



THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY Annual #1/05  
February 25, 2005**

**The Authority Meeting Annual #1/05, was held in the Theatres, Black Creek Pioneer Village, on Friday, February 25, 2005. The Chair Dick O'Brien, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.**

**PRESENT**

Bas Balkissoon	Member
David Barrow	Member
Frank Dale	Member
Michael Di Biase	Member
David Gurin	Member
Colleen Jordan	Member
Glenn Mason	Member
Elaine Moore	Member
Dick O'Brien	Member
Gerri Lynn O'Connor	Member
Bill O'Donnell	Member
Dave Ryan	Member
Andrew Schulz	Member
John Sprovieri	Member
Michael Thompson	Member

**REGRETS**

Maria Augimeri	Member
Gay Cowbourne	Member
Glenn De Baeremaeker	Member
Bill Fisch	Member
Rob Ford	Member
Pamela Gough	Member
Suzan Hall	Member
Cliff Jenkins	Member
Peter Milczyn	Member
Linda Pabst	Member
Shelley Petrie	Member
Maja Prentice	Member
Nancy Stewart	Member

## **INAUGURAL MEETING**

### **RES.#A1/05 - MINUTES**

Moved by: Glenn Mason  
Seconded by: Frank Dale

**THAT the Minutes of Meeting #12/03, held on January 28, 2005, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) A letter dated February 9, 2005, from Joanne Davies, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in regards to Environmental Management Plan for Richmond Hill corridor lands.
- (b) A letter dated February 22, 2005, from Margaret Catto, Conservation Councillor, Toronto Ornithological Club, in regards to item 10.1 - Correspondence.

### **RES.#A2/05 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved by: David Barrow  
Seconded by: Michael Di Biase

**THAT above-noted correspondence (a) and (b) be received.**

**CARRIED**

## CORRESPONDENCE (A)

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Municipal Affairs  
and Housing**

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February 9, 2005

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
5 Shoreham Drive  
Downsview, Ontario  
M3N 1S4  
Attn: Mr. Brian Denney, CAO

Dear Mr. Denney:

On September 23, 2004, the government announced an agreement with landowners in Richmond Hill that would see the protection of a portion of the Oak Ridges Moraine. The lands located generally between Bathurst Street and Bayview Avenue, north of Jefferson Sideroad were the subject of a lengthy Ontario Municipal Board hearing and were at risk of being developed and lost as an ecological corridor.

As a component of the agreement reached, the Richmond Hill lands will be conveyed into public ownership in exchange for publicly owned lands in Seaton. In addition to the land exchange, the agreement requires the landowners to provide approximately \$3.5 million for the construction of a trail and the restoration and enhancement of the lands to come into public ownership.

The Province wants to prepare an Environmental Management Plan that would set out the environmental management goals and objectives for the lands to be acquired. It is anticipated that the creation of a Management Plan will involve the full participation of a series of partners including but not limited to the Town of Richmond Hill, the Region of York and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation.

The Province recognizes the TRCA's expertise in environmental management within its watershed areas and we formally request that the TRCA act as the Province's agent and oversee the creation of the Environmental Management Plan. As a vital component and significant foundation for the Plan, the construction of a primary trail, funded by and constructed by the landowners, should be included.

The government, in considering the future of the park lands, believes that the TRCA can do the best job of managing the lands over the long term. In this regard, we would like to formally request that TRCA enter into a management agreement with the Province. Further, and to support the management agreement, the Province would also like to have the TRCA receive the \$3.5 million and to act as the manager of the environmental works that those monies would support.

It is anticipated that the funds for the creation of the management plan will be drawn from the \$3.5 million with possible support from other environmental partners such as the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation. Additionally, there may be opportunities for a temporary revenue stream to be created from the continued operation of a golf course on the Richmond Hill lands. It would be anticipated that the operation of this facility would be addressed as a component of the Environmental Management Plan creation process.

I understand that there have already been discussions between our respective staff on making appropriate arrangements. We would be pleased to meet with you to further discuss the expectations of the TRCA should you agree to take on this key role in the protection and management of the Oak Ridges Moraine lands being acquired by the Province in Richmond Hill.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bryan Kozman at (416) 585 6185.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Joanne Davies  
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

c.c.: Michael Scott, CAO  
Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation

CORRESPONDENCE (B)



**The Toronto Ornithological Club**

(Founded 1934)

FAX TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
416-661-6898

FROM: MARGARET CATTO  
TORONTO ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB  
416-485-5188

294 Bessborough Drive  
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Feb.22, 2005

Dear Chairman O'Brien and Board members,

On February 11, TOC colleague Glenn Coady and I appeared before the Watershed Management Advisory Board to present the views of the Toronto Ornithological Club regarding a proposal from Tommy Thompson Park staff to use lethal measures against nesting Double-crested Cormorants. On behalf of Friends of the Spit, John Carley also spoke on this subject, and letters of opposition to a lethal cull of nesting cormorants were received from a number of other organizations and individuals, including Ontario Nature and Toronto Councillor Paula Fletcher.

