

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,

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