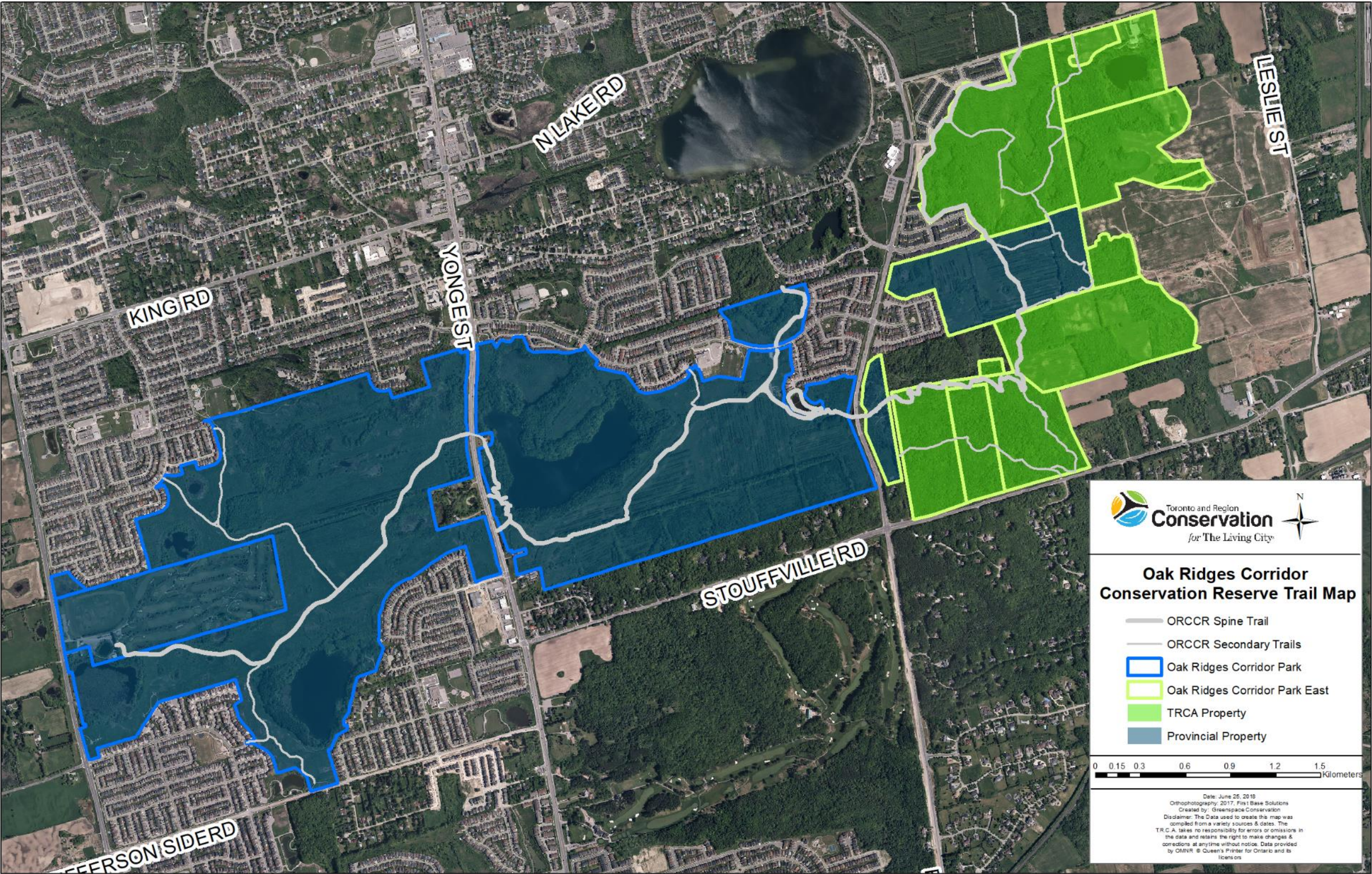
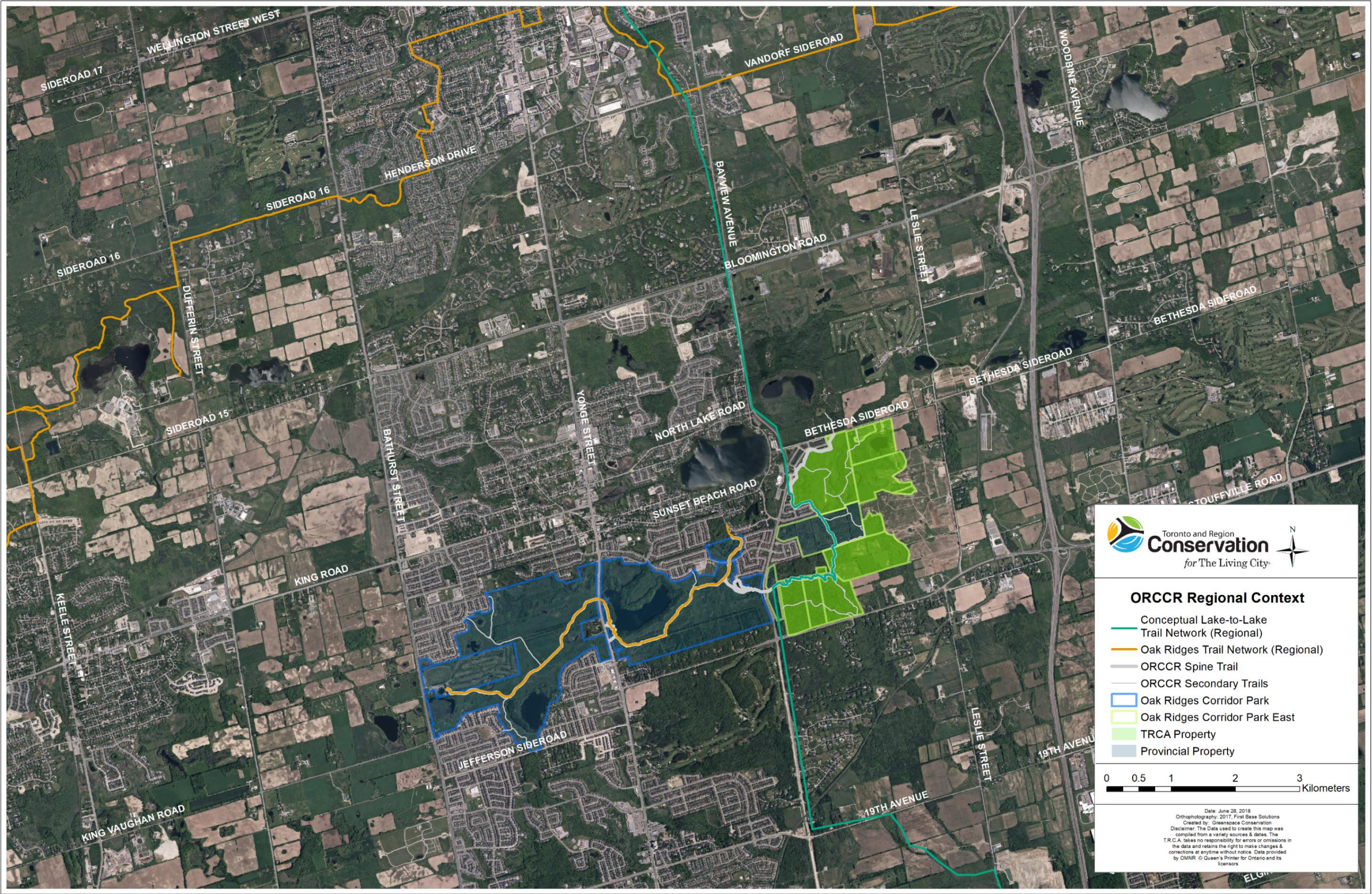




Figure A 7: Regional Trail Map





*Figure A 8: ORCCR Spine Trail*



*Figure A 9: ORCCR Secondary Trail*





Figure A 10: Existing Trail Access and Amenities





Figure A 11: ORCCR Trailhead Kiosk



Figure A 12: Stone Slab Bench





Figure A 13: ORCCR Postmarker

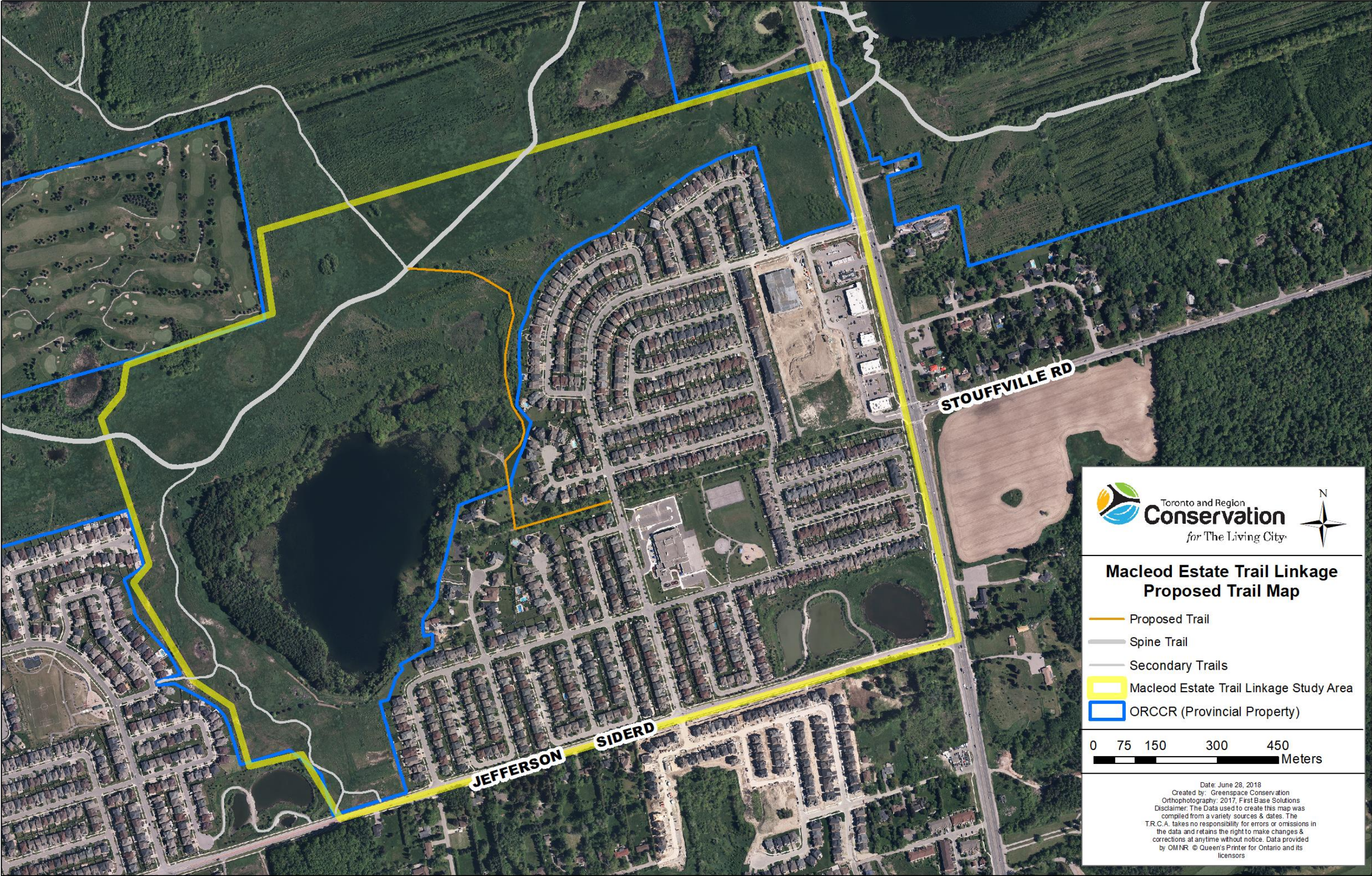


Figure A 14: Educational Sign Example





Figure A 15: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Proposed Trail Map (Conceptual Alignment)





*Figure A 16: Bird's Eye View of the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Conceptual Alignment*

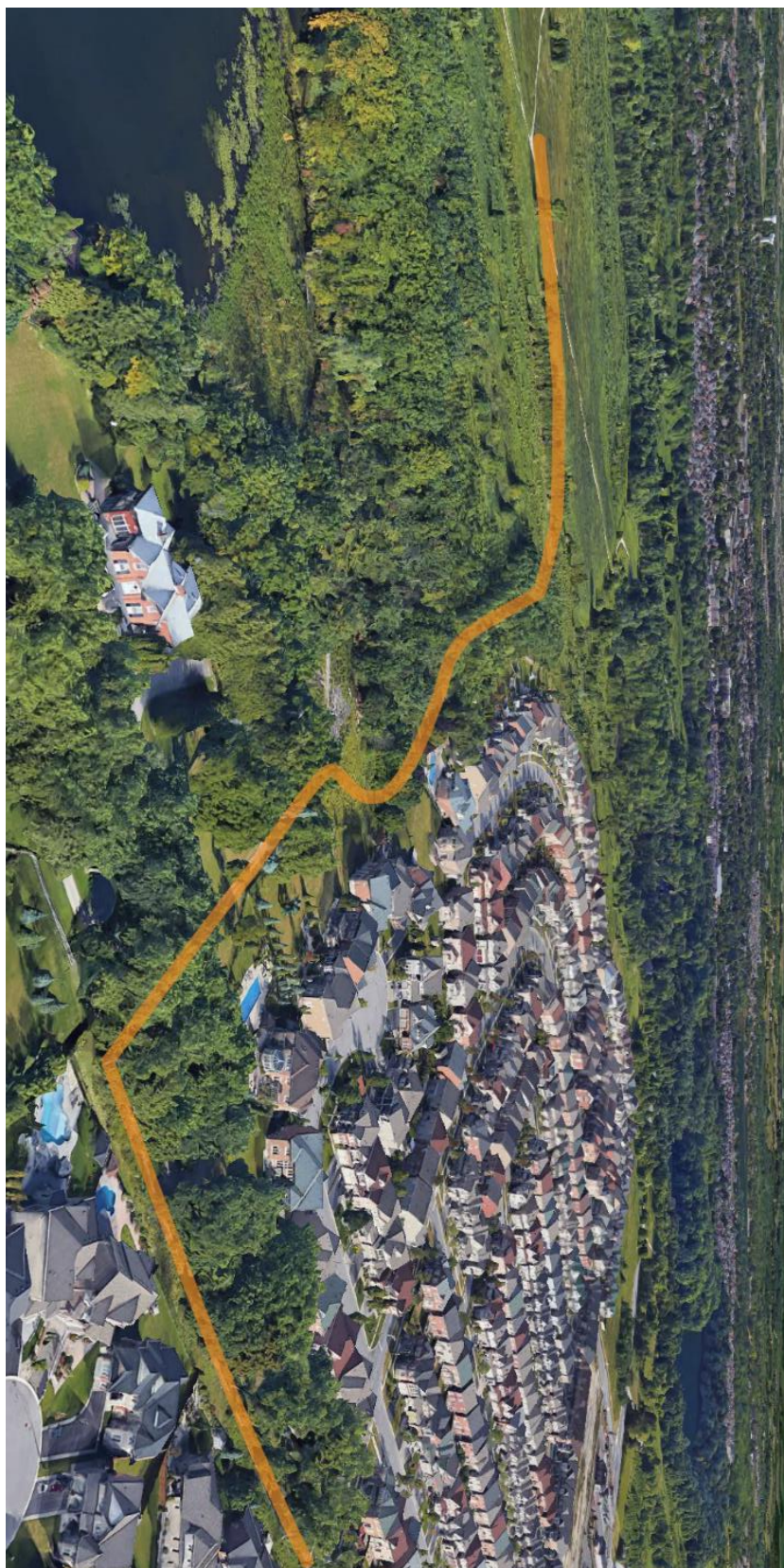




Figure A 17: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Proposed Trail Map Close Up (Conceptual Alignment).