The positive resolution subsequently passed by the Board was most welcome, stating as it does that no lethal cull of cormorants will be carried out at the Park this spring. We look forward with confidence to your Board's endorsement of this resolution on January 25th.

All three delegations were very pleased with their reception by Chairman Dave Ryan and members of the Watershed Management Advisory Board. We enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Board members and TRCA staff after the meeting, and look forward to working with them on this issue in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Catto". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Margaret Catto  
Conservation Councillor  
Toronto Ornithological Club  
Member, Tommy Thompson Park Advisory Committee

## **SECTION I - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY ACTION**

### **RES.#A3/05 -**

### **STATUTORY BORROWING RESOLUTION - 2005**

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Rules of Conduct require annual approval of a resolution to provide for borrowing of funds, if necessary.

Moved by: Michael Di Biase

Seconded by: Dave Ryan

**THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) may borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada, or TRCA's member municipalities or other institutions as may be specifically approved by the Authority, up to the sum of TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) on the promissory note or notes of the TRCA until payment to TRCA of any grants and of sums to be paid to TRCA by participating municipalities designated as such under the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 27, at such rate of interest as the Minister of Natural Resources approves;**

**THAT the amount borrowed pursuant to this resolution, together with interest, be a charge upon the whole of the monies received or to be received by the TRCA by way of grants, etc., and when such monies are received, and of sums received or to be received by the TRCA from the participating municipalities, as and when such monies are received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the signing officers of the TRCA are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to give effect thereto.**

**CARRIED**

### **BACKGROUND**

The TRCA's Rules of Conduct, Section XVIII, Banking and Borrowing, require that the borrowing of money by TRCA shall be authorized by a resolution of the Authority. At each annual meeting, a resolution is presented to authorize borrowing for the coming year.

### **RATIONALE**

The Authority's borrowing resolution provides that the TRCA may borrow up to \$10 million. This amount is necessary in the event that certain land acquisitions or other capital expenditures proceed prior to the actual receipt of funding from TRCA's funding partners. Currently, TRCA maintains a credit facility with the Royal Bank in the amount of one million dollars. The bank's credit line has not been used in recent years.

**Report prepared by: Rocco Sgambelluri, extension 5232**

**For Information contact: Jim Dillane, 416-667-6292**

**Rocco Sgambelluri, extension 5232**

**Date: January 31, 2005**

**RES.#A4/05 -**

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The Conservation Authorities Act requires every authority to undergo an audit of its accounts and transactions each year.

Moved by: Michael Di Biase  
Seconded by: Dave Ryan

**THAT Grant Thornton LLP be appointed auditors of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for the year 2005, in accordance with section 38 of the Conservation Authorities Act.**

**CARRIED**

**BACKGROUND**

Section 38 of the Conservation Authorities Act reads as follows:

38. (1) Every authority shall cause its accounts and transactions to be audited annually by a person licensed under the Public Accountancy Act . R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 38 (1).
- (2) No person shall be appointed as auditor of an authority who is or during the preceding year was a member of the authority or who has or during the preceding year had any direct or indirect interest in any contract or any employment with the authority other than for services within his or her professional capacity. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 38 (2).
- (3) An authority shall, upon receipt of the auditors report of the examination of its accounts and transactions, forthwith forward a copy of the report to each participating municipality and to the Minister. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 38 (3).

**RATIONALE**

Grant Thornton LLP were recently appointed auditors for 2004, following a competition for audit services conducted last summer. Although the contract period is for 5 years starting with 2004, the annual reappointment is subject to performance satisfactory to the TRCA. The audited 2004 financial statements will be approved by the Authority at the April meeting.

**Report prepared by: Rocco Sgambelluri, extension 5232**  
**For Information contact: Rocco Sgambelluri, extension 5232**  
**Date: January 31, 2005**

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**RES.#A5/05 -**

**MIMICO WATERFRONT LINEAR PARK**

City of Toronto, CFN 29644. Status report on the negotiations for acquisition of the property requirements for the Mimico Waterfront Linear Park project.

