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THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY #7/07
September 28, 2007**

The Authority Meeting #7/07, was held in the South Theatre, Black Creek Pioneer Village, on Friday, September 28, 2007. The Chair Gerri Lynn O'Connor, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m..

PRESENT

Eve Adams	Member
Paul Ainslie	Member
Maria Augimeri	Vice Chair
David Barrow	Member
Bryan Bertie	Member
Laurie Bruce	Member
Bill Fisch	Member
Rob Ford	Member
Grant Gibson	Member
Jack Heath	Member
Colleen Jordan	Member
Peter Milczyn	Member
Ron Moeser	Member
Gerri Lynn O'Connor	Chair
Linda Pabst	Member
John Parker	Member
Anthony Perruzza	Member
Maja Prentice	Member
Gino Rosati	Member
John Sprovieri	Member
Richard Whitehead	Member

ABSENT

Gay Cowbourne	Member
Glenn De Baeremaeker	Member
Lois Griffin	Member
Suzan Hall	Member
Bonnie Littley	Member
Glenn Mason	Member
Reenga Mathivanan	Member

RES.#A173/07 - MINUTES

Moved by: Ron Moeser
Seconded by: Linda Pabst

THAT the Minutes of Meeting #6/07, held on July 27, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

- (a) A presentation by Kevin Bowser, Manager, Parks, Etobicoke York District, Parks, Forestry & Recreation, City of Toronto, in regard to item 7.2 - Toronto Urban Farm at Black Creek Pioneer Village.
- (b) A presentation by Elbert van Donkersgoed, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee, in regard to Enhancing Near-Urban Agriculture: The GTA Agricultural Action Plan.

RES.#A174/07 - PRESENTATIONS

Moved by: Maria Augimeri
Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT above-noted presentation (a) be heard and received.

CARRIED

RES.#A175/07 - PRESENTATIONS

Moved by: Maria Augimeri
Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT above-noted presentation (b) be heard and received.

CARRIED

SECTION I - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY ACTION

RES.#A176/07 - HEART LAKE CONSERVATION AREA

Outdoor Aquatic Playground. Award of contract for the development of the Heart Lake Conservation Area Outdoor Aquatic Playground.

Moved by: Maja Prentice
Seconded by: Colleen Jordan

THAT the contract for the construction of the Heart Lake Conservation Area Outdoor Aquatic Playground be awarded to Gateman-Milloy Inc., at an upset cost not to exceed \$1,100,000, plus 10% for contingencies, plus applicable taxes, it being the lowest tender received that met Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) specifications;

THAT award of the contract be subject to terms and conditions satisfactory to TRCA staff and legal advisers, including but not limited to determination of the final contract cost not to exceed the approved amount;

THAT should staff be unable to achieve an acceptable contract with the above-mentioned contractor, staff be authorized to enter into contract negotiations with other contractors that submitted tenders, beginning with the second lowest bidder;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized and directed to take such actions as is necessary to implement the contract including the signing of documents.

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

It is the intent of TRCA to draw an expanded and diverse client base to Heart Lake Conservation Area in order to increase revenue. It is also the intention of TRCA to pursue the recommendations outlined in the Heart Lake Conservation Area Master Plan in its entirety.

At Authority Meeting #5/06, held on June 23, 2006, Resolution #A133/06 regarding the endorsement of the Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA) Master Plan was approved as follows:

THAT the Heart Lake Conservation Area Master Plan, dated June 1, 2006 be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT funding for the implementation of the plan be included in the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) capital budget plan for Peel Region 2007 – 2011.

One of the key recommendations of the HLCA Master Plan is the development of a state of the art outdoor aquatic playground to replace natural swimming in Heart Lake. Heart Lake suffers from algal blooms and has a murky bottom which contributes to a poor swimming experience. In order to support Heart Lake's shoreline naturalization project and restoration to a warm water fishery, swimming is to be discontinued. However, the removal of swimming is to coincide with the installation of the outdoor aquatic playground.

As a result of and in conjunction with the recently endorsed HLCA Master Plan and approved capital budget funding from the Regional Municipality of Peel, staff retained the services of Harrington and Hoyle Landscape Architects for the preparation of the outdoor aquatic playground facility design. Over the last few months staff worked closely with Harrington and Hoyle Landscape Architects to prepare and refine the design and construction drawings required to move forward with the tendering and building permit process.