Figure A 18: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Proposed Trail Map (Conceptual Alignment) Longitudinal Slope Characteristics





Figure A 19: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Proposed Trail Map (Conceptual Alignment) Property Parcels





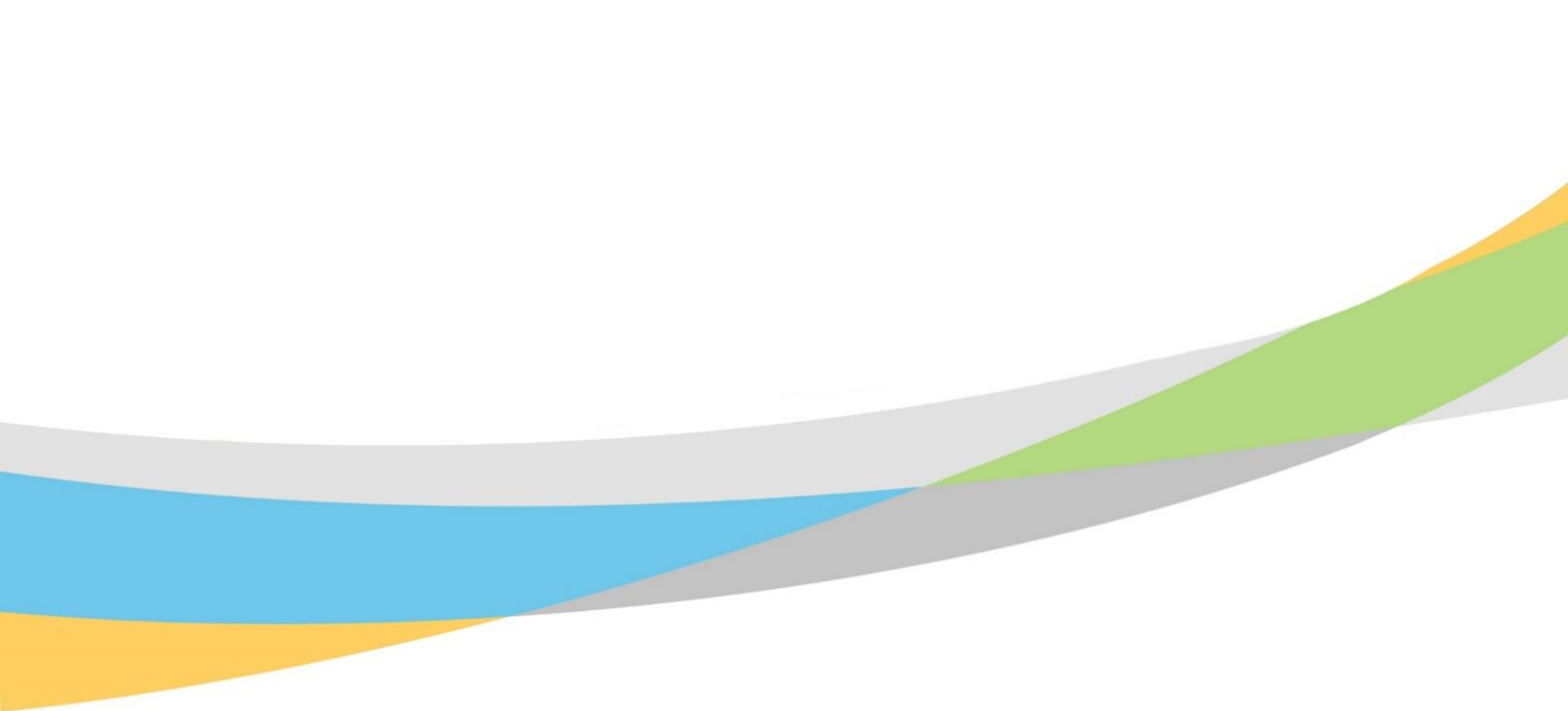
Figure A 20: Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Proposed Trail Map (Conceptual Alignment) Longitudinal Slope Issue Areas



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**MACLEOD ESTATE TRAIL LINKAGE  
SITE MEETING – VANDERVOORT DRIVE TRAIL OPTION**

**Monday, November 12, 2018**

**1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Vandervoort Drive and Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve**

**PRESENT:**

**TRCA: Mike Bender, Deanna Cheriton, Corinna Thomassen-Darby,**

**TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL: Angelo Vincent**

**MACLEOD'S LANDING NEIGHBOURS: Sheila Meghadashi, Kamran Anvari, Marjan Asmani, Joseph Huang (+1), Whenjun Zhu, Donald Lau, Jose Barturem, Tony Campisi, Denis Khabas, Evgenia Khabas, Sarah Ramiz, Thomas Ha, Mojdah Tanarosh, Lisa Lianos, Oksana Kripak, Vitaly Kripak**

<b>MEETING NOTES</b>
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**Background**

At TRCA Board Meeting #6/18 on July 20, 2018, RES.#A110/18 was carried as follows:

***THAT*** item 8.1 – Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects be referred to staff;

***THAT*** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff work with concerned residents and Town of Richmond Hill staff through detailed site planning and design of the trail implementation project to ensure an appropriate trail setback from private property and the incorporation of full season planting buffers and screening for privacy, as well as safety;

***AND FURTHER THAT TRCA*** investigate the Vandervoort Drive entrance to the Conservation Reserve as an entrance to the spine trail.

As part of efforts to address the final part of this resolution, on October 22, 2018 TRCA distributed a notice to 39 addresses along Vandervoort Drive and Miles Hill Crescent

whose properties immediately border the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (ORCCR) near the area where a potential trail connection from Vandervoort Drive would be located or construction disturbance for this trail could occur. These residents were invited to a site visit on November 12, 2018 to share their thoughts regarding a potential trail connection from the Town of Richmond Hill's Vandervoort Drive stormwater management access block to the ORCCR spine trail, based on a feasible trail corridor for this connection previously outlined by TRCA technical staff.

## **On-site Discussion**

### **Security**

The neighbours in attendance expressed concerns regarding the security of their homes. The identified trail corridor is relatively close to their rear yards, and the elevated location of the trail provides unobstructed sightline opportunities into these backyards. The proposed trail corridor passes through open meadow near the top of a long ridge behind these homes, and there is a low berm providing some visual cover for trail users. The neighbours expressed concern that trail users could easily leave the trail for a few metres to the top of the hill and have a full view of their backyards. They feel that with this open landscape and easy visual access, trail users could easily intrude into their properties by jumping over their rear fences. They noted that there have been multiple break-ins in the area, and they are concerned that the trail would invite additional intrusion into their properties. TRCA staff suggested that additional vegetative screening between the trail and the neighbours' rear yards could help to mitigate these sightlines and deter trail users from approaching private properties. It should be noted however that vegetative screening could not be possible inside the Town of Richmond Hill's narrow corridor of land between 35 and 37 Vandervoort Drive. In addition, vegetative screening material may be difficult to establish on the berm and be slow growing depending on soil conditions, as the berm appears to be man-made.

### **Safety**

The neighbours relayed that they have seen wild animals such as coyotes along their street in the evenings, and they feel that opening the gate to the ORCCR from Vandervoort Drive and constructing a trail will exacerbate this issue. They suggested that opening the gate could lead to more frequent wildlife encounters, which poses a risk to their families' safety.

### **Drainage**

The neighbours relayed that there have been localized flooding and drainage problems in their rear yards for 9 years, since the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood was completed. They stated that the steep slope which rises immediately behind their properties was created as part of the construction of the neighbourhood, and this grade pattern creates stormwater issues for their rear yards. They suggested that these issues need to be urgently addressed, and prioritized for funding ahead of a trail connection for



the neighbourhood. TRCA offered to coordinate with the Town of Richmond Hill technical staff to further investigate the causes of these drainage and flooding issues and determine how they might be resolved. TRCA will also have to coordinate the findings of this review with the Province of Ontario, as they are the land owner adjacent to the homes.

### Privacy

The neighbours expressed concern that the private and quiet nature of their street would be compromised by people coming from outside the neighbourhood to park on their street and access the trail if the proposed trail's entrance from the street is located beside their homes. One of the reasons that these neighbours purchased their homes was because of the secluded residential nature of the street. As children often play in the street, the neighbours feel that the presence of strangers to the neighbourhood is both a privacy and safety issue.

The neighbours noted that sightlines from various locations on top of the berm along the trail corridor lead straight into the second-storey windows of certain properties. The privacy and undisturbed natural view into the ORCCR from these properties was factored into the purchase price of their homes, and they have paid a premium for these views, privacy and location.

### Parking

The neighbours in attendance expressed concern that street parking along Vandervoort Drive and nearby streets would be overwhelmed with people coming from outside the neighbourhood to access the trail system. As a trail access point from Vandervoort Drive would be relatively close to the existing trail entrance to Bond Lake (from Yonge Street), the neighbours suggested that Vandervoort Drive would become the secondary parking area and trail entrance for Bond Lake, which draws visitors from beyond the surrounding area. The parking lot for the Bond Lake trail entrance is frequently busy. Constructing a trail connection from Vandervoort Drive would therefore undermine the purpose of the trail to serve the Macleod's Landing neighbourhood as a local connection.

The neighbours noted that there is not a lot of existing space for on-street parking, with it being limited to the area between residential driveways. The neighbours are concerned that emergency access to the street could be impaired by on-street parking to access the proposed trail entrance. The neighbours identified that Vandervoort Drive is often one of the last streets to be ploughed after a snow event and that snow is piled high at the end of the driveways. This contributes to dangerous driving and parking conditions along Vandervoort Drive that could be exacerbated with additional parking pressures from trail users.

### Litter and Environmental Protection

The neighbours in attendance expressed concern for the environmental protection of the ORCCR. They referenced that Bond Lake has a proliferation of unauthorized trails, litter, and undesirable activity. They suggested that the primary purpose of the ORCCR should be environmental protection and introducing a trail through the area will invite further human disturbance and litter. Efforts to resolve issues of dumping and litter are made by TRCA staff for the entire trail system as part of on-going land and trail management activities.

### Neighbourhood Service Area

During the site visit, the neighbours in attendance noted that the proposed Vandervoort Drive trail access point is at the far end of the neighbourhood. They suggested that this location is much less convenient and accessible to the majority of homes within the neighbourhood than the original Macleod's Landing Trail Linkage alignment as recommended by staff at TRCA Board Meeting #6/18. They noted that the original recommended alignment is much more central within the neighbourhood, connects to the existing Town of Richmond Hill trail along the carriageway from Yonge Street to Silver Maple Road, and is closer to the Macleod's Landing Public School.

### General Opposition

The neighbours in attendance presented TRCA staff with a petition stating their opposition to the proposed trail location. The petition was signed by 23 people at the time of the meeting. The neighbours identified that they are still getting signatures on this petition.

### Timing and Next Steps

TRCA staff reviewed tentative timelines for returning to the TRCA Board of Directors in response to RES.#A110/18, scheduled for March 29, 2019. TRCA staff suggested that the neighbours could send correspondence in advance of this TRCA Board of Directors Meeting outlining their positions, or they could make a delegation at the Meeting. This would ensure that the TRCA Board of Directors hears their comments directly, and that these comments are included as part of the formal record of the Meeting. TRCA committed to notifying the neighbours once the report is available and advise on how they can submit correspondence or request a delegation.

November 12, 2018

To: Toronto and Region Conservation for the Living City

**Re: Re: Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve Trail Planning Projects – Macleod estate Trail Linkage Projects**

We received your letter dated Oct 22, 2018 and we are extremely worried and deeply concerned about the privacy, safety and security of our families as you are suggesting a trail behind our backyard fences.

1. Privacy:

This will affect our privacy; our backyard, living room and even our bedrooms will be visible from any potential trail. Many of these homes have swimming pools that the residents and their families enjoy during the summer season. Any such trail will drastically affect the use and enjoyment of homeowners both inside and outside of their homes drastically, in our backyards and also our enjoyment inside of our homes. We are certain that you are not and will not be able to control and govern people after you allow them to walk and populate behind our fences.

2. Security:

Some of us have already experienced break ins. The suggested new trail is raising even more concern to our security. Due to the lower land elevation of Vandervoort properties in comparison to the Oak Ridges land on the other side of our fences, inside our homes, and for some, even second floor bedrooms are entirely visible from the moraine. Allowing public access to the back of our properties will result in decreased security for the residents and their families - these properties were not designed with this new plan in mind. You are not able to guarantee no break ins will happen as a result of this new plan and public access to the back of our properties.

3. Safety:

The Moraine is a sensitive ecosystem and a shelter for wild animals. We all know that behind our fences, a wide variety of wild animals are living. We have seen many of these animals, year around, and they include but are not limited to: deer, coyotes, foxes, turkeys, and various other smaller wild animals. We chose and enjoy living beside them and count on our fences for protection. When you open the gate to the moraine, our families will not feel safe anymore. There is also a pond very close by the Vandervoort entrance; and we have safety concerns for our children to be safe from now on with being in such a close proximity to the pond right outside our doors.

4. Access:

We have heard of previous plans by TRCA to connect the neighbourhood to the trail's main spine. There was the original plan of Macleod estate trail linkage to connect the existing and original treed trail path from Yonge Street (right across Stouffville Rd.) passing through Windrow St. and Silver Maple Rd. and connecting it to MacLeod Estate Crt. We heard this plan was cancelled. The second plan to connect the same existing trail towards north and connecting it to the main trail spine was opposed by neighbouring properties; hence the study of Vandervoort Dr.

We strongly believe the Vandervoort entrance is NOT a good option as it is located in the far end of the community, as oppose to the original plan which is located at the heart of the community and provides more people larger access to the main trail and area. What is the valid casue of relocating the Macleod estate trail linkage project from its original location and close proximity to Macleod estate to more than a kilometer away to the border of the community at vandervoort?

When we purchased our homes in this neighbourhood we all paid high premiums for having the moraine and no public access behind our homes. We were told that the Moraine land is protected and belongs to the Province and no one is able to touch it by law.

By signing this letter we the undersigned express our strong objection and concern regarding your proposed Vandervoort trail suggestion.

Kamran Anyan

Natasha Liang

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## Item 7.1

To whom it may concern,

July 9<sup>th</sup>2018.

My Name is Mark Curtis and I live with my family at [REDACTED],  
Richmond Hill ONT L4E-4Z2.

The reason for this letter is express opposition to any form of proposed hiking trail in the immediate rear of my property adjacent to The Crown Lands that are owned by her Majesty (Province of ONT) and are operated by the TRCA.

I purchased my residence in Jan.2006 from Aspen Ridge Homes understanding that I was buying a home that would be backing onto crown lands with No chance of future development as outlined in the 2006 MacLeods Landing subdivision agreement. The reason for this non-development was of course due to the highly enviromental sensitivity of the Oak Ridges Moraine corridor, not to mention the fact that the protection of Phillips Lake was the obvious High ranking priority. I also wanted to mention that I had to pay a Lot \$ premium for my home in order to achieve this Lot privacy. At the time, \$120,000 was the amount I paid to the builder.

I understand that the new owner of 16 MacLeods Estate Court has entered into an agreement with both the Town of Richmond Hill and the ONT Govt wrt stewardship program of the property known as Drynoch (Former Gray Estate). The idea to put in a trail would constitute further headaches and problems for this individual to overlook the property let alone police it all by himself. The design of this proposed trail does Not even allow the users to get a proper full view of the Historic property, not to mention the many other issues associated as I will list below. Here are some of the many important reasons to Not allow for the building of this trail...

1. Actual Statistical By-Law set back Data as provided by the Planning and Engineering Depts
2. Safety for the Current residences who back onto the Crown lands
3. Potential Trespassing violators to Phillips Lake
4. Litter and garbage



5. Environmental pressure to the existing species of plant and animals native to the local area
6. Accessibility only during Summer months hence not being able to use it during the winter since they will Not plow it
7. The path will Not have regular park hours meaning it will be open 24/7 creating limitless hours of disruption for those who live nearby.
8. Parking will become a major issue and negatively affect local roads and trail entrances
9. \$Cost (spend the money on Hospitals & infrastructure to be used year round.)
10. Grading and Low land areas pose a challenge to the so-called intended buffer zone to help create privacy for adjacent landowners.
11. Who will properly Police this trail, will they use Drones?
12. Adjacent Landowners property values will drop significantly.

I also understand that I am a spit in the ocean when it comes to my actual opinion in the matter as acknowledged with my many conversations with this issue as pertaining to the discussions I have had with Councillor Greg Beros, TRCA staff Corinna Thomassen-Darby and with Tracey Steele planner with the Town of Richmond Hill. Unfortunately I will Not be able to attend the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting b/c I will be in Florida on a 1-week vacation returning July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am self-employed and only take one week vacation a year. Hopefully the rest of those sitting on the panel can understand my reasons for opposition and vote against such a proposal because it would truly be a shame if this trail goes thru and we end with a similar scenario as what is currently the reality on Bond Lake. That is, Mass confusion and chaos with No clear level of authority to protect and police the area. Hopefully this decision can be deferred to a later date to ensure that this is the best option for all those involved. There are other solutions to connect to the existing trail system.

Thank-You, Mark Curtis

Attachment 1: Residents in support of the letter

MAGED FARAG  
Stephen BLACK

Mohsen Arjmand

Qiang Ma  
Olga Parkhomenko

Vince Chu

FOROUZAN BAZVAK

## Attachment 2

### 2.3.7 OFFSET FROM PROPERTY LINE

Where possible, provide spatial separation between trails and rear and side lot lines of adjacent private property. As a general rule, trails should be kept as far away from private property boundaries as possible, recognizing that there are other factors to be considered.