Moved by: Michael Di Biase  
Seconded by: Dave Ryan

**WHEREAS the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has entered into a Delivery Agreement with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation for the Mimico Waterfront Linear Park project;**

**WHEREAS it is necessary to acquire either land, waterlots or riparian rights from 13 private properties to allow this project to proceed;**

**WHEREAS the Delivery Agreement and funding for this project ends in 2007;**

**AND WHEREAS without a long term funding commitment TRCA will not expropriate land required for this project;**

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to send Agreements of Purchase and Sale to all the remaining private property owners within the project boundaries;**

**THAT the owners be advised that they have until May 31, 2005 to enter into these Agreements of Purchase and Sale;**

**THAT the Agreements of Purchase and Sale be conditional on all the owners or the owners in a reasonable section of the project area entering into a similar Agreement of Purchase and Sale by May 31, 2005;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back to the Executive Committee regarding the status of the project after the May 31, 2005 deadline.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A6/05 -**

**OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Provincial request to have the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) enter into a management agreement and to undertake an environmental management plan for the Oak Ridges Moraine Corridor within the Town of Richmond Hill.

Moved by: David Barrow  
Seconded by: Michael Di Biase

**THAT staff be directed to finalize a management agreement with the Province of Ontario and to facilitate the implementation of an environmental management plan for the Oak Ridges Moraine Corridor within the Town of Richmond Hill;**

**THAT the management plan be developed in consultation with all stakeholders including the Town of Richmond Hill, Region of York, Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, interested landowners and various public interest groups;**

**THAT staff be directed to seek avenues for funding assistance to implement the completion and recommendations of the management plan, including making application to the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Authority on the status of the development of the management plan and its implementation.**

**CARRIED**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Province of Ontario has requested that the TRCA act as their agent in the development of a management plan for the Oak Ridges Moraine Corridor within the Town of Richmond Hill. The lands are located generally between Bathurst Street and Bayview Avenue, north of Jefferson Sideroad. The lands to be covered by the management plan are those lands within the Town of Richmond Hill which would come into public ownership as a result of a land exchange between the Province of Ontario and certain private landowners on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The management plan must also consider the context of these lands to adjacent publicly owned lands between Leslie Street and Bathurst Street.

The area to be covered by the management plan is in excess of 1,000 acres (see attached map) and comprises mainly agricultural lands, and includes an existing golf course, wetland features, hedgerows and woodlands. These lands were the subject of a planning process which involved a lengthy Ontario Municipal Board Hearing and the eventual agreement by developers and the province to identify these lands as an important east west ecological link across the moraine. These lands are essential for ecological preservation and restoration as they represent the narrowest open space area on the east west corridor of the Oak Ridges Moraine. TRCA staff was instrumentally involved in advocating the protection of this corridor and of their transfer to public ownership throughout the planning process.

The request of the province to have TRCA act as their agent is a recognition of TRCA's role in advocating the protection of these lands and TRCA's ability to work with partners, both public and private, to achieve ecological restoration objectives within its area of jurisdiction and across the Oak Ridges Moraine. TRCA staff are supportive of the development of a management plan and see this request by the province as a singular opportunity to kick start the regeneration process in the short term.

The management plan must be consistent with the Oak Ridges Conservation Plan which recognizes these lands as Natural Core and Natural Linkage, must consider the town's Open Space System and TRCA's draft Terrestrial Natural Heritage System Strategy. Therefore, the land use must change from mainly agricultural to natural cover. The management plan must also address the relationship with the surrounding land uses which include residential development and other environmentally sensitive features and ensure a sustainable balance between the corridor and adjacent uses. It is for that reason that the management plan must not only consider ecological restoration but passive recreational/nature interpretation use expectations by the adjacent community.

