

**FURTHER TO AUTHORITY MEETING #10/04  
To be held Friday, November 26, 2004**

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**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEM 6.1 - NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1** A letter dated November 17, 2004 from Mayor William F. Bell, Town of Richmond Hill, in regards to the Bathurst Glen Golf Course lands. **36-38**

## CORRESPONDENCE 6.1



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November 17, 2004

**Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister**  
**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
17th Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
MSG 2E5

Dear Mr. Gerretsen:

**Re: Bathurst Glen Golf Course Lands**

It has been brought to my Council's attention that an arrangement has been negotiated whereby the lands currently occupied by the Bathurst Glen Golf Course in Richmond Hill will be acquired by the Province of Ontario from a developer in return for lands owned by the Province being transferred to the developer in Pickering. We endorse the acquisition of the golf course lands as an integral part of the Oak Ridges Moraine Park in Richmond Hill. We also understand that there is some discussion regarding not allowing the golf course to continue to function as an operating course.

In these times of significant demands on Provincial tax sources for projects initiated by the Government of Ontario, my Council and I feel that revenues from the continued operation of the golf course could go a long way towards funding the development and maintenance of the trail and other facilities envisioned in the Oak Ridges Moraine Park.

We have been told that the golf course was operating profitably and that it could continue to do so for a number of years to come. As the Province struggles with appropriate funding sources to make the Oak Ridges Moraine Park a reality, I do believe that the continued operation of the Bathurst Glen Golf Course could provide a positive contribution to the funding necessary for the park. It provides an enjoyable recreation experience for members of the public and it has a higher than average usage by older residents in the area that it serves.

We understand that the Toronto Region Conservation Authority agrees that the course should continue to operate and intends to deal with this issue at its next Board meeting. We urge the Province of Ontario to allow the current use of the lands to continue under the auspices of the TRCA.

I would be pleased to discuss the matter further with you at your convenience.

**Yours truly,**

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

**William F. Bell,  
Mayor**

**Cc John Burke, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
Brian Denney, CAO, TRCA  
Dick O'Brien, Chair, TRCA  
Council  
Dave Weldon, CAO  
Lynton Friedberg, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture**

**3.0 Extract -Committee of the Whole meeting CW#20-04 of November 15, 2004**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Barrow  
Seconded by: Councillor Warner

That the following recommendation from Committee of the Whole meeting CW#20-04 held on November 15, 2004 be approved:

**Bathurst Glen Golf Course lands. (New Business Item)**

That Richmond Hill Town Council notify the Province of Ontario and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority that Council believes that the Bathurst Glen Golf Course lands that are subject to a land exchange agreement with the Province on the Oak Ridges Moraine, should be preserved as a golf course.

Carried Unanimously