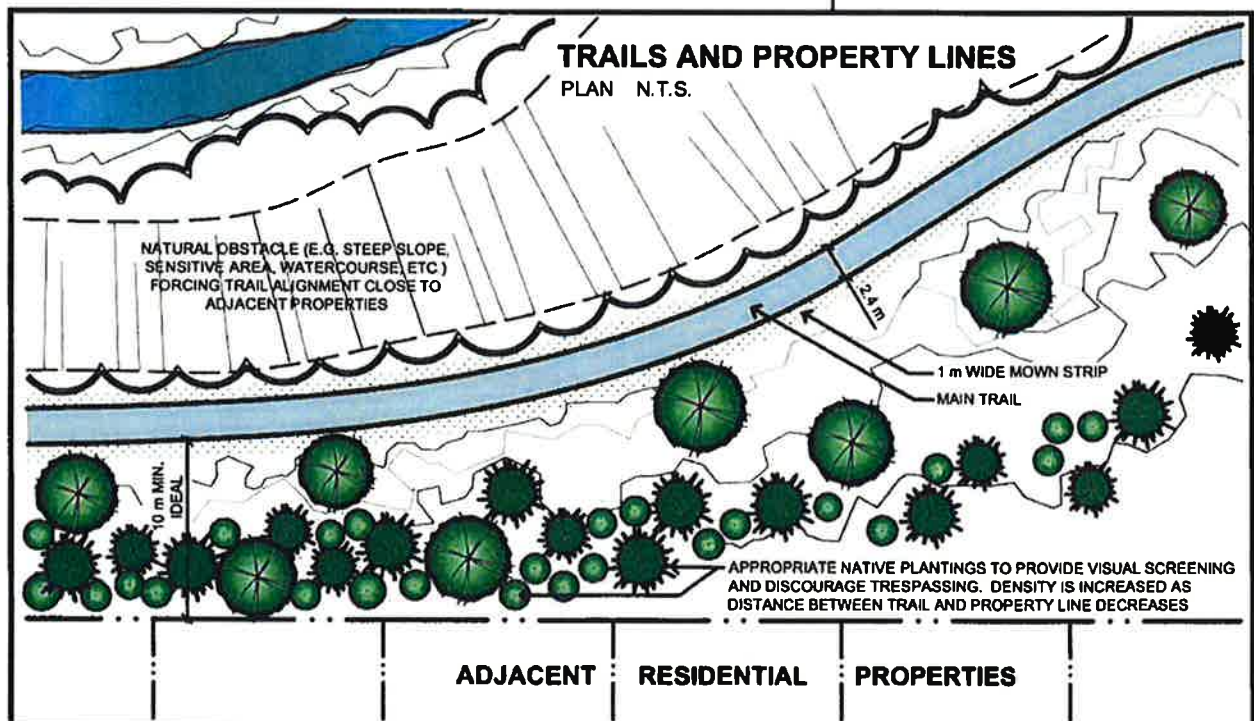
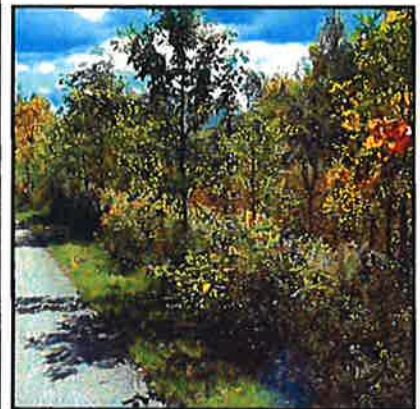
- Minimum clearance of 10 m where feasible.
- Where trails are closer than 10m to property lines include buffering measures (planting) to provide visual screen between trail and adjacent property owners and to buffer environmental areas from residential, commercial and industrial uses.
- Topography (natural grade separation) may also be utilized to provide appropriate buffering.
- Be aware that residents generally
  - want to maintain views of adjacent natural areas;
  - prefer their view uninterrupted by the trail;
  - do not want their property visible or accessible to trail users.

See also Appendix A: "Typical Trail Planting Plans and Cross Sections" for valleylands with adjacent residential development. These drawings were prepared by the Town for the Bayview North Trail and have relevance in other instances.

*Planting visually screens industrial lands for trail users.*



*Planting visually screens the trail for adjacent residential properties.*

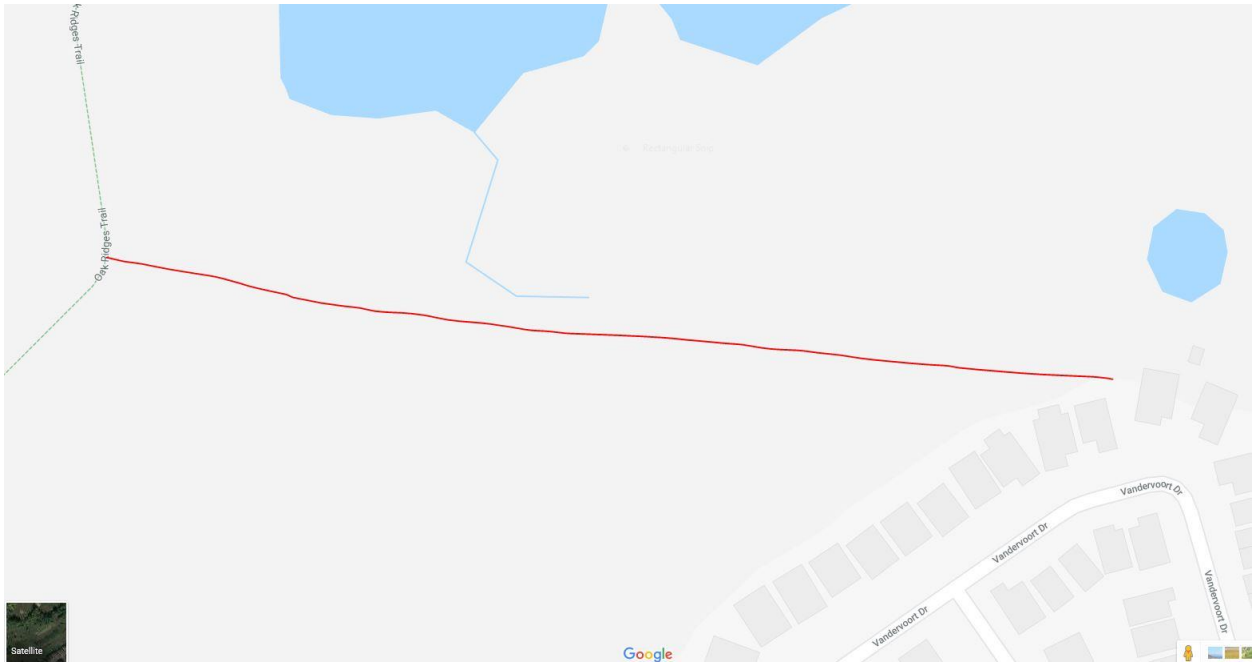


## Detailed Design Section 2



## Attachment 3











## Item 7.3

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our family own and occupy the 4 homes, encompassing the entire west side of Macleod Estate Court, immediately south of the Macleod Estate. Each of us fully supports the plans of the Town and TRCA to extend the existing walkway which runs from Silver Maple Drive to the Macleod Estate boundary. The proposed extension is to run along the eastern side of Phillips Lake, to join up with the existing Moraine Trail System.

By way of background, our family acquired the Macleod Estate about 50 years ago. The property included the original home of the very famous Macleod family.

Colonel James Farquharson Macleod emigrated from Scotland in 1845 when his father acquired Drynoch Farm and built the existing manor house. He later became the second Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and then a Justice of the Supreme Court of the North-west Territories. He negotiated the most important Indian treaties including with Sitting Bull, Crowfoot and others. Fort Macleod (now Calgary) was named after him.

In short, he was one of Canada's most famous early settlers and the Macleod Estate is one of Canada's most important historical sites.

During our 40 years' ownership of the manor house, we completely renovated and restored it under the architectural guidance of Napier Simpson, a resident of Richmond Hill and the most important name in the restoration of early Canadian homes.

Phillips Lake is adjacent to the Macleod Estate and has been protected by us since we acquired the property, around 1970.

In 2004, the Ontario Government acquired the estate and lake. As part of that arrangement we required that the lake be fenced in and totally protected. We formed a partnership with the Government, with a

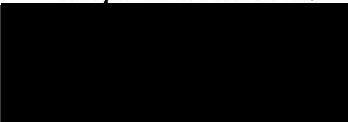
committee of three of our family members now working with the TRCA (representing the Government) to protect Phillips Lake.

In order to preserve the manor house, we leased it back until recently, when the Government put it up for sale. We reacquired it and later sold it to Mr. Tiz Fantin on the understanding that he would restore it, as zero capital maintenance had been carried out during the previous 13 years.

Mr. Fantin, fortunately for our community and at very considerable cost, has done just that. Although the proposed trail extension will run through his property, Mr. Fantin is strongly supporting it and has agreed to ensure that those using the trail will have an excellent view of the famous Macleod manor house, now fully restored, with restoration of the grounds just commencing.

It has been troubling that we have an entire community of over 2,500 residents to the south and east of the Macleod estate, who have no reasonable access to the Moraine trails, the only neighbouring community to be so deprived. At present, to get to the trails, these residents have to walk a kilometer or so, up the shoulder of Yonge Street (there is no sidewalk), an adventurous and quite dangerous undertaking. Nor do any Richmond Hill residents, except a very few, have any way to see one of Canada's most important heritage sites, the Macleod manor house, which will be possible from the new trail.

All of the foregoing are the reasons for our Family's support of the trail extension. And we are backing that support with a \$100,000 commitment towards the cost of this highly important project.

  
Gordon Gray

  
Patricia Gray

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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**MACLEOD, JAMES FARQUHARSON** (his first names may have been James Alexander Farquharson), militia officer, lawyer, NWMP officer, magistrate, judge, and politician; b. probably 25 Sept. 1836 in Drynoch, Isle of Skye, Scotland, son of Martin Donald Macleod and Jane Fry; m. 28 July 1876 Mary Isabella Drever, and they had four daughters and one son; d. 5 Sept. 1894 in Calgary.

James Farquharson Macleod emigrated from Scotland with his family in the summer of 1845. His father purchased a farm at Richmond Hill, north of Toronto, near the lands of John Beverley [Robinson](#)\*

and the late William Warren [Baldwin](#)\*, and in 1845 he enrolled James, who had been educated at home to this point, at Upper Canada College. Financial difficulties forced his withdrawal in 1848, but he returned three years later to pass with honours his final examinations and the entrance examination for Queen's College, Kingston. During these years life on the farm influenced Macleod at least as powerfully as his schooling. Hunting trips with his father and brothers left him with an abiding love of the outdoor life, and the Macleods' friendship with a family of local Ojibwa Indians imparted to James a lifelong respect and admiration for the native people of Canada.

Macleod's father, who had lost seven brothers to tropical diseases while they were serving in the British and Indian armies and who had himself fallen seriously ill while on military service in Demerara (Guyana), had left Scotland to avoid a similar fate for his sons. In his master plan for the family, Martin Donald Macleod saw a career in law for his son James and thus in 1851 sent him to Queen's to obtain his BA. After a year the young Macleod announced his intention to become a civil engineer instead. Only an impassioned plea from his father caused him to remain in the arts, which he found boring, and in 1854 he managed to graduate with an honours degree in classics and philosophy. His lack of enthusiasm for the legal profession was evidenced by the fact that he twice failed the entrance examination for law studies at Osgoode Hall in 1854 before passing in November 1856. He then joined the Kingston law office of Alexander [CAMPBELL](#) to article, but by this time he had found an activity that interested him much more than the law. In the summer of 1856 he had joined the Volunteer Militia Field Battery of Kingston as a lieutenant and his enthusiasm was such that his brother-in-law William Augustus Baldwin (a son of William Warren) persuaded Governor General Sir Edmund Walker [Head](#)\* to offer James a commission in the British army. His father was naturally horrified and insisted that the offer be refused.

In 1860 James passed his bar examinations at Osgoode Hall. For the next decade he practised law at Bowmanville and retained a strong interest in the militia. Transferred in 1862 to the Bowmanville Volunteer Militia Rifle Company (which became part of the 45th (West Durham) Battalion of Infantry four years later), he was promoted captain in 1863 and major in 1866. Active service during



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the *Trent* affair in 1861 [see Sir Charles Hastings [Doyle\\*](#)] and the Fenian raids of 1866 [see Alfred [Booker\\*](#)] confirmed his taste for the military. In 1870, through the political influence of his former employer Alexander Campbell, now a cabinet minister in the dominion government, and of Prime Minister Sir John A. [Macdonald](#), Macleod obtained a commission as brigade major with the expedition under Colonel Garnet Joseph [Wolseley\\*](#) sent to quell the uprising in the Red River settlement (Man.) [see Louis [Riel\\*](#)]. The arduous journey westward through the wilderness was made to order for Macleod's talents; his leadership during the expedition earned him praise from his commanding officer as well as a CMG. He remained with the Canadian militia force at Lower Fort Garry until the spring of 1871 and while there he met Mary Isabella Drever, the daughter of a local trader. Their marriage plans were disrupted when Macleod failed to obtain appointment as commanding officer of the garrison and returned to Ontario.

Macleod was promoted lieutenant-colonel in the 45th Battalion of Infantry in December 1871, but his law practice and part-time soldiering no longer held much attraction for him. In late 1872 he left for England and Scotland with the idea of remaining if he could find suitable employment. In the spring of 1873 Prime Minister Macdonald offered him a commission as superintendent and inspector in the newly established North-West Mounted Police [see Patrick [Robertson-Ross\\*](#)]. Macleod accepted and returned quickly to Canada. In October he left from Collingwood, Ont., for Upper Fort Garry (Winnipeg) with several other officers and 150 men.

During the winter of 1873–74 Macleod and the other officers began the training and organization of the NWMP at the Stone Fort, Lower Fort Garry, under the command of Commissioner George Arthur [French\\*](#). In December Macleod commanded the first patrol, to investigate a complaint that lumbermen on Lake Winnipeg were trading liquor to the Indians, and on 1 June 1874 he was appointed the force's first assistant commissioner.

In the spring of 1874 the NWMP were ordered farther west to deal with American whisky traders operating near the fork of the Bow and Belly (South Saskatchewan) rivers, in what is now Alberta. Under French, Macleod set out from Dufferin, Man., on 8 July with 318 men. The trip turned out to be much longer and more difficult than expected. At the end of July part of the force had to be detached and sent to Fort Edmonton (Edmonton) with the weaker horses. The remainder struggled on, finally reaching their destination, ragged and starving, on 11 September. Macleod, with half the force left under his command, was ordered to establish a post near the border to control the whisky trade, and French returned to Manitoba. By the end of October Fort Macleod (Alta) had been established, at a site chosen by mixed-blood scout Jerry [Potts](#) on the Oldman River, and Macleod was engaged in the work of suppressing the whisky trade and establishing relations with the different tribes of Blackfoot Indians in the region. On 1 December Macleod held the first of a series of meetings with native leaders. Blackfoot head chief Crowfoot [[Isapo-muxika\\*](#)] and Blood head chief Red Crow [[Mékaisto](#)] liked and trusted Macleod from the start and agreed to cooperate in ending the whisky trade. Macleod did much to set the tone of patience, reason, and diplomacy for NWMP dealings with the native population which was to survive until the 1890s.

Macleod's most serious problems during the winter of 1874–75 were the result of isolation and boredom. Lack of horses prevented much activity, the men had not been paid since leaving Manitoba, and their uniforms were in rags. There were rumblings of mutiny and 18 men deserted. In March Macleod and a small party rode through a late winter blizzard to Helena (Mont.) to pick up the men's pay and receive the first instructions from Ottawa since the departure of French. While there Macleod began proceedings for the extradition of several Americans



accused of the 1873 massacre of a band of Assiniboin Indians in the Cypress Hills near Battle Creek (Sask.) [see [Hunkajuka\\*](#)].

In May 1875 Macleod sent a troop under the command of Inspector James Morrow [Walsh\\*](#) to establish a post, Fort Walsh (Sask.), in the Cypress Hills. That summer Inspector Éphrem-A. [Brisebois\\*](#) travelled to the Bow River to build a second major outpost, Fort Brisebois, subsequently renamed Fort Calgary (Calgary) by Macleod after one of his favourite places on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. Most of his attention that summer was absorbed by the Cypress Hills massacre extradition case. Macleod and Inspector Acheson Gosford Irvine travelled to Fort Benton (Mont.) in June and arranged for the arrest of seven men thought to have been involved in the killings. NWMP efforts to bring these men to justice aroused intense public hostility and the result of the extradition hearing, held at Helena in July, was probably a foregone conclusion. The prisoners were set free at the end of the month and Macleod was even jailed for a few days on a charge of false arrest.

Although Macleod had initially got along well with Commissioner French, by the end of 1875 relations between the two men were deteriorating. French had been stuck at the Swan River Barracks (Livingstone, Sask.), the NWMP headquarters, hundreds of miles from the scene of most operations, while Macleod, in *de facto* control of the majority of the force for more than a year, communicated directly with Ottawa on all matters of importance. French became increasingly critical of his assistant commissioner, and under the circumstances Macleod welcomed an appointment as stipendiary magistrate for the North-West Territories on 1 Jan. 1876 and left the force. Apart from professional considerations, this appointment allowed him to return to Winnipeg to carry out his long delayed plans to marry Mary Drever.

Macleod's separation from the NWMP, however, was short-lived. French, at odds with the Liberal government of Alexander [MACKENZIE](#) over NWMP policy, resigned in June 1876. The post was offered to Macleod and he accepted without hesitation, taking over as commissioner on 22 July 1876. In an age of untrammelled patronage, it was remarkable for someone of Macleod's well-known Conservative connections to be appointed by a Liberal administration.

The new commissioner plunged immediately into an exhausting round of activity. After his wedding in Winnipeg on 28 July, he rode to Fort Carlton (Sask.) for the signing of Treaty No.6 with the Plains Cree [see [Pitikwahanapiwiyin\\*](#)]. He then left for Swan River to oversee the moving of NWMP headquarters to Fort Macleod. Both forts Macleod and Walsh were reinforced in anticipation of trouble from south of the border. On 25 June the United States army had suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of the Sioux leader Sitting Bull [Ta-tanka [I-yotank\\*](#)]. Macleod was well aware that the Americans would pursue Sitting Bull relentlessly and that the Indians were likely to seek refuge in Canada. In December they began to arrive in the Cypress Hills area.

Macleod had retained his appointment as stipendiary magistrate and under the terms of the North-West Territories Act of 1875 he, along with the two other territorial magistrates, Hugh [Richardson\\*](#) and Matthew Ryan, was a member of the Council of the North-West Territories. Early in 1877 he attended his first council meeting, at Swan River, and then travelled on to Ottawa for consultations on the problem of the Sioux, before returning to Fort Macleod.