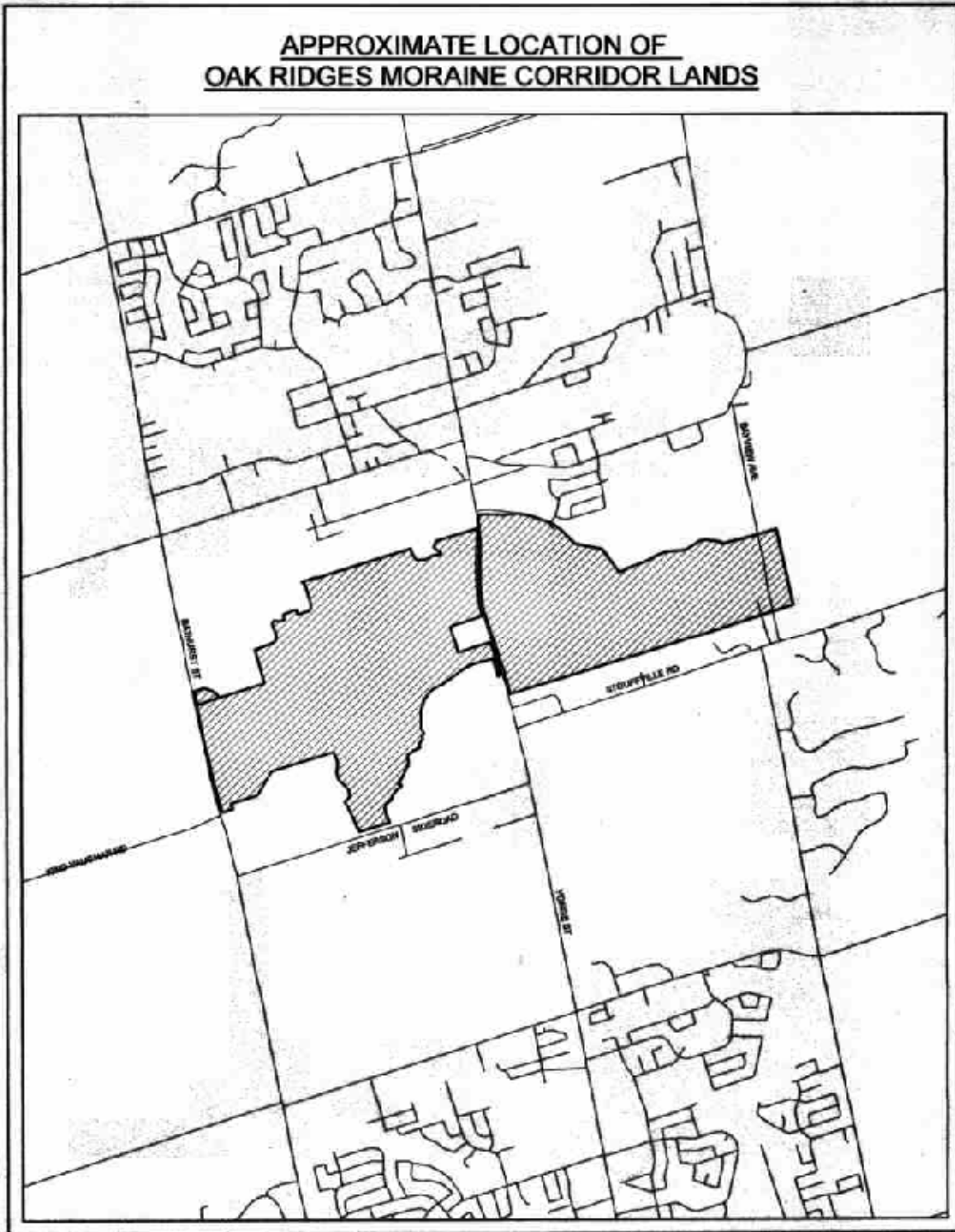
As a component of the agreement reached between the Richmond Hill Landowners and the province, the Richmond Hill lands will be conveyed into public ownership in exchange for publicly owned lands in Seaton. The agreement also requires the landowners to provide approximately 3.5 million dollars for restoration and trail construction within the Richmond Hill Corridor. The province has requested that the TRCA accept the 3.5 million dollar contribution by the Richmond Hill Landowners to undertake the environmental management plan, including the trail and initial restoration. It is recognized that these funds represent a significant investment but are a small amount of the total investment required to actively restore the lands. The TRCA and the province recognize that other sources of funds will be required in the longer term to implement the management plan vision, however the initial funds do represent an opportunity to begin the process of restoration by developing the management plan, initiating key ecological restoration works and implementing components of a trail system. These funds could also be used to leverage additional funds from interested stakeholders who share a vision for an improved ecological link across the moraine.

One initiative which could assist in realizing the vision for an improved publicly owned ecological link across the moraine is the continued utilization of the existing Bathurst Glen Golf Course which is located within the corridor. Recently there has been a strong promotion by residents of Richmond Hill to have the golf course remain in operation. The environmental management plan process should consider this direction to have the golf course remain open and explore the opportunities to create a temporary revenue stream to implement the vision or a publicly owned ecological link across the moraine.

