

Section I - Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Executive Committee
Friday, January 15, 2021 Meeting

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

RE: **REQUEST FOR PERMANENT EASEMENT (CITY OF RICHMOND HILL)**
Request from the City of Richmond Hill for a Permanent Easement of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned Lands required for the reconstruction of Maple Grove Avenue, City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, Humber River Watershed (CFN 64050)

KEY ISSUE

Receipt of a request from the City of Richmond Hill for a permanent easement of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned lands located on southside of Maple Grove Avenue of street and west of Yonge Street, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, required for the reconstruction of Maple Grove Avenue, Humber River watershed.

RECOMMENDATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT WHEREAS the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is in receipt of a request from the City of Richmond Hill for a permanent easement on TRCA-owned lands located on southside of Maple Grove Avenue and west of Yonge Street, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, required for the reconstruction of Maple Grove Avenue, 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 permanent easement containing 0.04 hectares (0.1 acres), more or less, of vacant land, required for the reconstruction of Maple Grove Avenue, said land being Part of Lot 87, Registered Plan 202 designated as Part 1 on draft plan of survey by J.D. Barnes Limited, Reference No. 17-21-101-04-F, dated October 27, 2020, and; Part of Lots 96 and 97, Registered Plan 202, designated as Parts 1-3 inclusively on draft plan of survey by J.D. Barnes Limited, Reference No. 17-21-101-04-G, dated October 15, 2020 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 and that the Regional Municipality of York agree to pay all legal, survey and other costs;

THAT the City of Richmond Hill is to 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 or the carrying out of construction;

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

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THAT a landscape plan be prepared for TRCA staff review and approval, in accordance with existing TRCA landscaping guidelines at the expense of City of Richmond Hill;

THAT a permit pursuant to Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended, be obtained by City of Richmond Hill prior to the commencement of construction;

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 permanent easement across TRCA-owned lands, located on the southside Maple Grove Avenue and west of Yonge Street, in the City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, required for Reconstruction of Maple Grove Avenue.

The subject TRCA-owned lands were acquired from Clifford A. Meadows, on November 21, 1967 under the Water Control for Humber River Flood Plain Lands Project and Karen Marie Bostlund, on January 16, 1981 under Interim Water and Related Land Management Project 1979-1981.

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 City of Richmond Hill has conveyed lands to TRCA over the years for nominal consideration of \$2.00 and has requested that TRCA lands required for Reconstruction of Maple Grove Avenue be conveyed for a nominal consideration of \$2.00.

Plantings

All lands disturbed by construction will be stabilized and, where deemed appropriate by TRCA staff, revegetated with native woody and herbaceous plant material in accordance with existing TRCA landscaping guidelines. A landscape plan will be prepared as part of the permit application submission.

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.

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Attachment 1: Site Plan

Attachment 2: Orthophoto