In September 1877 some 5,000 Blackfeet, Bloods, Peigans, Sarcees, and Stoneys assembled at Blackfoot Crossing (Alta) to sign Treaty No.7. Crowfoot, Red Crow, and several other chiefs made it clear that Macleod and the NWMP were the principal reasons their people were willing to sign the treaty. The commissioner next rode on to Fort Walsh for talks between American authorities

and Sitting Bull aimed at inducing the Sioux to return to the United States. Macleod persuaded Sitting Bull to participate but the negotiations accomplished nothing. Macleod then interviewed Sitting Bull and set out the Canadian government's position: the Sioux could remain in Canadian territory as long as they obeyed the law, but there would be no treaties, no reserves, and no government rations for them.

By 1878 Macleod was becoming seriously worried about the rapidly decreasing numbers of buffalo on the plains. The presence of the Sioux intensified competition for an increasingly scarce food supply and threatened to lead to warfare among the plains tribes. At the 1878 meeting of the NWT council, Macleod introduced legislation that attempted to regulate the buffalo hunt in an effort to slow down the slaughter. Although well meant, the regulations had little effect, and by the end of the year the buffalo were alarmingly scarce. Because of his worries about the effect of food shortages on the Canadian Indians and pressures from Ottawa to resolve the problem, Macleod became dissatisfied with the seemingly dilatory efforts of Inspector Walsh to persuade the Sioux to leave the NWT.

The crisis Macleod had feared arrived early in 1879 when all the plains tribes faced starvation. In the spring Macleod made a lengthy visit to Ottawa to discuss the situation with the recently re-elected Macdonald government. He returned to the west in July, bringing 80 new recruits as well as food supplies for distribution to the Indians. Edgar Dewdney\*, the newly appointed Indian commissioner, travelled west with the NWMP. He and Macleod spent much of the last half of 1879 visiting the Indian agencies throughout the NWT.

In the spring of 1880 the NWMP came under attack in parliament for financial carelessness. There was some foundation for the charge: Macleod hated bookkeeping and had no talent for the management of money. But it is doubtful that anyone, however skilled, could have done much better under the circumstances. Apart from his trip to Ottawa, Macleod, whose health was beginning to deteriorate under the strain, travelled more than 2,300 miles by horse in 1879 to conduct his police work and to fulfil his judicial responsibilities. There was also a widening gap between Macleod's understanding of the government's obligations towards the native peoples under the treaties and that of the Macdonald administration. In letters to his wife, Macleod expressed dissatisfaction with the government's efforts to furnish foodstuffs for the destitute Indians. He commented, "They appear still to think that the poor creatures can gain their livelihood by hunting as if everyone didn't know that there is nothing for them to hunt." A break appeared almost inevitable.

At the end of September 1880 Macleod resigned as commissioner of the NWMP and began to devote all his time to his judicial duties. The family moved to a small ranch at Pincher Creek (Alta) where they attempted, without much success, to raise horses for sale to the NWMP. As one of the three, later four, magistrates in the NWT, Macleod was primarily responsible for the Bow River Judicial District. The holding of court in the larger towns twice yearly meant a constant round of travel for the magistrates.

Macleod's career as a jurist was not marked by any outstanding trials. Not a brilliant lawyer, he appears none the less to have fulfilled his responsibilities both competently and conscientiously. His decisions were not overturned on appeal more than those of his fellow magistrates, and he did not get into the kind of trouble, stemming from irregularities in conduct and abuse of authority, that led to the dismissal of his contemporaries Matthew Ryan in 1881 and Jeremiah Travis\* in 1886. In September 1885 Macleod was sent to British Columbia to resolve a dispute over jurisdiction between federal and provincial authorities.



both of whom claimed the right to police the construction camps of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Through the exercise of his considerable diplomatic skills, Macleod was able to persuade federal and provincial magistrates to cooperate in enforcing the law.

On 18 Feb. 1887 Macleod was appointed to the first Supreme Court of the North-West Territories as puisne judge for the Judicial District of Southern Alberta. He continued as a member of the NWT council until the Legislative Assembly was created to replace it in 1888. He was then appointed one of the three legal advisers who sat as non-voting members of the new assembly. In the 1890s the citizens of the growing city of Calgary agitated for the removal of Macleod's judicial seat from Fort Macleod to Calgary. In May 1894 he was appointed judge for both the northern and southern judicial districts with his residence in Calgary and he moved there with his family. Already seriously ill with Bright's disease, he took up his duties for only a short time before his health deteriorated rapidly and he died on 5 September.

James Farquharson Macleod exercised a decisive influence on the early development of western Canada. More than any other single individual, he was responsible for establishing the policies followed by the NWMP in their dealings with the Indians and for setting the tone of Canadian Indian policy in the NWT. His vision of the region was of a place where newcomers and the native population might live together in peace and where disputes could be settled by reason.

#### R. C. MACLEOD

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18 July 2018

Dear Chair and Members of the Authority,

**RE: Macleod's Landing community support for trail extension**

I have been a homeowner and resident in the Macleod's Landing community for over twelve years. I've raised my two sons here, who are now 13 and 16, and over the years we have been hoping to enjoy the beautiful lakes and trails surrounding our neighbourhood. In fact, when we moved here from High Park back in 2006, one of the main reasons we chose this area was because of the extensive Oak Ridges Trail System that would literally be right in our backyard. We envisioned being able to ride our bikes, walk our dog, and go for long hikes or a run through the extensive network of trails that the system offers.

As one of the first residents to move into the area, I was patient at first, while we waited for a path to be built from our neighbourhood connecting us to the trail. As the years went on, the other neighbourhoods off Bathurst and King all had trails built that lead them safely to the Moraine trail system. Meanwhile I, my children, my dog, and my 2,500+ neighbours continue to this day to have to either drive or walk as far as 1-2km to an access point—one of which is off busy Jefferson Sideroad with no parking, with the other being a kilometre up Yonge Street's dangerous gravel shoulders with no sidewalks.

Most people in my neighbourhood are especially frustrated since a trailhead already exists from Silver Maple Road, but it just comes to a dead end at the Macleod Estate property line. We always believed that surely the Town would eventually extend it so that our neighbours, including Macleod's Landing Public School and the Upper Canada Daycare Centre, could access the trails without having to travel along a major highway.

You can imagine our excitement when a few years ago we learned that the Town of Richmond Hill had purchased land from the Macleod Estate and were finally going to finish the trail! And then you might imagine our huge disappointment when we found out that the walkway was just going to connect to a nearby street and not to the trail at all.

My neighbours and I immediately reached out to our community to let them know about the Town's plan so that we could collectively convince the Town to reconsider what we felt was a useless and undesirable plan. We were easily able to get signatures from over 500 households in our community, everyone agreeing that they would much prefer their tax dollars go towards a trail that connected us to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail rather than a neighbouring court.

We all agree that having a connection from Silver Maple Road to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail would provide numerous benefits to our community:

1. It will be much safer, particularly for our elderly residents, children and pets, since currently it is impossible to access the trail without travelling 1km or more, and along either busy Jefferson Sideroad, or up Yonge Street, a highway with no sidewalks.
2. It will enhance our community by providing a common pathway for us to access a trail that can finally be used by all residents, especially those who don't drive and are therefore unable to access it from the other points on Yonge or Jefferson.
3. It will provide our community and other users of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail an opportunity to view and appreciate the Macleod Estate manor and property, which is one of the most significant historical landmarks in Richmond Hill.
4. It will provide the students at Macleod's Landing Public School with the opportunity to take walks in nature, perhaps as part of the science or physical education programs.
5. It will provide Upper Canada Daycare with interesting and safe trails to take the children on their daily walks. Currently the only option they have for their daily walk is to parade up and down Silver Maple or Shirrick Drive.

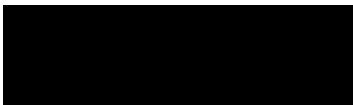
Unfortunately due to a business trip, I am unable to be there in person today to tell you how much this means to our community.

I hope that you will consider our request for this long-awaited trail in your pending approval for the TRCA to proceed.

In closing, please find attached some of the 50+ comments that I received from my neighbours during the online petition in support of this trail. This is only a representation of the comments that have been made to me in person, supporting our efforts and hoping, like me, that we will one day have direct access to the Oak Ridges Moraine trail, as do all the other neighbouring communities.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Kind regards,



Elaine Pratt

Macleod's Landing resident since 2006

**Attachment 1****Petition to Town of Richmond Hill regarding the proposed trail extension in MacLeod's Landing - online comments**

Name	City	Postal Code	Signed On	Comment
marina fehrenbach	Richmond Hill	L4E4Y7	1/30/2016	I've been waiting 10 years to take my children bike riding and walking along this trail. I bought in this neighbourhood thinking it was eventually going to be connected to the Moraine.
Elaine Pratt	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y7	1/31/2016	I bought my house in this area 10 years ago with the belief that we would have access to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trails. Since the MacLeod Estate property was recently put up for sale by the Provincial Government, there is an immediate opportunity for the Town of Richmond Hill to purchase or do a land swap for the piece of the land between the end of the existing path up to the land owned by the TRCA, and build a connecting trail that will give everyone in our community direct access to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail system. We must act fast to convince the Town that our community would rather have a trail that extends north than one that extends south to just another street in our subdivision, which offers our residents no benefit at all.
Alina Muscalu	Richmond Hill	L4E4Y6	2/1/2016	We moved in this community more than 10 years ago and would be great to finally have direct access to the Oak Ridges Trail network.
Brandy Tanenbaum	Richmond Hill	L4e4z1	2/2/2016	The Town's proposed trail will contribute to an increased risk of injury to residents forced to travel in traffic to reach the desired trails. This proposed alternative trail is logical and will contribute to overall community health and safety.
Karine Lachapelle	Richmond Hill	L4E0C5	2/6/2016	I want to improve the WalkScore of the neighbourhood as well as have direct access to the trail for health and recreation purposes.
Marco Fragomeni	Richmond Hill	L4e0m3	2/7/2016	Its good for the community

# Petition to Town of Richmond Hill regarding the proposed trail extension in MacLeod's Landing - online comments

Nicholas Tutunovsky	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Z1	2/7/2016	The master plan had a direct access to oak ridges moraine on vaneervoort and now that's been eliminated. The only access from Yonge, which is very risky and dangerous for all individuals. The other access is from Bathurst but you would need a vehicle to drive there. Bathurst would be another issue though since it is a very busy street as well. Another access is from Jefferson which is not within our community that may be dangerous since the high volume of traffic. Please consider and review other options to provide access within our community for safety reasons as originally promised when purchasing my new home in 2005 from the builder on their master plan.
Lisa Del Vecchio	Richmond Hill	L4E 0J6	2/12/2016	I think it's a great idea to connect all the paths.
Jose Ferreras	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y6	2/14/2016	Strongly agree with this petition
Vlad Rashkovsky	Richmond Hill	L4e4y5	2/15/2016	I want a connecting trail to the oak ridge trail from the neighborhood
Jerry Chen	Richmond Hill	L4E 0C8	2/15/2016	It makes sense from a long-term perspective and particularly it would benefit to the community as a whole.
Dina Melino	Richmond Hill, Ontario	L4E 4Y8	2/15/2016	The current proposal makes no sense. Rational minds must prevail...go with the north access proposal....I live here!
Alexander Kourys	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y7	2/15/2016	When this subdivision was built, it was advertised at that time that we will have direct access to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. And it never happened. Time to do it now. Proposed pass makes no sense and just waste of money (our taxes).
Jen Short	Richmond Hill	L4E4Y5	2/15/2016	I like the proposed alternative better. Looks like more people will benefit from it and the other hardly seems worth the time.
Natallia Kourys	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y7	2/15/2016	This is a right alternative we will support.
Elizabeth Kolosowska	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y5	2/15/2016	Currently, in order to access the trail system, residents must walk 0.75 - 1km up the shoulder of busy Yonge Street, or along busy Jefferson Sideroad towards Bathurst. The Yonge Street access route is particularly unsafe, with no sidewalk and only a shoulder to walk on, where cars, trucks and buses travel over 60km/hr only a few feet away.
Mark Davidan	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y8	2/17/2016	I'm signing because it makes sense
Yulia Davidan	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y8	2/17/2016	I'm signing because it makes sense
Ashleigh Dixon	Richmond Hill	L4e0b6	2/22/2016	This addition just makes sense and will make our community better and safer!

# Petition to Town of Richmond Hill regarding the proposed trail extension in MacLeod's Landing - online comments

Nagaratnam Sivarama	Richmond Hill, Ontario	L4E 4Z1	2/22/2016	Connecting the trail to the existing trail in the north would be of immense benefit not only to those attending MacLeod's Landing Public School but also those living around the school.
Viral Patel	Richmond Hill	L4E 0B7	2/22/2016	i would agree that green path will have better & effective connectivity to oak ridges trail network from macleods landing community
Firuz Davletshin	Richmond Hill	L4E 0B7	2/23/2016	I care about my community!
Mauro Jim Brancato	Richmond Hill	L4E 0B1	2/23/2016	The continuation of the trail makes sense going North connecting to the other trail where you can enjoy walking without worrying about the traffic of vehicles.
Dean Edamura	Richmond Hill	L4E 0C5	2/23/2016	Are there plans to connect the pathway between numbers 35 and 37 Vandervoot Drive to the Oak Ridges Trail? That would be another alternative if the connection near Philips Lake does not go through. Even better, having both would be perfect.
dan butto	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Z4	2/23/2016	to support the proposed redirection of the trail extension from Silver maple road to connect with the oak ridges moraine trail.
Mihai Berinde	Richmond Hill	L4E0C5	2/23/2016	This trail is long overdue....
Juana Perales	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y6	2/23/2016	Access to the trail will now be available for everyone living in this sub-division, without having to go to Yonge Street or Bathurst. I support the good effort being made by Elaine Pratt.
Pauline Karam	Richmond Hill	L4E 4 Z3	2/25/2016	Why to do the job twice. Do it right from the first time. Connect path to Oak Ridges Trail ! ! !
Allen Yiu	Richmond Hill	L4E4Z3	2/26/2016	I'm signing because this proposal would be greatly beneficial to our community
Samuel Chung	Richmond Hill	L4E 0C1	2/27/2016	This will encourage more people to use the trail by connecting business on Yonge Street, and Viva/York Transit bus stations within the neighborhood. This option is the best choice.
Viral Patel	Brick	8724	2/28/2016	outdoors are best
Amisha Sheth	Richmond Hill	L4E 0C1	2/29/2016	I am signing because I live just off silver maple road and have used the oakridges trail many times in summer. I have had to drive up the road to access the trail, park, and cross the road in order to access the trail. A walking path directly from silver maple would make it way easier on anyone who wishes to use the trail. Extending it south sounds like a waste of money and rather pointless.



# Petition to Town of Richmond Hill regarding the proposed trail extension in MacLeod's Landing - online comments

Rose Brancato	Richmond Hill	L4E 0B1	3/4/2016	Extention of the path from Silver Maple Road to the beautiful Oak Ridges Trail makes more sense than extending to MacLeod Estate Court where there are just homes and no sidewalks.
Liana Brancato	Richmond Hill	L4E 0B1	3/4/2016	Connecting the path from Silver Maple Road going North to the Oak Ridges Trail makes more sense than the proposed path extension to MacLeod Estate Court.
Dennis dixon	Richmond Hill	l4e0b6	3/5/2016	We just want to be connected with rest of the neighborhood.
Phoebe Cheng	Richmond Hill	L4E4Z5	3/11/2016	It would be great to have a direct path to the Oak Ridges Trail System!
Alexey Molin	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y9	3/12/2016	I want easier access to the trail from my house and my kind's school.
Yansong Gao	Richmond Hill	L4E4Z2	3/13/2016	This would a lot benefit for the entire community and make this area more healthy!
Elifa Chan	Richmond Hill	L4e4y6	3/13/2016	I would like to have direct access to the trail to enrich the experience of the local communities
Juan Velazquez	Richmond Hill	L4E4Y4	3/13/2016	It's a great choice fo exercise and connect with nature.
Steve Hwung	Richmond Hill	L4e4r2	3/13/2016	Silver Maple also nicely connects the to be built Neighbourhood "Foresthill" by Heatwood Homes - 113 homes on south side of Jefferson Side Road. So the trail extension would difinitely benefit the new Neighbourhood.
Cheryl MacIntyre	Richmond Hill	L4E0M4	3/13/2016	I use the trails regularly and would like them to expand
William Zhang	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y9	3/13/2016	I support the petition.
Guilan Li	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y9	3/13/2016	A good petition
Chi Liang	Scarborough	M1H 0A1	3/13/2016	It's important to have access to trails so that the young generation connects with nature. Our neighborhood needs direct access. We are disappointed with the the town's current plans.
John Lin	Richmond Hill	l4e 4y9	3/13/2016	It makes sense and make community better and safer
Ellen Yan	Richmond Hill	L4B 4n4	3/13/2016	Support it
Mark Ho Sue	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Z1	3/13/2016	It's a great idea to extend the green trail to the Oak Ridges Moraine Path network. Much safer for my kids instead of Yonge street or Bathurst street.
Susan Karakashian	Richmond Hill	L4C 4YC	3/13/2016	I live in the community and there is no safe way to access the trail from Silver Maple. Yonge St has no sidewalks.
alston Martins	Richmond Hill	L4e0c5	3/14/2016	I did not anticipate the number of sub divisions coming up. it was not disclose d when we moved in . Let's be the change for once