Given this, TRCA staff are requesting that the Authority support the above recommendations which would allow staff to take a lead role in implementing a management plan which will in a timely way, set the direction to achieve the vision of an improved ecological corridor.

**Report prepared by: Russel White, extension 5306**  
**For Information contact: Russel White, extension 5306**  
**Date: February 22, 2005**  
**Attachments: 1**

Attachment 1



**RES.#A7/05 -**

**NATURAL HERITAGE LANDS PROTECTION AND ACQUISITION PROJECT 2001-2005**

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Highland Creek Watershed Brydale Developments (Scarborough) Inc., CFN 36155. Purchase of property located west of Galloway Road, north of Lawrence Avenue (232-234 Galloway Road), City of Toronto - Scarborough Community Council Area, under the "Natural Heritage Lands Protection and Acquisition Project 2001-2005", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Highland Creek watershed.  
(Executive Res.#B291/04)

Moved by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor  
Seconded by: Michael Thompson

**THAT 0.07 hectares (0.17 acres), more or less, of vacant land be purchased from Brydale Developments (Scarborough) Inc., Part of Lot 13, Concession 1 and designated as Valley and Buffer Zone Block on a Plan of Survey prepared by William J. Plaxton Ltd., Ontario Land Surveyors, their Project No. 0267, dated December 11, 2002, City of Toronto - Scarborough Community Council Area, located west of Galloway Road, north of Lawrence Avenue (232-234 Galloway Road);**

**THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;**

**THAT The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;**

**THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documentation required.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A8/05 -**

**NATURAL HERITAGE LANDS PROTECTION AND ACQUISITION PROJECT 2001-2005**

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Carruthers Creek Watershed Ballymore Development (Shoal Point Corp.), CFN 36167. Purchase of property located east of Shoal Point Road and north of Warwick Avenue, City of Ajax, under the "Natural Heritage Lands Protection and Acquisition Project 2001-2005", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Carruthers Creek watershed.  
(Executive Res.#B292/04)

Moved by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor  
Seconded by: Michael Thompson

**THAT 2.33 hectares (5.42 acres), more or less, of vacant land be purchased from Ballymore Development (Shoal Point Corp.), being Part of Lot 2, Range 3, Broken Front Concession and designated as Block 63, 64 & 65 on a Draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by Donevan Fleischmann Petrich Ltd., Ontario Land Surveyors Ltd. dated August 13, 2003, City of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham, located east of Shoal Point Road and north of Warwick Avenue;**

**THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;**

**THAT The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;**

**THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documentation required.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A9/05 -**

**DAVID & HONORA REA AND CITY OF VAUGHAN  
ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING**

Authorization for party status before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on referrals related to a zoning amendment application to permit the development of eight (8) storage buildings on the subject property.  
*(Executive Res.#B293/04)*

Moved by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor  
Seconded by: Michael Thompson

**THAT authorization be given to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff to obtain party status before the Ontario Municipal Board regarding a proposed zoning amendment application that is not in conformity with the Valley and Stream Corridor Management Program;**

**THAT staff continue to work cooperatively with our municipal partners and appellants to ensure that the requirements of the Valley and Stream Corridor Management Program are met;**

**THAT staff be authorized to retain legal counsel to pursue this appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario Municipal Board and all parties and participants to the hearing be so advised.**

**CARRIED**

**RES.#A10/05 -**

**TORONTO COMMONS GROUP**

The Toronto Commons Group wants to develop a concept plan for a sustainable housing development to be located on Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned lands adjacent to Claireville Conservation Area.

*(Sustainable Communities Res.#E45/04 & Res.#E46/04)*

Moved by: Glenn Mason  
Seconded by: Bill O'Donnell

**THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority not proceed further on TRCA-owned lands adjacent to Claireville Conservation Area with the proposal from Toronto Commons Group.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A11/05 -**

**ONTARIO ECOSCHOOLS PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT**

The Ontario EcoSchools program, which was launched in February 2004 as a provincial curriculum addressing climate change, is making continued progress within the education community across the province, transforming approaches to operations and learning.

*(Sustainable Communities Res.#E47/04)*

Moved by: Glenn Mason  
Seconded by: Bill O'Donnell

**THAT staff continue to work with the project partners, conservation authorities and the education community to implement the program across the province;**

**THAT staff integrate this work into other Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) education programs, projects and initiatives;**

**THAT the education facilities of TRCA pursue certification as EcoSchools facilities;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff work with Humber Arboretum staff to investigate the integration of the Ontario EcoSchools program into the ongoing development of the Centre for Urban Ecology at the Humber Arboretum.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A12/05 -**

**TOWN OF MARKHAM'S ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**

Overview on a number of sustainability initiatives in the Town of Markham which demonstrate a shift to sustainable planning and development.

