



**BOLTON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TRACT MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION #2**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010  
6:30 P.M. OPEN HOUSE  
7:00 P.M. PRESENTATION AND QUESTION PERIOD  
CLASSROOM, HUMBERVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL  
135 KINGSVIEW DRIVE, BOLTON**

**CHAIR: DEANNA CHERITON**

<b>MINUTES</b>
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**PRESENT**

**Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) Staff**

Mike Bender, Conservation Lands  
Deanna Cheriton, Conservation Lands  
Kasey Livingston, Stewardship and Outreach Education  
Patricia Moleirinho, G.I.S.  
Erik Skiby, Conservation Lands  
Gary Wilkins, Humber Watershed

**Others**

Nine members of the public.

**1. Welcome and Review of Agenda**

D. Cheriton welcomed the group and presented the agenda for the meeting.

**2. Presentation**

D. Cheriton provided background information about Toronto and Region Conservation's vision and jurisdiction and an overview of the Bolton Resource Management Tract. She indicated that since the following have occurred since the last public meeting.

- TRCA has acquired two new properties in the area and will include these in the management plan area. These include the former Campbell property and the former Muise property.
- The Bolton Resource Management Tract Management Plan Advisory Committee has worked with TRCA to:
  - Develop a vision statement
  - Develop management principles
  - Develop goals and objectives
  - Delineate management zones.

The draft vision statement for the Bolton Resource Management Tract is as follows:

The Bolton Resource Management Tract acts as a natural connection in the greenspace system of The Living City's Humber River Watershed. Nature-based recreation and education complement the natural and cultural heritage resources that have been protected, restored and enhanced with the support and stewardship of the community.

The draft management principles are as follows:

1. Use the principles of ecological integrity to conserve, protect, regenerate and celebrate the natural, historical and cultural heritage of the BRMT.
2. Effectively manage public use safety and liability issues.
3. Promote nature-based recreation and education opportunities that respect natural and cultural heritage resources.
4. Develop awareness and promote cooperation between all stakeholders and form partnerships that will enhance stewardship and provide protection of the conservation lands.
5. Utilize flexible management approaches that allow for adaptation as the management plan is implemented.
6. Ensure net gains to the local economy, social cohesion and ecological integrity.
7. Mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

D. Cheriton then presented the draft management zone for the Bolton Resource Management Tract. She indicated that definitions and permitted uses for each of the zones TRCA uses to delineate its properties were provided in a handout at the meeting (see attachments). Of those zones, the draft management zones for the Bolton Resource Management Tract include the following:

- Nature Reserve (296.84 hectares, 33.7%)
- Natural Environment (360.65 hectares, 41.0%)
- Primary Restoration (117.27 hectares, 13.3%)
- Public Use (23.99 hectares, 2.7%)
- Residential Lease (2.57 hectares, 0.3%)
- Special Management (7.01 hectares, 0.8%)
- Heritage Preserve (2.19 hectares, 0.2%)
- Agricultural Reserve (67.72 hectares, 7.7%)

Maps of the management zone delineations were presented (see attachment) and the rationales behind the delineations were explained.

### **3. Next Steps**

D. Cheriton indicated that the next steps will include the following:

- Development of a trail plan
- Development of management recommendations.

Attendees were reminded that questionnaires regarding their use of the BRMT and their opinions of the materials presented at the meeting were available. D. Cheriton requested that completed questionnaires be returned to her.

#### **4. Questions and Comments**

Community members in attendance were presented with the opportunity to provide comments or ask questions regarding the development of the Bolton RMT Management Plan. D. Cheriton moderated the question period following the presentation. The following is a summary of the comments and responses.

**Comment:** Are there regulations regarding hunters and how is it monitored?

**Response:** Hunting is not permitted and TRCA relies on users and neighbours to report such activity on lands such as the BRMT where TRCA is not regularly present. TRCA's enforcement staff, local police services and Town of Caledon by-law officers will be notified of this concern. If a violator's license plate number is provided, TRCA enforcement staff can find the owner of the vehicle and follow up.

Part of the plan will include recommendations that trail head signs with list of permitted uses are installed. This complies with TRCA's legal requirement to post permitted uses. All uses not listed as permitted constitute a trespass and violators can be charged under the Trespass to Property Act.

**Comment:** The large sign board along Duffy's Lane is not in an appropriate location and is not effective.

**Response:** It will be moved to a better location due to the Bolton Arterial Route.

**Comment:** Who wants to use cycling along the Bolton Arterial Road and who is the target audience? Also concerned about the public image of cyclist and bike lanes – public might get mad about bike lanes being built if cyclists are not using them.

**Response:** The bicycle lane on the Bolton Arterial Road is something that the Region of Peel is interested in providing as part of their long-term vision and active living and active transportation opportunities.

The Caledon Cycling Club is very eager to establish a trail through the Bolton Resource Management Tract and is a part of the advisory committee. The trail through the Bolton Resource Management Tract is intended as more of a leisure route than a technical mountain biking trail. It is meant to divert cycling traffic from the Humber Valley Heritage Trail. In addition, it would allow cyclists using Albion Hills Conservation Area to cycle into downtown Bolton. This would be especially popular during race events, such as the 24 Hour Race.

More evaluation is required as TRCA wants to take into consideration the entire inter-regional trail system and how connections can be made to the other areas.

**Comment:** How is accessible trail defined?

**Response:** Accessible trails refer to trails that are more inclusive, not strictly wheelchair accessible. TRCA will be careful with its wording to best reflect the purpose and use of the trail. TRCA will be measuring pitch, slope, length and other factors and providing these details to users as part of the customer service standard requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

**Comment:** Is there the opportunity to take the Humber Valley Heritage Trail off the road where it currently runs along Duffy's Lane?