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Yiqing Liang	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y9	3/14/2016	I live in Richmond Hill and this sounds very beneficial
Maria Gutierrez	Richmond Hill	L4e 4z2	3/14/2016	Great idea!
Nicola Fernandes	Toronto	M6k3r4	3/14/2016	Would like my nephew to have access to hiking trails where he lives
Ovidiu Popa	Richmond Hill	L4E0B3	3/14/2016	It is a great idea that would benefit all McLeod's Landing residents from.
Michael Vannicola	Richmond Hill	L4E0B1	3/14/2016	Having small kids, that play and ride their bikes on Macleod Estate, I don't want the added traffic on my street. I support the path from Yonge connecting north to the Oak Ridges trail.
Monica Petrascu	Richmond Hill	L4E 0B3	3/14/2016	To the City decision-makers: My husband and I are big nature walkers and also dog owners. We and our friends love our long walks in the Macleod's Landing conservation area and this path would make our access to the trails a lot easier and more enjoyable and diverse. I understand that it might be more complex and more costly to implement the green path, but the value added to us, living in this beautiful area, would be much higher than the red line could contribute. Thank you for your consideration!
Ann Marie Romanovich	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Y6	3/15/2016	The walking trails linking to Oak Ridges were a key selling point in the description and site map when we purchased this home in 2003. We have waited over 10 years for the neighbourhood to reach completion. Access to the established trails will provide educational and health benefits related to the environment for our children, ourselves and future generations.
Ario Hadian	Richmond Hill	L4E4Y8	3/15/2016	I wanna walk my dog
Anton Mirash	Richmond Hill	L4e4y8	3/15/2016	this is a great idea
Karen Maharaj	Richmond Hill	L4e 4y7	3/15/2016	I support access to the Oak Ridge trail
Jerome Ombico	Richmond Hill	L4E4Z1	3/15/2016	This makes it more convenient for the MacLeod's Landing community to access the trail.
david Pacheco	Richmond Hill	L4e 0c6	3/15/2016	it will help teach children in the community about nature.
H Donald Wood	NORTH YORK	M2J 2H5	3/15/2016	I would like easier access to the trail for walking our dogs.
Roger Wong	Richmond Hill	L4E0B7	3/15/2016	Please connect us to the Oak Ridges Trail network!
Zhaowei Liang	Richmond Hill	L4E 4Z2	3/16/2016	We like this proposal and We live at this area.
Luis Gutierrez	Richmond Hill	L4e4z2	3/17/2016	I want safe access to the trail!
Mauricio Martinez	Richmond Hill	L4E 0C5	3/17/2016	Current Proposal makes no sense since there would be no link to the main trail

**Letter Supporting the The MacLeod Estate Trail Linkage Project**

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**Dear Chair and Members of the Authority,**

We are writing to express our strong support for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project. The potential to "complete the Macleod Trail" by connecting the trail to the existing Oak Ridges Trail, creating a seamless trail connection to the entire Macleod's Landing community is an exciting one for not only for the surrounding community but for the residents of Richmond Hill as well. We proudly reside in the Macleod Estate and pride ourselves with giving the community the opportunity to experience this heritage landmark and its surrounding beauty. The positive externalities benefitting the community of enjoying the estate and providing safer access to the existing Oak Ridges Trail by far outweigh the negative externalities of having the trail run adjacent to our property. **NIMBY**, an acronym for "Not In My Backyard," describes the phenomenon in which residents of a neighbourhood designate a new development (such as the Macleod trail linkage) as inappropriate or unwanted for their local area. Having the proposed trail run the entire length of our property, may put many people in the position of being a NIMBY. We however, will not allow the disease to afflict us. The trail linkage achieved widespread community acceptance whose benefits far exceed any negative concerns that may exist. Extending the Macleod trail will allow the community to experience the assets of our town while improving our quality of life through the enjoyment of nature.

We pledge our total support, cooperation and energy towards the implementation of the Macleod Trail Linkage project. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can do anything to enhance or advance this remarkable opportunity.

Yours truly,

Tiziano and Lisa Fantin

### Section III – Items for the Information of the Board

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE:** **TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE AND MENNO-REESOR RESTORATION PROJECT**

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#### KEY ISSUE

Update on the Toronto Wildlife Centre Project and the Menno-Reesor Restoration Project.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**WHEREAS** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) acted in good faith in its support of the proposal by Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) for a wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and education centre (Centre) for the Greater Toronto Area in the Rouge National Urban Park;

**AND WHEREAS** staff approached the City of Toronto and the Regions of Durham, Peel and York to explore new funding support for the construction of the Centre based upon the design developed by Stanford Downey Architects Inc.;

**AND WHEREAS** staff worked with the TWC to explore funding for the Centre from the federal and provincial governments, and other potential partners;

**AND WHEREAS** staff reported back on multiple occasions to the Board of Directors regarding the difficulties in obtaining funding for the project and on the status of the TRCA restoration, rehabilitation and site preparation works as part of the project;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** TRCA's Board of Directors recognize TRCA's limited role in the Menno-Reesor Restoration Project which includes preparing the site for TWC's planned relocation in 2019 and working with our municipal partners and Parks Canada on a cost recoverable fee for service basis pertaining to the relocation of the Centre on the anticipated leased lands being transferred to Parks Canada;

**AND THAT** TWC be encouraged to look at other avenues for funding outside of TRCA's budget process.

#### BACKGROUND

At Executive Committee Meeting #4/19, held on May 3, 2019, on a notice of motion was put forward that requests TRCA to include \$20 million TWC project as a priority project and to find capital offsets from other capital projects in York Region and the City of Toronto (see Agenda Item 11.1.).

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At Authority Meeting #4/17, held on May 19, 2017, Resolution #A81/17 was approved as follows:

*THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority re-confirm its support of the proposal by Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) for a wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and education centre (Centre) for the Greater Toronto Area in the Rouge National Urban Park;*  
*THAT staff approach the City of Toronto and the Regions of Durham, Peel and York to explore new funding support for the construction of the Centre based upon the design developed by Stanford Downey Architects Inc.;*  
*THAT staff work with the TWC to explore funding for the Centre from the federal and provincial governments, and other potential partners;*  
*AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Executive Committee at the September meeting on funding support for the Centre, a draft fundraising plan, the governance model, lease and ownership of land arrangements, prior to signing the lease.*

At Authority Meeting #7/17, held on September 22, 2017, Resolution #A167/17 was approved as follows:

*THAT staff report back to the Executive Committee at a future date on municipal funding support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's proposal and lease for a new wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and education centre in the Rouge National Urban.*

City of Toronto Council on February 12, 2018, adopted the following:

*94. approve the 2018 Budget Committee Recommended Capital Budget for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority with a total project cost of \$31.163 million, and 2018 cash flow of \$19.830 million and future year commitments of \$11.333 million composed, in part, of the following:*

*96. City Council direct that the one-time 2018-2019 project titled "Menno-Reesor Restoration Project" to deliver high-quality habitat restoration, grading, fencing, access and landscaping work and planting of 100,000 trees at the 27 hectares site formerly known as the Runnymede site, be funded by \$3.5 million from the Tree Canopy Reserve (XR1220).*

City Council on July 23, 2018, adopted the following:

*1. City Council include restoration of the heritage barn and home at 6461 Steeles Avenue East, as part of the already approved 2018 Council Toronto and Region Conservation Authority capital budget allocation for the restoration project.*

City Council on January 30, 2019, adopted the following:

*1. City Council request the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to provide a grant to the Toronto Wildlife Centre that will allow the Toronto Wildlife Centre to produce architectural drawings and other work and reports necessary to facilitate the urgent repair of the heritage barn and home at 6461 Steeles Avenue East, as well as move to set up the portable donated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority from its current location at 5 Shoreham Drive, to its new location on the 6461 Steeles Avenue site, as part of the already approved Toronto Council restoration plan.*

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*2. City Council direct that funding for this initiative come from the previously Council approved \$3.5 million budget for the 6461 Steeles Avenue East restoration project, up to a maximum of \$450,000, subject to approval from the Chief Financial and Operating Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, for a zero impact on the City of Toronto Capital Budget.*

At Executive Committee Meeting #3/19, held on April 5, 2019, Resolution #B32/19 was approved as follows:

*THAT staff provide a report on the status of the Toronto Wildlife Project at the May 3, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee.*

Attachment 2 is a sketch illustrating the location of the subject lands. Attachment 3 is an orthophoto illustrating the location of the subject lands.

### **Funding**

TRCA staff has had numerous discussions over the last two years with staff and elected officials in our partner municipalities and in other levels of government. However, Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) has not to date been confirmed as a funding priority for our partner municipalities and other levels of government. TWC is continuing its efforts to raise funds for the new facility through its own means.

### **Lease and Ownership**

Currently, the subject property that TWC plans to relocate to is part of the approximately 5,600 acres of TRCA-owned land included in a Memorandum of Agreement Respecting the Assembly of Lands for the Proposed Rouge National Urban Park. The transfer of the subject parcel is on hold pending resolution of the outstanding issues relating to the details of site servicing and site configuration of the future centre so the lease can facilitate the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility. TRCA staff are currently in lease negotiations with TWC and Parks Canada with the purpose of transferring these lands to Parks Canada as soon as possible.

### **Zoning Amendment**

City of Toronto Council on March 27, 2019, amended Schedule 'A', to the Upper Rouge Hillside Community Zoning By-law No. 25278 which includes 6461 Steeles Avenue East by adding the following uses to the Agricultural Uses Zone (AG): Animal Shelter, Veterinary Hospital associated with an animal shelter, Intern Residence associated with an animal shelter and/or veterinary hospital and/or wildlife centre, Wildlife Centre, Educational uses associated with an animal shelter and/or veterinary hospital and/or wildlife centre.

Before introducing the necessary Bills to City of Toronto Council for enactment of the zoning amendment, TWC needs to submit a revised Functional Site Servicing Report, to the satisfaction of the City of Toronto's Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services and TRCA, confirming that the private servicing system arrangements necessary to support the proposed development are being provided.

### **Temporary Facility**

TWC's current lease at Downsview Park is on overhold until December 31, 2019 and as such, TWC is investigating temporary facilities for their operation until the new facility is completed. One of the options under review was moving the existing portable building from TRCA's 5 Shoreham Drive site to the new site in Rouge National Urban Park. A detailed assessment of the portable building by TWC and TRCA staff uncovered the presence of mould and potential



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structural issues. Given the age of the building and the cost to upgrade the building to comply with the current building code, it was determined that moving the portable building is not a viable option. TWC and TRCA staff are currently reviewing other options for a temporary facility for TWC.

### **Menno-Reesor Restoration Project**

In early 2019, TRCA staff commenced the following efforts to improve ecosystem health of the 27-hectare property. Site hydrology has been restored by removing existing tile drains and returning more natural surficial water flows through bioswales and wetlands. Hydrological and topographical improvements have created conditions that will allow for the increase of forest cover by planting approximately 43,000 trees and shrubs over the next two years. Planting communities will change throughout the site to represent the different forest communities commonly found throughout the Rouge National Urban Park natural heritage system. Habitat structures such as log tangles, boulder piles, hedgerows and bird boxes will also be installed throughout the site to create essential wildlife habitat opportunities. This includes increasing habitat for species at risk such as barn swallows and bats.

TRCA staff has also initiated works to bring the existing farmhouse and barn to a state-of-good-repair condition to support temporary relocation efforts. A consultant has been retained to complete a comprehensive survey of designated substances within the farmhouse and barn to identify the level of remediation required. Once the survey has been completed, the abatement and demolition of the farmhouse and barn interior will be undertaken. These works will be followed by a structural assessment of the buildings, interior detailed design and subsequent renovation works. These works by TRCA will help to facilitate the timely relocation of TWC from their current leased premises in Downsview Park.

### **Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following strategy set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

#### **Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models**

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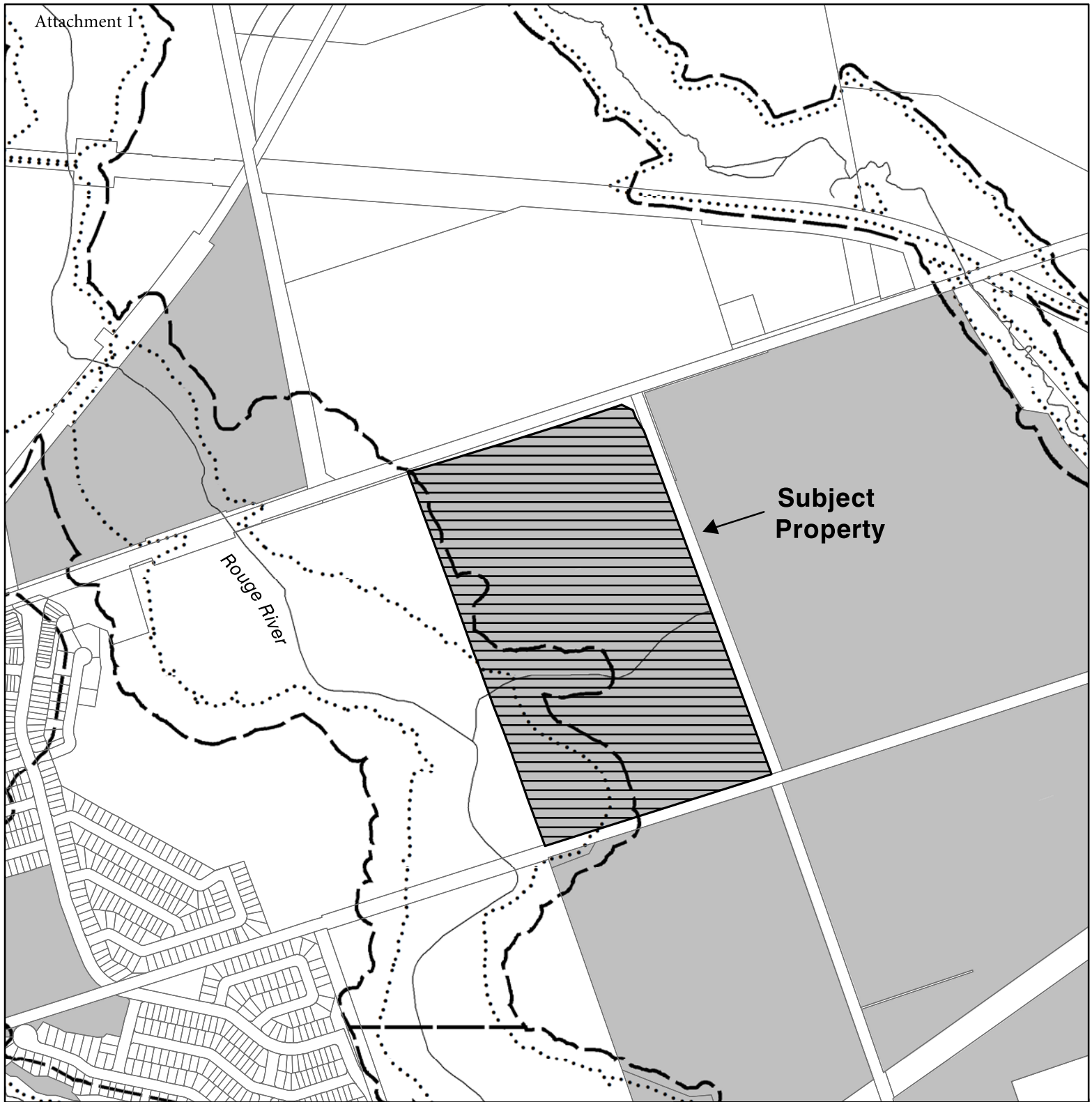
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