*(Sustainable Communities Res.#E48/04)*

Moved by: Glenn Mason  
Seconded by: Bill O'Donnell

**THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff be directed to assist the Town of Markham with these important initiatives and to seek opportunities for similar initiatives to be adopted in other municipalities;**

**AND FURTHER THAT TRCA staff be directed to work with the Town of Markham in developing the Mayors' Green Building Challenge and encourage other municipalities across the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton (GTAH) to participate.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A13/05 - HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE**

Change to Membership. To add La Société d'Histoire de Toronto - Toronto Historical Park as a member organization to the Humber Watershed Alliance.  
*(Sustainable Communities Res.#E49/04)*

Moved by: Glenn Mason  
Seconded by: Bill O'Donnell

**WHEREAS the Humber River was designated a Canadian Heritage River in 1999 based on its outstanding culture and heritage values;**

**WHEREAS the Humber Watershed Alliance (HWA) has a mandate to identify, document, protect and celebrate the diverse culture and heritage resources of the Humber watershed;**

**WHEREAS La Société d'Histoire de Toronto (LSHT) has received funding to develop a feasibility study and implementation plan for the historical interpretation of the Lower Humber River;**

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Humber Watershed Alliance recommends to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) that Rolande Smith, LSHT, be added to the Humber Watershed Alliance as a member organization, to help coordinate efforts related to heritage projects in the Lower Humber, particularly the historical interpretation of the Lower Humber south of St. Clair Avenue.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A14/05 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Management of Double-crested Cormorants at Tommy Thompson Park.  
*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D109/04)*

Moved by: Dave Ryan  
Seconded by: Frank Dale

**THAT the individuals and groups contacting the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in regards to management of Double-crested Cormorants at Tommy Thompson Park be advised that the Environmental Assessment has not yet been initiated and they will be formally advised when, and if, it is;**

**THAT given a number of the correspondents have also contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources, that staff report back to the Watershed Management Advisory Board on the response from the Ministry of Natural Resources as it may affect cormorant management issues at Tommy Thompson Park;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff's assurance that a lethal cull of Double-crested Cormorants not be conducted in 2005 be acknowledged.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A15/05 - REGION OF PEEL EDUCATION CURRICULUM RESOURCE FOR WATER**

Promotion and integration of the Peel Water Story Project.  
*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D110/04)*

Moved by: Dave Ryan  
Seconded by: Frank Dale

**THAT staff continue to work with the Peel Water Story Project partners to facilitate the program within the Regional Municipality of Peel and promote and integrate this work and its resources into other Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) education programs, projects and initiatives.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A16/05 - OAK RIDGES MORaine WATERSHED PLANNING STUDIES**

To provide an update on status and 2004 accomplishments of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) watershed planning studies within the Oak Ridges Moraine.  
*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D111/04)*

Moved by: Dave Ryan  
Seconded by: Frank Dale

**THAT staff continue with on-going Oak Ridges Moraine watershed planning studies in accordance with the five year work plan and individual study work plans;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff report back in one year on status and 2005 accomplishments of Oak Ridges Moraine watershed planning studies.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A17/05 -**

**YORK REGION FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW**

York Region's proposed Forest Conservation By-Law, replacing the existing Tree By-law.  
(*Watershed Mgt. Res.#D112/04*)

Moved by: Dave Ryan  
Seconded by: Frank Dale

**THAT WHEREAS the Tree By-laws or Forest Conservation By-laws have been identified as one of the tools to assist in the protection and management of the terrestrial natural heritage system consistent with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) draft Terrestrial Natural Heritage System Strategy;**

**WHEREAS York Region has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to protecting forest resources and supporting the natural environment through its land use planning and Greening Strategy initiatives, including such things as the significant woodlands study, stewardship, and public education and awareness;**

**WHEREAS harmonization with local municipal Tree By-laws would regulate cutting in woodlands between 0.2ha (0.5 ac) and 1ha (2.5 ac) (similar to the existing regional by-law) and provide a consistent, streamlined approach to regulating forest management and tree cutting;**

**AND WHEREAS conservation authority forest management activities would be subject to the new permitting process under the Forest Conservation By-law;**

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT York Region be notified of TRCA's support for the proposed Forest Conservation By-law and York Region's ongoing commitment to the protection and management of the region's natural heritage system;**

**THAT the region and local municipalities be encouraged to seek a harmonized approach to regulating forest management and tree cutting to include woodlands greater than 0.2 ha.;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to meet with the region to clarify and streamline the permitting process as it relates to TRCA's forest management activities to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of these programs.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A18/05 -**

**YORK-PEEL-DURHAM-TORONTO GROUNDWATER STUDY**

Update on status of tri-regional, York Peel Durham Toronto (YPDT) and Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition groundwater initiatives and approval of initial YPDT 2005 budget components.

