

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Executive Committee
Friday, June 11, 2021 Meeting

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

RE: CITY OF VAUGHAN
Request from the City of Vaughan for a Permanent Easement of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned Lands Required for a Sewer Diversion Project, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, Don River Watershed (CFN 65164)

KEY ISSUE

Receipt of a request from the City of Vaughan, for a permanent easement of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned lands located south of Kirby Road and west of Dufferin Street, in the City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, required for a Sewer Diversion Project, Don 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 Vaughan for the conveyance of TRCA-owned lands located south of Kirby Road and west of Dufferin Street, in the City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, required for Sewer Diversion Project, Don 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 City of Vaughan in this instance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT a parcel of TRCA-owned land containing 0.42 hectares (1.03 acres), more or less, of vacant land, required for a Sewer Diversion Project, said lands being Part of Block 267, Plan 65M-3201 designated as Part 1 on draft reference plan prepared by Pearson and Pearson Surveying Ltd., Project No. 0811RP, in the City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, be conveyed to the City of Vaughan;

THAT consideration be the nominal sum of \$2.00 and all legal, survey and other costs to be paid by the City of Vaughan;

THAT the City of Vaughan 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 Vaughan;

THAT a landscape plan that includes signage for trail users be prepared for TRCA staff review and approval, in accordance with existing TRCA landscaping guidelines at the expense of City of Vaughan;

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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 Vaughan has requested the conveyance of TRCA-owned lands, south of Kirby Road and west of Dufferin Street, in the City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, required for a Sewer Diversion Project, Don River watershed.

The subject TRCA-owned lands were acquired from Maplewood Ravines Ltd. on September 22, 2004 under the Natural Heritage Protection and Acquisition Project 2001 – 2005.

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

TRAILS MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION

Works by the City of Vaughan will be coordinated with planned maintenance and restoration work on trails in this area through coordination with the TRCA Conservation Parks and Lands Division and other relevant City departments and will include signage and notification for trail users in advance of the planned works.

RATIONALE

The City of Vaughan has conveyed lands to TRCA over the years for nominal consideration of \$2.00 and has requested that TRCA lands required for this Sewer Diversion Project 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 Vaughan 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