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Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Executive Committee
Meeting #3/19, Friday, April 05, 2019

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

RE: **GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2016-2020**
Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River Watershed
Regional Municipality of York (CFN 35353)

KEY ISSUE

Acquisition of a permanent easement for access on the east side of Bayview Avenue and south of 19th Avenue, in the Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, under the “Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2016-2020,” Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River watershed to replace an existing easement in same general location.

RECOMMENDATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT a permanent easement for access containing 0.04 hectares (0.1 acres), more or less, of vacant land, located on the east side of Bayview Avenue and south of 19th Avenue, said land being Part Lot 29, Concession 2, designated as 4-8 (inclusive) on 65R-34496, in the Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, be purchased from Regional Municipality of York;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) release any portion of the existing easement not required for access;

THAT the firm Gardiner Roberts LLP, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date with all reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements to be paid by TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction, including obtaining any necessary approvals and the signing and execution of documents.

BACKGROUND

Resolution #A161/15 at Authority Meeting #8/15, held on September 25, 2015, approved the Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2016-2020.

In 2004, TRCA acquired the lands behind the Bethel Canadian Reformed Church and a conservation easement along with a permanent easement to use the driveway for access from the church.

As part of recent road works undertaken by the Regional Municipality of York, the access to the church property had to be relocated to the north which also impacted TRCA’s access to its lands and its previously established conservation easement. The Regional Municipality of York is now proposing to provide TRCA with a new access easement which aligns with the new church driveway.

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Negotiations have been conducted with Senior Appraiser/Negotiator, Christy Forster from the Regional Municipality of York to achieve a suitable arrangement subject to Board of Directors approval.

Attachment 1 is a sketch illustrating the location of the subject lands.

RATIONALE

The permanent easement for access will continue to allow TRCA staff to access TRCA lands behind the Bethel Canadian Reformed Church for maintenance.

TAXES AND MAINTENANCE

The lands subject to this easement will continue to be in private ownership. As such, the owner will be responsible for taxes and maintenance.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funds for the costs related to this purchase are available in the TRCA land acquisition capital account.

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Attachment 1: Location of the subject lands