*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D113/04)*

Moved by: Dave Ryan  
Seconded by: Frank Dale

**THAT WHEREAS the York-Peel-Durham-Toronto Groundwater Management Strategy Study continues to provide an example of a successful partnership initiative between the federal government, the province, municipalities and conservation authorities;**

**WHEREAS through the initiative, the partner agencies have managed to capitalize on the economies of scale to each agency's benefit by undertaking collective initiatives only once rather than taking different approaches at each agency;**

**WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine provides a common physiographic link to all of the partner agencies;**

**AND WHEREAS this partnership is supported by key staff at the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) and Earthfx Incorporated,**

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to implement the following components of the 2005 work plan of the YPDT Groundwater Management Strategy Study:**

- **establish an agreement with the GSC to provide ongoing geoscience services in 2005;**
- **establish a multi-year agreement with Earthfx Incorporated to continue to provide ongoing modeling, database and website management services to the partner agencies; and**
- **make formal presentation(s) of the study progress to the Planning and Public Works Committees at the Regions of York, Peel, Durham and the City of Toronto, as well as the boards of the partner conservation authorities.**

**CARRIED**

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**SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION**

**RES.#A19/05 -**

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Moved by: Elaine Moore  
Seconded by: Andrew Schulz

**THAT Ontario Regulation items 8.4.1 - 8.4.15, inclusive, contained in Section II of Executive Committee Minutes #13/04, held on February 4, 2005, be received.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A20/05 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION**

Moved by: Elaine Moore  
Seconded by: Andrew Schulz

**THAT Section II items 8.5 - 8.7, inclusive, contained in Executive Committee Minutes #13/04, held on February 4, 2005, be received.**

**CARRIED**

**Section II Items 8.5 - 8.7, Inclusive**

CONTRACT FOR LOW LEVEL GATE AND GATE GUIDE REPAIRS AT G. ROSS LORD DAM  
(Executive Res.#B297/04)

HYDROGEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING  
(Executive Res.#B2978/04)

SHOREPLAN ENGINEERING LIMITED - CONTRACT EXTENSION  
(Executive Res.#B299/04)

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**SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD**

**RES.#A21/05 - SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD**

Moved by: John Sprovieri  
Seconded by: Glenn Mason

**THAT Section IV item 9.5 - 2004 Fleet Usage Summary, contained in Sustainable Communities Board Minutes #7/04, held on February 4, 2005, be received.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A22/05 - SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD**

Moved by: Andrew Schulz  
Seconded by: Michael Thompson

**THAT Section IV items 10.6 - 10.10, inclusive, contained in Watershed Management Advisory Board Minutes #8/04, held on February 11, 2005, be received.**

**CARRIED**

**Section IV Items 10.6 - 10.10, Inclusive**

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FLOOD FORECASTING AND  
WARNING PROGRAM

*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D114/04)*

DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL MINUTES

*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D115/04)*

DUFFINS CARRUTHERS WATERSHED RESOURCE GROUP MINUTES

*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D116/04)*

ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D117/04)*

ROUGE WATERSHED TASK FORCE MINUTES

*(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D118/04)*

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Denney, assumed the Chair for the Annual Meeting and conducted the 2005 Election of Officers.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR 2005-2006**

The Secretary-Treasurer can advise that all the persons listed below have been duly appointed and are entitled to sit as Members of this Authority for the 2005-2006 year.