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Attachment 1: Site Plan

Attachment 2: Site Plan – Aerial



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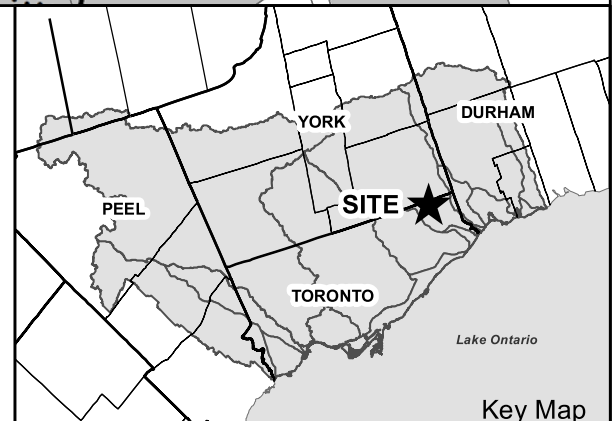
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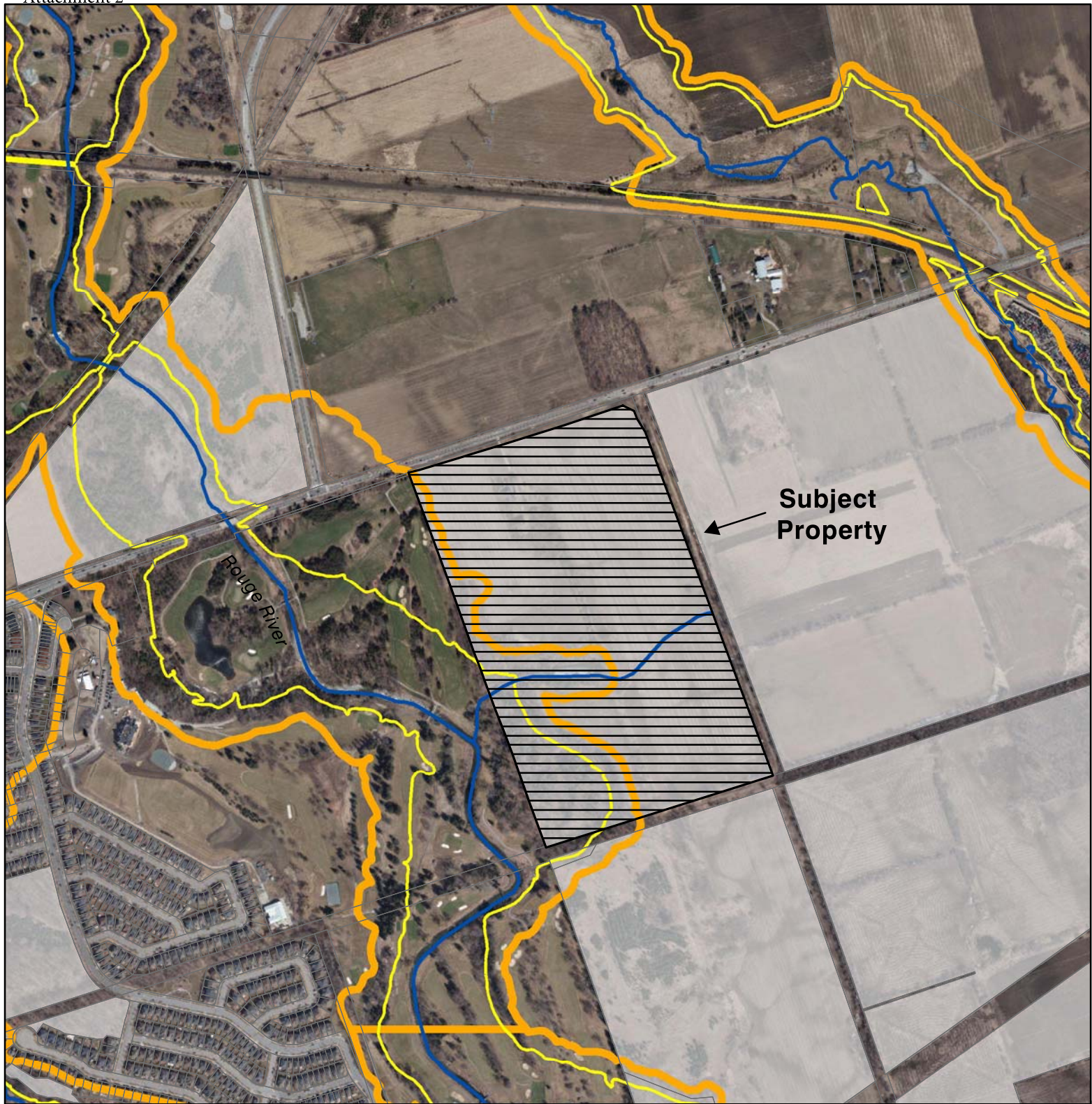


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







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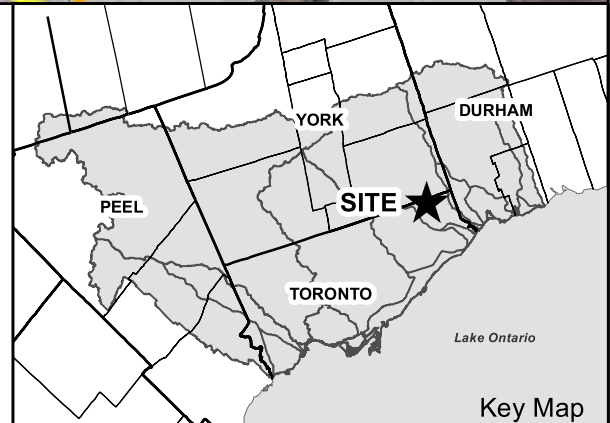


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**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE:** **TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OWNED LAND**  
4156 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke, City of Toronto, Humber River Watershed  
CFN 45819

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#### KEY ISSUE

Status of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-Owned land located west of Scarlett Road and east of Royal York Road, municipally known as 4156 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke, in the City of Toronto, Humber River watershed.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the staff report regarding the status of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-Owned land located west of Scarlett Road and east of Royal York Road, municipally known as 4156 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke, in the City of Toronto, be received.**

#### BACKGROUND

In November 2010 and March 2011, TRCA was approached by David Rembacz, on behalf of Maria Rembacz, expressing an interest in purchasing a parcel of TRCA-owned land located west of Scarlett Road and east of Royal York Road, municipally known as 4156 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke, in the City of Toronto. Maria Rembacz is the current owner of the adjoining property at 4158 Dundas Street West. The land was conveyed by the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto to TRCA in April, 1967.

At Executive Committee Meeting #5/11, held on June 10, 2011, Resolution #B96/11 was adopted as follows:

*THAT the request for disposal of a parcel of land located on the north side of Dundas Street West, east of Prince Edward Drive (vacant land between 4154 and 4158 Dundas Street West), City of Toronto (Etobicoke York Community Council Area) be referred to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff for review and discussion in accordance with established TRCA policies;*

*AND FURTHER THAT a report be brought to the Executive Committee at a future date recommending further action.*

This request was circulated to staff at TRCA and the City of Toronto for review and comment. TRCA also met with the public to obtain comments on the potential sale of the land via a Public Information Session held in early 2017.

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At the Authority Meeting #10/17, held on January 5, 2018, Resolution #A236/17 was adopted as follows:

*THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned (TRCA) land at 4156 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke, in the City of Toronto, be retained in TRCA ownership at this time;*

*THAT TRCA staff work with City of Toronto staff and the adjacent landowners to assess the suitability of the subject TRCA land for use as parkland as part of the Dundas Street West Avenue Study and as part of any future redevelopment of surrounding area;*

*AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to a future Executive Committee meeting on the results of the discussions with City of Toronto staff.*

The Land is a narrow rectangular parcel with an approximate 12m road frontage to Dundas Street West and is approximately 55m in length.

The Land is currently used as a driveway and parking lot for the adjacent commercial business. A portion of the Land has been developed as a “parkette” with benches and inground water features installed by the owner of the adjoining commercial business to the east “Water Arts”.

The Land is burdened by an existing right of way benefiting the western adjoining landowner and an existing sanitary easement to the City of Toronto.

In correspondence to TRCA in April 2018, David Rembacz, on behalf of his mother, Maria Rembacz requested TRCA reconsider its decision not to dispose of the site. Mr. Rembacz initiated the original request in 2011 and has been interested in purchasing the site for quite some time, as expressed to TRCA during his delegation before the Authority meeting on January 5, 2018.

Mr. Rembacz has indicated that while his preference is to purchase the entirety of the site, in the alternative and considering the current resolution, he would be willing to purchase that part of the site burdened by the mutual right of way. Mr. Rembacz has indicated the motivation for purchase of the mutual right of way would be to ensure proper maintenance of it. In addition, purchase of this part of the site would not prevent the site from continuing to function as a park/open space area and is consistent with TRCA’s objectives for the long-term protection of the natural features.

TRCA staff advised Mr. Rembacz on several occasions that all of the site is to be retained in TRCA ownership at this time and that TRCA staff was presently coordinating with various City of Toronto staff to discuss the potential use of the site continuing as parkland.

Mr. Rembacz contacted TRCA staff in March 2019 again re-iterating his interest in purchasing the mutual right of way and has requested that Resolution #A236/17 be reopened.

TRCA has met with City staff comprising Community Planning, Parks Development and Design and Parks Etobicoke York District following receipt of the comments regarding current open space and parkland strategy and the strategic opportunities and suitability for this parcel remaining as a parkette as part of any future redevelopment of this area.

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Community Planning, Etobicoke York District provided the following comments:

... as per the Site and Area Specific Policy 277 of the OP and as per the Councillor's desire, providing recreational opportunities and access/linkages to the Humber River are identified. However, given the steepness of the land on the site and resulting safety concerns, that does not seem like a viable option for this site. The size of the lot, shape of the lot, and sewer easement also create some constraints to development of the site by itself.

If the land was sold and an application came forward to develop the site (depending on the type of proposal), the below would generally apply to the site and would be generally considered by Planning staff:

Parks, Forestry and Recreation Development & Design indicated that:

As applications come forward, PFR reviews the opportunities to create a connection from Dundas St West into the valley, however, given constraints that include but not limited to the topography from the rear of the properties into the valley and the fact that the majority of the applications are on small lots, therefore minimal Parkland dedication requirements do not allow for a significant size plot of land that would sustain an AODA approved and TRCA approved connection.

PFR has discussed the possibility of taking "ownership" of this land. They have concluded that the opportunity of taking over the strip of land to create a connection to the valley is not viable, given the topography would not allow for a connection.

Operational staff at Parks Etobicoke York District, concurred with their colleagues in Community Planning and Parks Planning regarding potential use of the site as parkland given the various topography issues.

City Parks staff also encouraged TRCA to contact Municipal Licensing & Standards for any encroachment and maintenance issues.

Attachment 1 is a sketch illustrating the location of the subject lands. Attachment 2 is an orthophoto illustrating the location of the subject lands.

### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

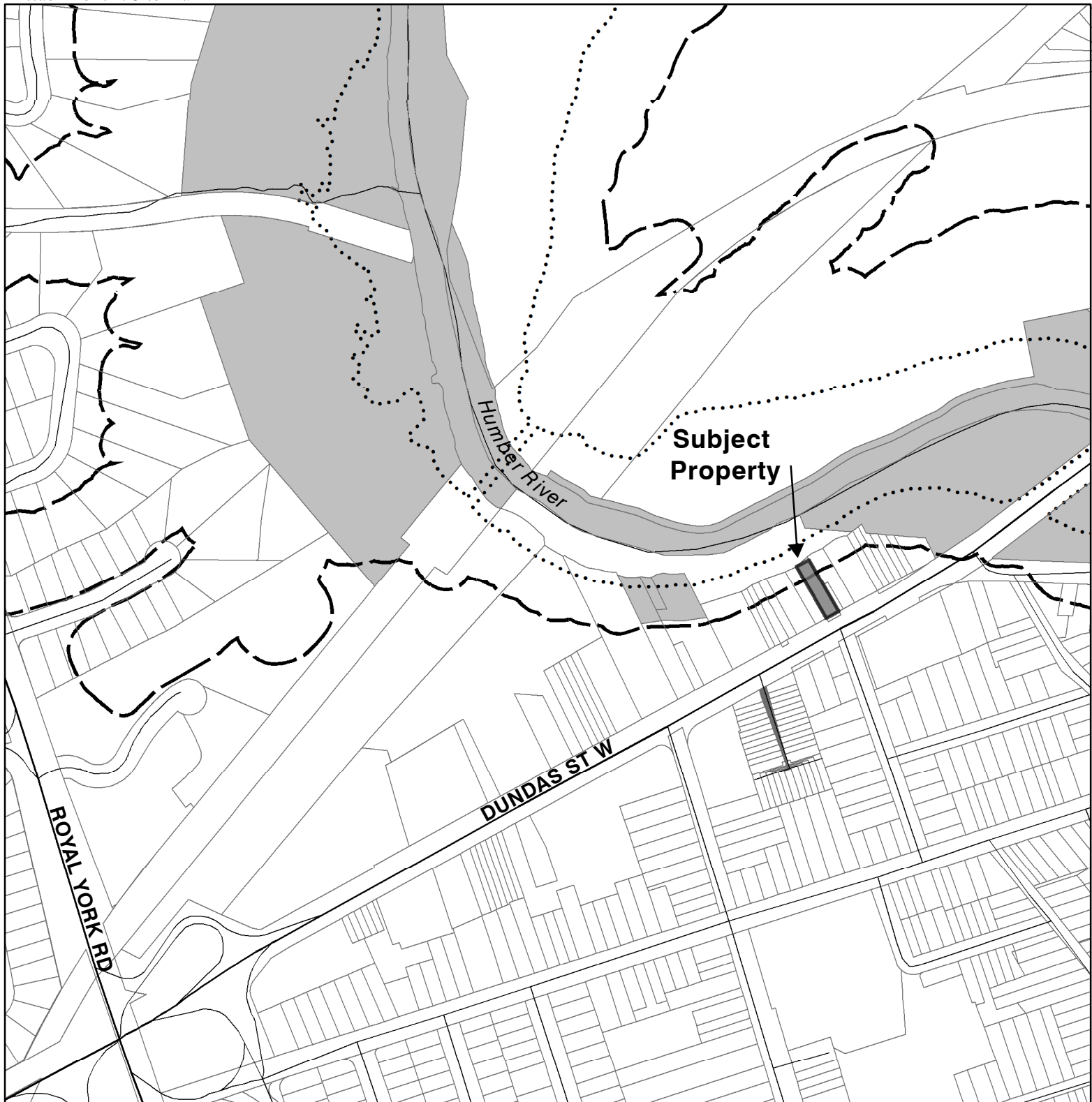
TRCA staff are in the process of meeting with the adjoining landowners on the eastern boundary, James Thompson (the owner of "Water Arts") and Pamela DiFilippo. Mr. Thompson appeared before the Executive Committee meeting on 15 December 2017 and did indicate a preference for the site to remain as a parkette.

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Attachment 1: Site Plan

Attachment 2: Site Plan - Aerial



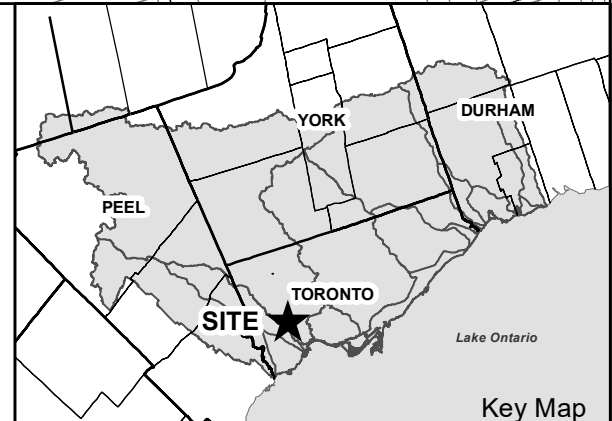


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

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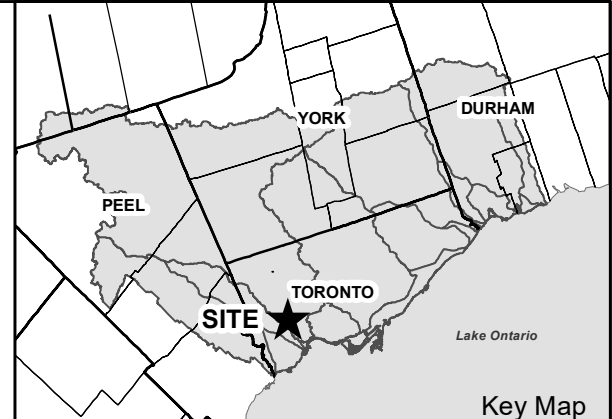


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Key Map



### Section III – Items for the Information of the Board

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Sameer Dhalla, Director, Development and Engineering Services

**RE:** **UNIONVILLE SPA 2D MODELLING AND FLOODPLAIN MAPPING UPDATE**

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#### KEY ISSUE

TRCA has recently updated the flood modelling for the Unionville Special Policy Area (SPA) in the City of Markham. The study utilized state of the art two dimensional hydraulic modelling and high resolution LiDAR data to estimate flood depths and velocities for 2-350 year and Regional storm events.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Unionville SPA two dimensional (2D) Modelling and Floodplain Mapping Update (February 2019) prepared by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff and Valdor Engineering Inc. be received;**

**THAT TRCA be directed to disseminate the final floodplain mapping, modelling results, and documentation to municipal staff;**

**AND FURTHER THAT TRCA staff be directed to incorporate the Unionville 2D hydraulic model and updated floodplain mapping into TRCA's jurisdiction-wide floodplain mapping, and utilize this information to inform land use planning, flood emergency response and flood mitigation planning activities.**

#### BACKGROUND

**The Unionville Special Policy Area (SPA)** is within the Rouge River watershed and is located within the City of Markham. The area is highly urbanized, bounded by 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highway 407, Warden Avenue and McCowan Road. Due to the flood vulnerability of the community, the area has been designated by the Province as a Special Policy Area to allow for the continued viability of existing uses and to address the significant social and economic hardships to the community that would result from strict adherence to provincial policies concerning development in a floodplain.

The flood modelling and floodplain mapping for the Unionville SPA was previously updated in 2006 by Clarifica Water Resources and Environmental Solutions using HEC-RAS, a one dimensional computer model. While this approach is adequate for most of TRCA's watersheds, the traditional 1D modeling approach has limited capability to predict complex hydraulic conditions for areas where flows from extreme rainfall events are poorly confined within the watercourse and may spill out of the banks and flood urban areas. For these areas, a two dimensional (2D) hydraulic modeling tool is beneficial to provide a more realistic prediction of flood depths and velocities.

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Due to the number and frequency of spills, and the extent of flooding throughout the Unionville SPA, Unionville was identified as one of the areas that would significantly benefit from 2D modelling. As part of this project, TRCA staff undertook a thorough assessment of the hydraulic processes within the Unionville SPA and developed a new updated 2D hydraulic model. The new hydraulic modelling tools allow for a better understanding of how flooding affects existing and future development within the Unionville SPA, allows for the establishment of appropriate flood proofing standards, as well as provides a detailed assessment of flood risk conditions for the purposes of emergency management and flood mitigation.

### **RATIONALE**

The Government of Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) provided TRCA staff an opportunity to leverage existing funding to undertake a number of high resolution hydraulic modelling studies. TRCA staff assessed a number of the Authority's Special Policy Areas and identified the Unionville SPA as a key candidate for 2D modelling. Unionville has a number of complex hydraulic conditions including multiple confluences and spill points which standard one-dimensional (1D) modelling cannot accurately characterize. Further, there continues to be a high volume of development and redevelopment applications within the area which would benefit from having accurate, site level, floodplain information for design purposes.