**Response:** TRCA does not own any land in this stretch but does recognize the safety concern. If land was acquired, TRCA would be supportive of aligning the trail off the road. It was suggested that the Town of Caledon be contacted and asked to investigate some sort of separation from the road by using the right of way along Duffy's Lane.

**Comment:** Is the railway affecting the trail system?

**Response:** No.

**Comment:** Is there good information being provided from the trail user surveys and counters?

**Response:** Data is still being collected and compiled and will be put into a report later this summer. At this time there counters are set up at only the formal trails in the Bolton Resource Management Tract. There is some error with the trail counters as they count anything that passes through the area, including deer.

Attachment #1

**TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT ZONES**

Bolton Resource Management Tract Management Plan Public Meeting #2 – June 8, 2010

The draft management zones for the Bolton Resource Management Tract include the following:

- Nature Reserve
- Natural Environment
- Primary Restoration
- Public Use
- Residential Lease
- Special Management
- Heritage Preserve
- Agricultural Reserve

**TRCA Management Zone Definitions**

(NOTE: These are the range of management zones available, but all may not be appropriate at all TRCA locations.)

Management Zone	Definition
Nature Reserve	Areas that have significant or unique natural features, landforms, species or habitats that require careful management to ensure long-term protection.
Natural Environment	Large core habitat areas and corridors that are “natural” in character, but do not meet the criteria of the Nature Reserve Zone.
Primary Restoration	Priority lands where ecological health and diversity could be enhanced through active environmental restoration.
Public Use	Areas that have existing or potential for recreational and educational uses, facilities or services. This designation may include areas with suitability to low, moderate or high intensity public uses. These areas may include areas subject to lease or management agreements, such as Edelweiss Park, and may restrict public access.
Residential Lease	Areas of the property containing residential dwellings that are leased by the TRCA and that have restricted access.
Operations	This refers to areas of the property containing operational buildings and their surrounding areas used by the TRCA staff for operational, maintenance and administrative duties. No public use is allowed.
Special Management	Areas that require special management practices to address storm water management, to control invasive vegetation, to remediate the natural environment or for some other reason.
Heritage Preserve	Areas that have important human heritage features or landscapes that require careful management to ensure long-term protection.
Agricultural Reserve	Areas that have existing or potential for agricultural uses, including crops or nursery operations. These areas may be subject to lease agreements.
Commercial	Areas that have existing or potential for commercial, office or institutional buildings.

### TRCA Management Zones – Guidelines and Permitted Resource Uses

(NOTE: These are the range of resource uses, but all may not be appropriate at all TRCA locations.)

Management Zone	Permitted Intensity of Uses	Example Resource Uses
<p><b>Nature Reserve</b> This zone includes areas that are ecologically significant such as but not limited to Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESAs), Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs), interior forest and Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs).</p>	None to Low Intensity	Local and inter-regional trail(s), nature viewing/interpretation, research, education, photography, canoeing and cross-country skiing.
<p><b>Natural Environment</b> This zone includes areas that have potential for ecological succession and restoration.</p>	Low Intensity	Local and inter-regional trail(s), nature viewing/interpretation, research, education, photography, canoeing and cross-country skiing.
<p><b>Primary Restoration</b> This zone will be allowed to evolve into a Natural Environment or Nature Reserve zone.</p>	Low Intensity	Local and inter-regional trail(s), nature viewing/interpretation, research, education, photography, canoeing and cross-country skiing.
<p><b>Public Use</b> This zone will feature a variety of activities deemed appropriate.</p>	Low to High Intensity	Some areas may be subject to specific lease agreements. Local and inter-regional trail(s), nature viewing/interpretation, research, education, photography and cross-country skiing, sports fields, group picnic areas, day camp and group camping facilities, trailer camping facilities, outdoor education facilities, equestrian facility, water park, golf course, driving range and accessory facilities, open areas for recreational activities, private buildings, and parking.
<p><b>Residential Lease</b> These areas house residential property that will be used as private.</p>	Low to Moderate Intensity	Considered a private area subject to specific lease agreements.
<p><b>Operations</b> This zone contains buildings and facilities used by TRCA staff.</p>	Low to High Intensity	Considered a private area for the purposes of TRCA staff operations.

**TRCA Management Zones – Guidelines and Permitted Resource Uses (continued)**

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Management Zone	Permitted Intensity of Uses	Example Resource Uses
<p><b>Special Management</b> This zone includes areas that require special management to address storm water management, to control invasive vegetation, to remediate the natural environment or for some other reason.</p>	<p>None to Moderate Intensity</p>	<p>Management of invasive exotic species, monitoring, attempts to prevent spreading of flora species, storm water management, control of former landfill areas.</p>
<p><b>Heritage Preserve</b> These areas have important human heritage features or landscapes.</p>	<p>Low to Moderate Intensity</p>	<p>Local and inter-regional trail(s), nature viewing/interpretation, research, education, photography, cross-country skiing, archaeological excavations, interpretation and education opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Agricultural Reserve</b> Existing or potential areas for agricultural uses and subject to lease agreements.</p>	<p>Low to Moderate Intensity</p>	<p>Leased agriculture/crop fields, horticultural nursery operations, meadows and hay fields, and associated buildings.</p>
<p><b>Commercial Lease</b> Existing or potential areas for commercial, office or institutional buildings.</p>	<p>Moderate to High Intensity</p>	<p>Commercial and office uses such as low rise conference centre, nature interpretation centre, banquet facility, restaurant, accommodation (bed &amp; breakfast), corporate centre, office buildings, institutions, retail establishments, and service shops are other possible uses.</p>