### **ADJALA-TOSORONTIO/MONO**

Glenn Mason

### **DURHAM**

Colleen Jordan  
Gerri Lynn O'Connor  
Dave Ryan

### **TORONTO**

Maria Augimeri  
Bas Balkissoon  
Gay Cowbourne  
Glenn De Baeremaeker  
Rob Ford  
Pamela Gough  
David Gurin  
Suzan Hall  
Cliff Jenkins  
Peter Milczyn  
Dick O'Brien  
Shelley Petrie  
Andrew Schulz  
Michael Thompson

### **PEEL**

Frank Dale  
Elaine Moore  
Maja Prentice  
John Sprovieri  
Nancy Stewart

### **YORK**

David Barrow  
Michael Di Biase  
Bill Fisch  
Bill O'Donnell  
Linda Pabst

**RES.#A23/04 - APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

Moved by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor  
Seconded by: Bill O'Donnell

**THAT Mr. Paul Speck, Vice President, Aon Reed Stenhouse, and Mr. Bruce Ketcheson, Partner, Ritchie Ketcheson Hart and Biggart, be appointed as scrutineers for the election of officers, if required.**

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR OF THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Dick O'Brien was nominated by Gerri Lynn O'Connor.

**RES.#A24/04 - MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS**

Moved by: Michael Di Biase  
Seconded by: Michael Thompson

**THAT nominations for the office of Chair of the Authority be closed.**

**CARRIED**

**Dick O'Brien** was declared elected by acclamation as Chair of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

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**VICE CHAIR OF THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Gerri Lynn O'Connor was nominated by Bill O'Donnell.

**RES.#A25/04 - MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS**

Moved by: Michael Di Biase  
Seconded by: Dave Ryan

**THAT nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Authority be closed.**

**CARRIED**

**Gerri Lynn O'Connor** was declared elected by acclamation as Vice Chair of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

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**THE CITY OF TORONTO REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bas Balkissoon was nominated by David Barrow.

**RES.#A26/04 - MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS**

Moved by: Michael Di Biase  
Seconded by: Elaine Moore

**THAT nominations for the City of Toronto representative on the Executive Committee be closed.**

**CARRIED**

**Bas Balkissoon** was declared elected by acclamation as the City of Toronto representative on the Executive Committee.

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**RES.#A27/04 - DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS**

Moved by: David Barrow  
Seconded by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor

**THAT the ballots, printed for any 2005 election, be destroyed.**

**CARRIED**

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**RES.#A28/05 - ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Appointment of members of the Authority to the three advisory boards.

Moved by: David Barrow  
Seconded by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor

**THAT the following list of advisory board members be approved:**

**Business Excellence Advisory Board**

**Dave Barrow  
Bas Balkissoon  
Bill Fisch  
Rob Ford  
Peter Milczyn  
Bill O'Donnell  
Maja Prentice**

**Sustainable Communities Board**

**Maria Augimeri  
Glenn De Baeremaeker  
Michael Di Biase  
Suzan Hall  
Colleen Jordan  
Glenn Mason  
Elaine Moore  
Gerri Lynn O'Connor  
Linda Pabst  
Andrew Schulz  
John Sprovieri**

**Watershed Management Advisory Board**

**Gay Cowbourne  
Frank Dale  
Pamela Gough  
David Gurin  
Cliff Jenkins  
Shelley Petrie  
Dave Ryan  
Nancy Stewart  
Michael Thompson**

**AND FURTHER THAT Clause 20 of Section V of the Rules of Conduct be altered for the 2005-2006 Authority year such that as many as 11 Members may sit on an advisory board.**

**CARRIED**

**RATIONALE**

The appointments to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) were made by the member municipalities. As per Section 17 of the Rules of Conduct of the Authority, each member of the Authority shall serve on one of the advisory boards, except the Chair of the Authority shall be a member, ex officio, of each advisory board.

Clause 8.1 of Section III of the Rules of Conduct reads, in part, as follows:

*...The election of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Advisory Boards and the election of the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be held every three years at the Annual Meeting immediately following every municipal election;*

*In the event any Chair, Vice Chair or Executive Member does not wish or is unable to continue to hold their position for the full three year term, they will make this known to the Secretary-Treasurer in advance of the first meeting of the Authority in each calendar year and an election for this position shall be held.*

The Chair's and Vice Chair's of the Advisory Boards have advised that they wish to remain in their respective positions.

All members have advised TRCA staff of their preference for appointment, and this is reflected in the recommendation. Eleven Members have requested positions on the Sustainable Communities Board, contrary to Clause 20 of Section V of the Rules of Conduct. This section, which reads as follows, must therefore be amended for the 2005-2006 Authority year to allow for this:

*No Advisory Board shall have more than ten members.*

**Report prepared by: Kathy Stranks, extension 5264**  
**For Information contact: Kathy Stranks, extension 5264**  
**Date: February 14, 2005**

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## **TERMINATION**

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 10:17 a.m., on Friday, February 25, 2005.

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Dick O'Brien  
Chair

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Brian Denney  
Secretary-Treasurer

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