In March 2017 TRCA received approval from the NDMP to undertake the Unionville SPA 2D Modelling and Floodplain Mapping Update. Funding was provided to TRCA on the condition that 50% matching funds from the project proponent is available and that the project can be completed within a 2-year timeframe.

### **MODEL DEVELOPMENT**

Consulting services to undertake the Unionville SPA 2D Modelling and Floodplain Mapping Update was awarded to Valdor Engineering Ltd. (Valdor). TRCA selected the MIKE FLOOD computer model for use in this study based on the flood conditions observed through previous technical studies in the area. MIKE FLOOD is an integrated hydraulic model used to calculate channel and overland flow. The MIKE FLOOD model represents state-of-the-art computer modelling software for hydraulic assessments, capable of generating a number of hydraulic parameter outputs (velocity, and depth) and high resolution mapping outputs including flood animations. Further, MIKE FLOOD is fully compatible with GIS software and is supported by the Province of Ontario for hydraulic modelling and floodline mapping.

As per standard TRCA 2D modelling procedures, LiDAR topographic information was used to represent topography within the study area. LiDAR data was further refined based on surveys completed by TRCA and Valdor to ensure the topographic data set was detailed and accurately represented overland flow conveyance systems and watercourse channels within the study area. The topographic data set was reviewed and approved by TRCA staff prior to being finalized. Once completed the topographic information was used to define the 2D overland flow mesh. The 2D overland flow mesh is the key component in 2D modelling, as it determines where flow would occur. Flow depth, direction, and velocity are then calculated at each mesh element. The Unionville SPA 2D model has over 1,500 cross-sections to represent watercourse channels, and 700,000 mesh elements to represent the 2D overland flow component.

TRCA worked closely with City of Markham staff to obtain relevant road and pedestrian water crossing as-built and design information for the study area. Further, Valdor completed site visits to each water crossing to ensure consistency between structure as-built information and site observations. In total 37 water crossings were included in the hydraulic model.

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For this study, TRCA worked with the City of Markham to develop detailed land use mapping to input into the model. For 2D hydraulic modelling, land use mapping represents roughness values, a hydraulic parameter used to define a surface's ability to resist flow. Building parcels were also provided to TRCA by the City of Markham. Building location and orientation effects local flood conditions including flow movement through an area. Building footprints were simplified through a GIS process developed by TRCA staff and incorporated into the model.

Regional (Hurricane Hazel) and 2 through 350-year flow values were extracted from the recently completed 2018 Rouge River Hydrology Update, which was approved for use in floodplain mapping at Board of Directors Meeting #8/18 on November 30, 2018. Flow values were applied to the 2D model for each of the study area tributaries and key locations. In total 44 flow node locations were modelled. Model boundaries were placed at significant distance upstream and downstream of the SPA. This placement ensures that changes to the upstream or downstream conditions as a result of upcoming floodplain mapping updates will not affect the results through the Unionville SPA. Due to model size and overland flow mesh resolution, model simulations take approximately 40 hours to complete.

### RESULTS

It is important to note that differences in flood extents associated with this study and previous floodplain mapping is attributed to three main factors:

1. Difference in flow values from the 2002 Rouge River Hydrology Model and the 2018 Rouge River Hydrology Update,
2. Updated topographic information based on high resolution LiDAR and survey data, and
3. The difference in modelling methodology between the 1D HEC-RAS model and the new 2D MIKE FLOOD model.

A comparison of the peak flows used in the previous 2006 floodplain mapping update (2002 hydrology) and the 2019 2D modelling study (2018 hydrology) is provided in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Comparison of 2002 and 2018 Peak Flows**

Return Period	Peak Flow - Fonthill Creek		Peak Flow – Rouge River at Kennedy Road		Peak Flow – Rouge River D/S of Milne Dam	
	2002 (cms)	2018 (cms)	2002 (cms)	2018 (cms)	2002 (cms)	2018 (cms)
350-year	14.8	23.3	193.0	274.6	186.0	268.6
Regional	26.3	14.3	643.0	572.8	601.8	576.3

**Attachment 1** displays the difference in Regional Storm floodline extents between the 2006 HEC-RAS model and the 2019 MIKE FLOOD model. The extent of the Regulatory floodplain remains similar between the 2006 and 2019 models with the following key exceptions:

1. Flooding upstream of the CN railroad along Fonthill Creek for the Regional Storm is considerably reduced due to the significant reduction in flows associated with the 2018 hydrology update. The main reasons for the reduction in peak flow and floodlines along Fonthill Creek include:
  - Reduced backwater effects due to lower peak flow on Bruce Creek and the Main Rouge River;
  - The upstream catchment is smaller in the 2018 hydrology update;

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- A finer catchment delineation including longer average overland flow length was included in the 2018 hydrology update, and
  - A change in model conceptualization, catchment connectivity and routing was included in the 2018 hydrology update.
2. The extent of flooding south of Kennedy Road in the vicinity of Unionville Gate for the Regional Storm is reduced based on the decrease in Regional Storm flow, and improved topographic information.
  3. The extent of flooding in the vicinity of Highway 7 and Kennedy Road and north and south of Highway 7 at Main Street Unionville is greater based on increases in Regional Storm flows and improved topographic information.

While the floodplain extents developed from this 2D modelling study are generally similar to the 2006 HEC-RAS model, there are a number of improvements to model outputs which will be of significant interest to the City of Markham and enhance TRCA's delivery of floodplain management input within the SPA. Due to the high resolution nature of the model, detailed hydraulic information including flood depth, velocity, and direction of flow can now be provided at a lot level scale for a number of storm simulations including the 2-350 year and Regional (Hurricane Hazel) storms. 2D model results also provide detailed flood risk mapping that will assist with land use planning, emergency management and flood mitigation.

### RESOLUTIONS

TRCA staff will adopt the Unionville SPA 2D Model and Floodplain Mapping Update, and incorporate this model and resulting floodplain maps into TRCA's jurisdiction-wide floodplain mapping. This new information will also be integrated into TRCA's Regulated Area mapping, and utilized for TRCA's review of planning and development applications, flood remedial plans, emergency management and watershed studies. In addition, TRCA staff will disseminate the final modeling results and documentation to municipal staff.

### Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:  
**Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations**

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial contributions for the Unionville SPA 2D Modelling and Floodplain Mapping Update were provided through TRCA's NDMP – 2 Dimensional Modelling Studies, account 107-58, matching funds were provided through TRCA's Flood Line Mapping Program, account 127-90 at a cost of approximately \$77,100, which included staff time and consulting fees for the model development.

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Attachment 1: Unionville Regulatory Floodline



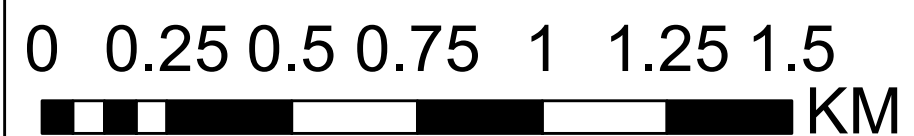


**Legend**

- River Network
- SPA Boundary
- 2018 Floodline
- 2006 Floodline

# ATTACHMENT 1

## UNIONVILLE REGULATORY FLOODLINE



# TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## UNIONVILLE SPA 2D MODELLING STUDY AND FLOODMAPPING UPDATE





### Section III – Items for the Information of the Board

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE:** **PORT LANDS FLOOD PROTECTION AND ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

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#### KEY ISSUE

A progress update on the Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure Project.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the update on staff progress on the collaborative development of the Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure Project be received.**

#### BACKGROUND

Approximately 290 hectares of the Port Lands at the mouth of the Don River at Lake Ontario in the City of Toronto are vulnerable to flooding under a Regulatory flood event (a Hurricane Hazel-scale storm). In 2004, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (now Waterfront Toronto) initiated the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project Environmental Assessment (DMNP EA) to explore opportunities to provide Regulatory flood protection, establish a naturalized river mouth, and facilitate redevelopment of the Port Lands.

In September 2011, the City of Toronto became a co-proponent on the DMNP EA and City Council unanimously approved the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative (PLAI) to develop a business and implementation plan to accelerate development opportunities. The DMNP EA was put on hold while the PLAI examined whether the Lower Don Lands could be developed more affordably and faster than previously anticipated. Ultimately, the PLAI indicated that large scale revitalization could occur based on phased implementation of the required flood protection and infrastructure. The DMNP EA was then completed and approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change in January 2015.

Following approval, TRCA, with the support of Waterfront Toronto, began preliminary studies to inform project implementation and ensure compliance with the EA conditions set by the Ministry. At Authority Meeting #3/15, on March 27, 2015, Resolution #A38/15 provided staff direction to work in conjunction with the City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, Toronto Port Lands Company (now CreateTO), and others to further develop project schedules, budgets, and the planning approach for preliminary design and due diligence studies related to the Lower Don Lands, Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project.

At Authority Meeting #7/16, held on September 23, 2016, staff provided an update on the status of funding to proceed with detailed design and the construction. The report included information on the Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure (PLFPEI) Due Diligence Report which was completed to provide greater certainty on the costs, risks, scheduling and implementation strategy associated with the proposal to naturalize the mouth of the Don River and provide flood protection to the area. The due diligence phase was completed in 2016 and resulted in a comprehensive plan based on the DMNP EA integrated with the outcomes of the approved Lower Don Lands Environmental Assessment.

## Item 9.4.

In keeping with the goals of the PLAI, Waterfront Toronto developed an ambitious plan to complete all 23 sub-projects comprising the PLFPEI by 2024 (Map 1, attached). TRCA has executed two Delivery Agreements with Waterfront Toronto to enable continued staff involvement in the design and implementation of the Cherry Street Lake Fill Project (Phase 1 of the PLFPEI), and the remainder of the PLFPEI sub-projects. Ongoing staff collaboration with Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto during the design and permit review process is key to the success of the project. Waterfront Toronto has recognized their appreciation for TRCA's continued support and commitment to advancing the revitalization of the Toronto waterfront.

### **RATIONALE**

Providing flood protection to the Port Lands has been identified as a TRCA priority since the 1980s, and TRCA's interest in naturalizing the Don River mouth has been a shared priority with the City of Toronto and the broader community as identified by the Task Force to Bring Back the Don's report "Taking Back the Don" in 1991. The 1992 "Regeneration: Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront" report also outlined the federal interest in the Lower Don, and provincial support aligned with these initiatives when all three levels of government jointly established the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation in 2001. As such, the current detailed design and implementation of Waterfront Toronto's 23 enabling infrastructure sub-projects of the PLFPEI is the culmination of close to 40 years of consultation and planning, with TRCA at the forefront throughout the process.

Central to the Port Lands project, naturalizing the mouth of the Don River will not only facilitate flood protection for more than 240 hectares of land including parts of the Port Lands, South Riverdale, Leslieville south of Eastern Avenue, and the First Gulf (former Unilever) development site, but will also result in the creation of over 1,000 metres of new river channel and establish and enhance 30 hectares of new aquatic, wetland, and terrestrial habitat in the river valley. New parks and public realm features on lands outside the floodplain will comprise an additional 16 hectares of public greenspace. Together, these works will unlock the development potential of this prime waterfront area by transforming the underutilized, post-industrial site into a vibrant, mixed-use, sustainable community which will support Toronto's growth and economic competitiveness.

TRCA has a significant stake in the Port Lands project due to our role as co-proponent of the original DMNP EA, and continued strong partnerships with the major stakeholders such as the City of Toronto, Ports Toronto, and Waterfront Toronto which has federal and provincial representation. Further, TRCA's extensive expertise and long history in managing flood prone lands, the lower Don area, and the Lake Ontario waterfront, as well as significant experience completing major ecological restoration projects, make TRCA uniquely and strategically positioned to provide input and promote innovation as part of the Port Lands re-development.

TRCA also has a legislated responsibility to issue permits under Ontario Regulation 166/06 "Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses" (O. Reg. 166/06), and to monitor compliance with the conditions of the DMNP EA. Finally, TRCA's anticipated future ownership of the new river valley water lots and adjacent floodplain lands necessitates TRCA's vested interest in the long-term success and viability of the PLFPEI project.

### **Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

**Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations**

**Strategy 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment**

**Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models**

### **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

The current delivery agreement between TRCA and Waterfront Toronto is in effect from 2018-2023 for the sum of \$7,315,000, under account 191-20.

### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

To support Waterfront Toronto's plans to complete the enabling infrastructure works and commission the new Don River mouth by the end of 2024, TRCA's fee for service delivery agreement includes a variety of activities. Under this agreement, staff provide technical support and expertise to Waterfront Toronto and its sub-contractors related to hydrology, ecology, geotechnical, fluvial geomorphology, groundwater remediation, storm water management, flood protection and conveyance, archaeology, habitat restoration, environmental monitoring, permitting and construction considerations to inform the detailed design and implementation of the project.

Planning staff worked with Waterfront Toronto to identify permit requirements under Ontario Regulation 166/06, and to streamline the permit process by simplifying, expediting and aligning our review process and timelines with the project construction schedule, to the extent possible. The majority of the infrastructure permits to allow for the construction of new and replacement roads, utilities, sewers, bridges, community and pedestrian amenities will be reviewed and permitted under the current delegated permit approval process, per Authority Resolution #B138/13.

Key permits relating to construction of the new Don River mouth and valley, new Don greenway and spillway, as well as the future sediment and debris management area will be recommended to TRCA's Executive Committee for approval once all technical concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of staff. We anticipate that staff will recommend and seek Executive Committee approval for the new river valley, greenway and spillway in the summer of 2019. Based on current Waterfront Toronto schedules, the design for the sediment management area will be completed next year (July or August 2020), at which time staff will seek Executive Committee approval of the permit to allow construction to begin. Staff will also oversee the requisite enforcement of TRCA's permit conditions.

With regards to affected development planning and permits, TRCA staff worked on a cross-disciplinary team which included the Ontario Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources and Forestry, and the City of Toronto to develop a Protocol for the Lower Don Special Policy Area (SPA) which streamlines and coordinates development approvals in the Special Policy Area. The Protocol allows for accelerated redevelopment of the Port Lands and Unilever Precinct by sequencing new intensified development with the construction of the PLFPEI Project, a process that would not normally be allowed within a floodplain until the flood protection works are complete. Essentially, the Protocol allows approval and construction of the development blocks within the Lower Don Special Policy Area to proceed subject to the occupancy of the new development being controlled until the flood protection, or phases thereof, is fully complete. The Protocol and extensive input from TRCA staff recently resulted in the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for First Gulf's East Harbour project, a sustainable employment and transit hub which will house 50,000 jobs, and which will begin construction in late 2019 or 2020.

In support of Waterfront Toronto's construction activities, TRCA conducts environmental monitoring and completes EA compliance reporting to the provincial Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Under the existing delivery agreement, pre-construction and construction phase monitoring will continue until 2023. A new delivery agreement will be required

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for post-construction EA compliance monitoring, which is expected to continue for an additional two to five years after the new river valley is operational.

TRCA staff also support the development of land transfers, easements, and operations and maintenance plans. Staff are in discussions with the City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, Ports Toronto, and other government agencies regarding the anticipated future ownership and management of the Port Lands river valley and parks and public realm spaces. It is currently anticipated that the newly constructed river channel, adjacent wetlands, and ecological features within the new floodplain will be transferred to TRCA following completion, whereby TRCA will be responsible for operations and maintenance into the foreseeable future. An assessment of potential risks, as well as property ownership, roles and responsibilities, details regarding long-term operations and maintenance costs, and an accompanying funding model, have yet to be finalized and will be the focus of a future report to the Board.