The outdoor aquatic playground is to be constructed on the lands owned and operated by TRCA as Heart Lake Conservation Area. The design features a state of the art barrier free 1,300 square metre (m²) wetland theme outdoor aquatic playground. Key design features of the facility include;

- 30+ wetland theme, user activated features aquatic playground elements and shade structures. These elements are necessary to expand upon the existing client base and make the Heart Lake outdoor aquatic playground a destination point;
- 550 person capacity;
- state of the art 10,000 gallon sand filtered closed loop water recycling system. This system filters and reuses water, thus reducing the accumulation of waste water and need for fresh water input;
- ultraviolet (UV) water sanitation system;
- wastewater that is generated through operational maintenance will be distributed through a dispersal system to irrigate surrounding soft landscaping;
- energy and water efficient mechanical and washroom facilities, including low flow toilets and faucets, sensor automated lights and energy efficient pumps; and
- green technologies will be incorporated into the facility where deemed feasible.

In conjunction with Harrington and Hoyle Landscape Architects staff prepared a Request for Tender for the complete installation of the approved aquatic facility design.

Based on the uniqueness and size of the project, the following firms were invited to submit tenders for the project;

- Aldershot Landscape Contractors
- Alpine Sodding & Landscaping
- Ferdom Construction
- Gateman-Milloy Inc.
- Melfer Construction Ltd.
- Mopal Construction Ltd.
- Pine Valley Ent. Inc.
- R. Galati Contracting Ltd.
- Rutherford Contracting

Tender documents and drawings were distributed to the aforementioned general contractors on August 20, 2007. The tender closed on September 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.. The public opening was held on September 7, 2007 at TRCA's Head Office. Tenders were received as follows;

COMPANY	BID
FERDOM CONSTRUCTION	\$1,563,615.50
GATEMAN-MILLOY Inc.	\$1,409,933.07
MELFER CONSTRUCTION LTD.	\$1,522,011.60
MOPAL CONSTRUCTION LTD.	\$1,486,544.00
PINE VALLEY ENT. INC.	\$1,553,281.60

ANALYSIS

Staff evaluated the proposals based on criteria that included;

- completeness;
- compliance with tender requirements;
- relevant project experience;
- references; and
- fee proposals.

Based on the evaluation criteria and recommendations from Harrington and Hoyle Landscape Architects, staff concluded that the tender submitted by Gateman-Milloy Inc. meets all requirements set out in the tender documents and is the lowest bid received.

Subsequently, staff evaluated the tenders and determined that the lowest tendered bid is over the approved available budget of \$1,100,000.00. Staff recommends that the following series of cost saving measures be implemented during the contract negotiating phase in order to reduce project cost;

- 1) line item deletions: the project's scope of work to be altered by directly deleting line items from the tender form;
- 2) revisions using submitted unit prices: the project's scope of work to be altered by revising the quantity of selected design elements (*revised prices shall be calculated by applying the unit prices for addition and deletion of items submitted by the contractor on the tender form*) ; and
- 3) negotiated reductions using submitted lump sum prices after redesign: reductions to be achieved through the redesign of selected project elements and subsequent negotiations with the contractor.

As a result of cost saving measure implementation, the integrity of the project will remain intact and not be compromised, and the completed outdoor aquatic playground facility will become a destination attraction.

Staff is confident that as a result of implementing the above outlined cost saving measures during the contract negotiating phase, Gateman-Milloy Inc. will conduct the required tasks in a timely and cost effective manner that meet the approved facility budget of \$1,100,000.00 and the opening date of July 1, 2008. If staff is unable to come to a mutually agreeable contract, then staff will enter into contact negotiations with the next lowest bidder.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

The bid prices received through the tender process were in keeping with industry expectations for the contract given the type and scope of work and current construction market conditions.

Funds required to support and complete this project are available from Peel Region within the Public Use Peel Region Capital Budget account #422-10.

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RES.#A177/07 -

CONSERVATION LAND TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Update on the realty tax exemptions under the Community Conservation Lands criteria of the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program.

