

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Executive Committee
Meeting #1/20, Friday, March 13, 2020

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

RE: **CITY OF RICHMOND HILL**
Request from the City of Richmond Hill for a Conveyance of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned Lands, City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, Humber River Watershed (CFN 59703)

KEY ISSUE

Proposed disposition of TRCA lands to address an earlier request from the City of Richmond Hill, for a conveyance of TRCA-owned lands located on west side of Bayview Avenue and north of Bethesda Side Road, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, required for municipal park infrastructure, Humber River watershed.

RECOMMENDATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is in receipt of a request from the City of Richmond Hill for the conveyance of TRCA-owned lands located on the west side of Bayview Avenue and north of Bethesda Side Road, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, required for municipal park infrastructure, Humber River watershed;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of TRCA in furthering its objectives as set out in Section 20 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to cooperate with the City of Richmond Hill in this instance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT a parcel of TRCA-owned land containing 1.23 hectares (3.05 acres), more or less, of land required for municipal park infrastructure, being Part Lots 6 & 7, Concession 2, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, be conveyed to the City of Richmond Hill.

THAT consideration be the nominal sum of \$2.00; all legal, survey and other costs to be paid by the City of Richmond Hill with support in the form of an agreement to service nearby TRCA properties;

THAT the City of Richmond Hill provide a new waterline to service Lake St. George Field Centre from Bethesda Side Road to the main water chamber to the satisfaction of TRCA staff;

THAT the City of Richmond Hill fully indemnify TRCA from any and all claims from injuries, damages or costs of any nature resulting in any way, either directly or indirectly, from this conveyance;

THAT an archaeological investigation be completed, with any mitigation measures being carried out to the satisfaction of TRCA staff, at the expense of the City of Richmond Hill;

THAT said conveyance be subject to notice to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation

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and Parks in accordance with Section 21(2) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.27, as amended;

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

The City of Richmond Hill has requested the conveyance of TRCA-owned lands, located on the west side of Bayview Avenue and north of Bethesda Side Road, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, required for municipal park infrastructure, Humber River watershed.

The City of Richmond Hill's Council at its meeting C#01-20 held on January 22, 2020 passed the following resolution regarding the acquisition of the Lake Wilcox Parking Facility;

- a) *That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute such documentation as may be required to implement the acquisition of those lands described as part of Lots 6 & 7, Concession 2 (Whit), designated as Part 1, Plan 65R-37499, upon the written recommendation of the City Manager;*
- b) *That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an indemnity in favour of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority upon the written recommendation of the City Manager;*
- c) *That a capital account be established in the amount of \$210,000 plus applicable taxes to be funded from the Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Reserve.*
Carried

The subject TRCA-owned lands were acquired from Schuyler C. & Majory L. Snively, on June 29, 1966 under the Lake St. George Conservation Area Project.

Attachment 1 is a sketch illustrating the location of the subject lands. Attachment 2 is an orthophoto illustrating the location of the subject lands.

RATIONALE

The subject TRCA-owned land was severed from the Lake St. George Field Centre property when Bayview Ave was re-aligned and widened in the early 2000's. This piece of land has been managed by the City of Richmond Hill for 34 years as a parking lot. TRCA staff has no concerns with the conveyance. City of Richmond Hill will continue to use the site as a parking lot and is proposing to construct a storage facility on the site to support the surrounding recreational uses.

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 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment

FINANCIAL DETAILS

The City of Richmond Hill has agreed to assume all legal, survey and other costs involved in completing this transaction and to provide a new waterline to service the Lake St. George Field Centre as part of this transaction.

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Attachment 1: Site Plan

Attachment 2: Orthophoto