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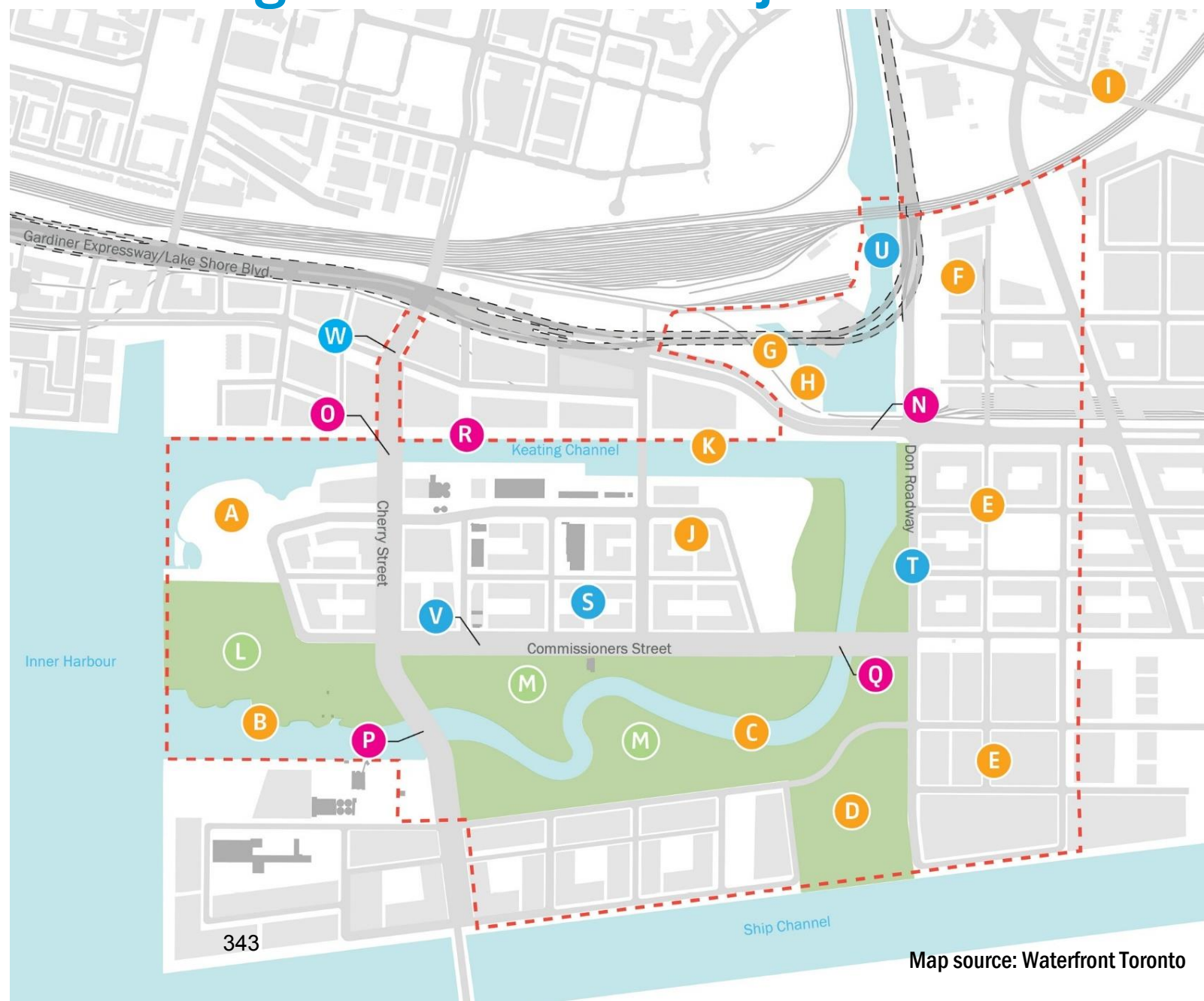
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Attachment 1: Port Lands Flood Protection Enabling Infrastructure Project

# Port Lands Flood Protection Enabling Infrastructure Project

- A** Cherry Street Stormwater and Lakefilling
- B** Polson Slip Naturalization
- C** Flood Protection - River Valley
- D** Don Greenway (Spillway & Wetland)
- E** Don Roadway Valley Wall Feature
- F** East Harbour Flood Protection Land Form
- G** Sediment and Debris Management Area
- H** Flow Control Weirs
- I** Eastern Avenue Flood Protection
- J** Villiers Island Grading
- K** Keating Channel Modifications
- L** Promontory Park South
- M** River Park
- N** Lake Shore Road and Rail Bridge Modifications
- O** Cherry Street Bridge North
- P** Cherry Street Bridge South
- Q** Commissioners Street Bridge
- R** Old Cherry Street Bridge Demolition
- S** Site Wide Municipal Infrastructure
- T** Don Roadway
- U** Hydro One Integration
- V** Commissioners Street
- W** Cherry Street Re-alignment

- Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure Boundary
- Earthworks/Flood Protection
- Parks
- Bridges & Structures
- Roads and Municipal Infrastructure



Map source: Waterfront Toronto



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**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE:** **EASTERN AND BROADVIEW FLOOD PROTECTION DUE DILIGENCE AND  
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
Update on Results of Studies

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**KEY ISSUE**

An update on the results of the Due Diligence Study and Class Environmental Assessment for the Eastern and Broadview Flood Protection as directed at Authority Meeting #5/17, held on June 23, 2017, Resolution #A104/17.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**WHEREAS the Stage 1 Due Diligence Study in support of the Eastern and Broadview Flood Protection Project (hereafter referred to as the Broadview and Eastern Flood Protection Project) was completed;**

**AND WHEREAS TRCA staff were directed to update the Board of Directors with the results of the Stage 1 Due Diligence phase;**

**THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the report on the update of the Broadview and Eastern Flood Protection (BEFP) be received.**

**BACKGROUND**

At Authority Meeting #5/17, held on June 23, 2017, Resolution #A104/17 was approved in part as follows:

*WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) and the City of Toronto received approvals from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project Environmental Assessment (DMNP EA) in December 2014;*

*WHEREAS approximately 8 ha of urban lands north of the elevated Metrolinx railway embankment will remain within the Regulatory Floodplain following implementation of the DMNP EA;*

*WHEREAS the City of Toronto and TWRC have requested that TRCA lead a Due Diligence and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study, which will be undertaken to identify a flood protection solution to remove the remaining flood risk to these 8 ha of urban land north of the elevated Metrolinx railway embankment;*

*THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA enter into a Delivery Agreement with TWRC to undertake the Due Diligence and Class EA studies;*

*AND FURTHER THAT TRCA staff report back to the Authority with the results of the Stage 1 – Due Diligence and Stage – 2 Class EA phases of the Project.*

### **RATIONALE**

As directed in 2017, TRCA staff completed a Due Diligence Study for the BEFP which explored potential flood protection options that may be able to remove the flood risk to this 8 ha area (Figure 1). Preliminary modeling indicated that a solution that removes the flood risk is possible. Based on these preliminary results, the City of Toronto directed the project team to formally commence the Class Environmental Assessment phase of the project. A Notice of Commencement was published on September 20, 2018, and the project team has since been working through the Class EA process.

Planning for a preferred alternative for the BEFP project has required continued engagement with a variety of stakeholders who are undertaking, or planning to undertake, projects within the BEFP EA study area. The other projects occurring or being planned for within the study area include the Toronto Transit Commission Relief Line South Broadview Station, Metrolinx East Harbour Station, City of Toronto Broadview Avenue Extension, City of Toronto Coxwell Bypass Tunnel, and the Enbridge 30" gas pipeline relocation.

Additional coordination with projects occurring to the south of the BEFP study area has also been considered as part of the planning. This coordination has ensured that the BEFP preferred alternative will be compatible with both the Port Lands Flood Protection (PLFP) Project being undertaken by Waterfront Toronto (TWRC), and the East Harbour development, currently being planned by First Gulf. Integration with the PLFP has been particularly critical as the BEFP, if implemented, will eliminate the need for two planned flood protection measures currently in the scope of the PLFP Project.

In consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the following First Nations were notified of the commencement of the BEFP EA: Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Huron Wendat Nation, and the Williams Treaties First Nations (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation). These First Nations will continue to receive project updates and invitations to BEFP public information centers (PIC).

To date, the project team has engaged the public through various meetings including two community liaison committee meetings (CLC) held on November 6, 2018, and March 19 2019 and a PIC held on December 5, 2018. A second PIC occurred on May 7, 2019. The information presented at the first CLC and the PIC included: the problem and opportunity statements for the Broadview and Eastern Flood Protection Project; the various alternatives being considered for flood protection; and an outline of the evaluation criteria that will be used to select the preferred alternative. A variety of members of the public and stakeholders attended the first public information center including Peter Tabuns, Member of Provincial Parliament for the area, and a representative from the office of Julie Dabrusin, Member of Parliament for the area. Overall, the information presented at the meeting was well received. All PIC material is available on the project website: [www.trca.ca/befp](http://www.trca.ca/befp).

Based on feedback received, and the evaluation of the various options, the project team has developed a preliminary preferred alternative for a flood protection landform to provide flood protection in this area (Figure 2). This preliminary preferred alternative was presented to the CLC at the March 19, 2019 meeting and was presented at the PIC on May 7, 2019.

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### **Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

**Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations**

**Strategy 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment**

**Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models**

### **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

Funding for the Due Diligence and EA is available through a delivery agreement with TWRC within account 191-71.

### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

The project team is continuing to follow the phases of a Municipal Class EA (Schedule C) process. Public engagement and stakeholder consultation activities are ongoing, particularly with representatives from agencies undertaking planning for other projects occurring within the study area. Following the final PIC, and once public input has been incorporated into the preferred alternative, it is anticipated that the Environmental Study Report for the BEFP EA will be prepared in the second quarter of 2019. Prior to filing the ESR, City of Toronto Staff will report to Toronto City Council on the preferred alternative. Subject to council endorsement, TRCA will then finalize and file the ESR. The details and timing of the Council reporting process are currently being discussed with City Staff.

While the detailed design and implementation of this project is currently not funded, the City of Toronto applied for funding to implement the project through the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. The results of this funding application are anticipated to be made public later in the spring of 2019.

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**Attachments: 2**

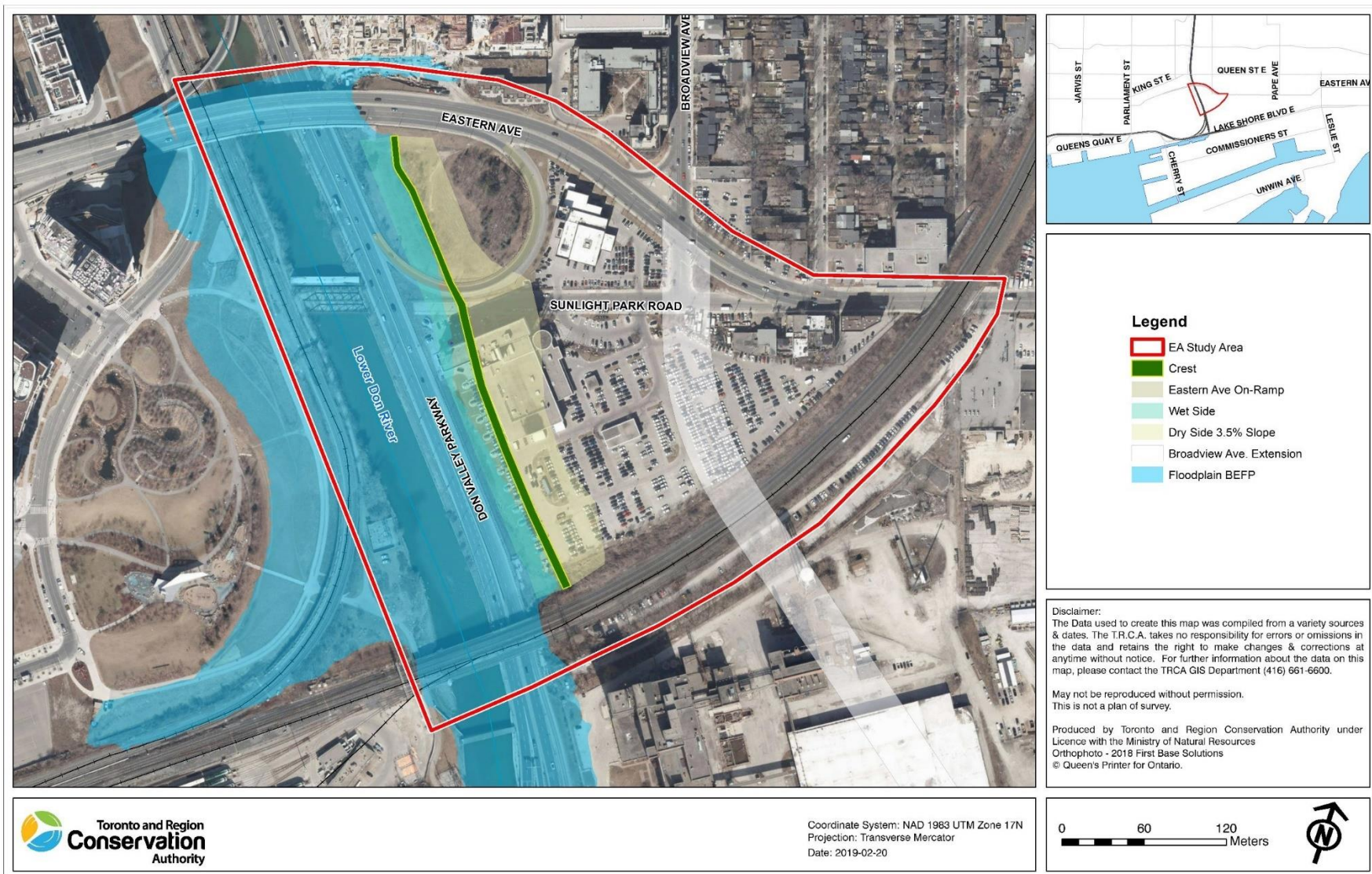
Attachment 1: BEFP Project Study Area

Attachment 2: BEFP Flood Protection Landform Preferred Alternative



**Figure 1.** Residual flooding of urban lands during the regional storm event following full implementation of the Don Mouth Naturalization Project. The BEFP project study area is outlined in red within the inset map (top right). Note that the blue shading on the western side of the river is designed to hold water (it is the 'wet side' of a flood protection landform at Corktown Common).





**Figure 2.** Figure showing the preliminary preferred alternative for the BEFP EA of a Flood Protection Landform.

### Section III – Items for the Information of the Board

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Meeting #5/19, Friday, May 24, 2019

**FROM:** Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE:** **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS – 2018 SUMMARY**

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#### KEY ISSUE

Provide a summary of requests received by TRCA in 2018 under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**WHEREAS TRCA reports on Freedom of Information Act requests on an annual basis.**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Freedom of Information Requests report be received.**

#### BACKGROUND

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is subject to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, hereinafter referred to as *the Act*. TRCA is also subject to the provisions of the federal *Personal information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)*.

Requests under *the Act* are processed by the Corporate Records Team and vetted by the Clerk and Manager, Policy, who is designated as TRCA's Information and Privacy Officer. Staff reports to the Information and Privacy Commission annually on the number and type of applications received each year.

TRCA is legislated to respond to a written Freedom of Information (FOI) request within 30 calendar days. Failure to comply with MFIPPA can result in significant fines and reputational damage to TRCA.

TRCA's [Records Management](#) and [Freedom of Information and Privacy](#) policies guide processing of the access requests under *the Act*, and are available on TRCA's website. Both policies will be reviewed by staff in 2019. Additional procedures and guidelines are available to staff to assist with records management and FOI requests.

#### RATIONALE

In 2018 TRCA received 39 new FOI requests under *the Act*; 32 requests were completed in 2018 and the remaining 7, received in late November – December, were completed in 2019. Two appeals from 2016 are still in the adjudication stage, and three appeals from 2017 are still open, as further detailed on the following page.

All requests related to "general records" as opposed to "personal information". Of the 32 requests completed, 17 requests were received from individuals/public, 13 from businesses, one from government (all levels) and one from an educational institution. These are designations prescribed for under *the Act*.



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Of the 32 requests completed in 2018:

- 24 were processed in 30 days or less;
- 6 were processed in 31-60 days due to a duty to consult a Third Party, required if the information requested can reasonably affect interests of a Third Party;
- 1 was processed in 61-90 days; and
- 1 request was processed in 91 days or longer.

In response to the 32 requests, the following was disclosed:

- all information was disclosed in 2 cases;
- information was disclosed in part in 21 cases;
- no information was disclosed in 0 cases;
- no responsive records existed in 5 cases;
- request was withdrawn, abandoned or non-jurisdictional in 4 cases.

As an example, the decision to withhold information in one of the cases was due to a Third-Party request to withhold the information, honoured by TRCA's Information and Privacy Officer, as disclosure could reasonably be expected to:

- prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and
- result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency.

When partial information was disclosed, the exemptions used for non-disclosure were as follows, and for the illustrated number of requests:

- Law Enforcement – 3
- Third Party Information – 5
- Economic/Other Interests – 3
- Solicitor-Client Privilege - 3
- Personal Information (Third Party) – 15
- Information soon to be published – 1

*The Act* provides the requester and affected Third Party with the right to appeal TRCA's decisions to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. There are three stages in an appeal: Intake, Mediation and Adjudication. TRCA received 2 appeals in 2018, both resolved at the Mediation stage. An appeal can have a quick resolution or can take several months to years to resolve depending on the complexity of each case.

*The Act* requires that a \$5 fee be included with each application. Additionally, *the Act* allows TRCA to charge for activities including, but not limited to, photocopies, and search and preparation time. In 2018 the fees collected totaled \$1,335.00.

### **Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following strategy set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

#### **Strategy 9 – Measure performance**

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### **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

Corporate Records Team will be reviewing and updating TRCA's Records and Information Management and Freedom of Information and Privacy policies to provide better guidance to TRCA staff and to streamline the processing of FOI requests.

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**Date: April 17, 2019**

**Draft TRCA motion  
re Toronto Wildlife Centre  
April 2019**

Moved that TRCA:

- 1.) include the \$20 million Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) project as an “above the line” priority project within the 2020 TRCA budget submission to its partner municipalities, with \$15 million to be contributed by the City of Toronto and \$5 million to be contributed by the Region of York, and further that the municipal contributions to be funded at a rate of \$1 million per year for both Toronto and York Region.
- 2.) Direct staff to keep the TWC project as an “above the line” priority project and find capital offsets from other capital projects within those municipalities, if Toronto and/or York Region are unable to increase the TRCA capital budget by \$ 1 million per year.
- 3.) That the TRCA agree to support the TWC providing “naming rights” to large private sector donors for sections of the TWC project and individual rooms.
- 4.) That TRCA agree to the TWC overseeing the building project and that TRCA encourage the TWC to seek private sector donations of materials like wood, steel, concrete, glass, etc. for the project.
- 5.) That the TRCA grant team create a series of \$1 million tree planting and habitat restoration projects for submission to Toronto and York Region Forestry Departments with a request for funding that would allow the TRCA to accelerate these projects if possible and would assist our partner municipalities in achieving their tree canopy targets.

*\*\* (submitted to TRCA Clerk April 25, 2019)*