Moved by: Jack Heath
Seconded by: Bryan Bertie

WHEREAS on December 10, 2004, the Ontario government announced Ontario Regulation 388/04 under the Assessment Act which expanded the criteria for lands that are eligible to receive a property tax exemption under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program (CLTIP);

WHEREAS the deadline for applications under Regulation 388/04 for the 2005 taxation year was February 28, 2005;

WHEREAS Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff expressed uncertainty regarding what specific supporting documentation should be submitted with applications;

WHEREAS MNR staff assured Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff that TRCA would be given the opportunity to provide any additional supporting information required;

WHEREAS TRCA delivered 327 applications to MNR on February 28, 2005 with pertinent supporting documentation with the expectation that if further issues arose these would be discussed and further information could be submitted;

WHEREAS although it was MNR's target to review all applications by mid-2005, TRCA did not receive the results of its review until April 10, 2007, with no opportunity for discussion or further submission of information;

WHEREAS MNR declined 250 of TRCA's 327 applications with little or no explanation;

WHEREAS MNR stated that in spite of the delay in reviewing TRCA's applications, the opportunity to resubmit for 2005 and 2006 has been lost;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Natural Resources be requested to review the MNR staff decision relating to TRCA's disallowed applications with a view to recognizing the validity of the TRCA applications;

AND FURTHER THAT TRCA's participating municipalities be requested to endorse the resolution and forward their endorsement to the Minister of Natural Resources.

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2004, the Ontario government announced Ontario Regulation 388/04 under the Assessment Act. The regulation came into force on January 1, 2005 for the 2005 taxation year. This regulation expands the criteria for lands that are eligible to receive a property tax exemption under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. These new eligible lands are known as Community Conservation Lands (CCL). Properties must meet one of the following 11 criteria to qualify as Community Conservation Lands:

- natural heritage features or areas identified in the Provincial Policy Statement;
- regionally significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest;
- habitats of species of special concern;
- species occurrences or ecological communities designated as S1 (extremely rare), S2 (very rare), or S3 (rare to uncommon) by the Ministry of Natural Resources' Natural Heritage Information Centre;
- natural areas within the natural core area, natural linkage area or countryside designations in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan;
- natural heritage areas identified within a regional or watershed plan or strategy;
- lands within a municipal official plan or zoning by-law designated as environmental protection or an equivalent designation;
- lands located within a Featured Area (Signature Site) set out in the Land Use Strategy that contribute to natural heritage protection;
- escarpment protection areas within the Niagara Escarpment Plan;
- areas identified under the Great Lakes Wetlands Conservation Action Plan;
- areas within or adjacent to protected areas, such as provincial parks, that contribute to the natural heritage objectives of the protected area.

To be eligible to receive an exemption under the Community Conservation Lands classification it was necessary to file an application with MNR for each assessment roll number by February 28, 2005 for the 2005 taxation year and on or before July 31 of the previous year for any subsequent taxation year.

This regulation gave TRCA two months to prepare and submit the necessary applications. Although numerous discussions were held with MNR staff, there was a great deal of uncertainty regarding what specific supporting documentation should be submitted in conjunction with TRCA's applications. It was TRCA's understanding that MNR received a number of telephone calls from other conservation authorities (CAs) with similar concerns and frustrations. Due to the level of confusion from all sides, MNR suggested that at the very least, all CAs should submit their applications on or before the February 28, 2005 deadline date to formally qualify and if additional information was deemed necessary resulting from MNR's subsequent review, TRCA would be given the opportunity to provide any additional supporting information.

TRCA staff relied on this statement and, due to this and the very short time frame in which to apply, focused on gathering all the required documentation for lands which would, based on the information available at that time, have the greatest potential to qualify for property tax exemption. TRCA delivered 327 applications with pertinent supporting documentation to MNR in Peterborough, Ontario, on February 28, 2005 with the expectation that if further issues arose these would be discussed and further information could be submitted.

Based on the then current market value assessments and applicable municipal tax rates, it was estimated that the aforementioned submissions could result in tax savings to TRCA of approximately \$256,190 for the 2005 taxation year and a further anticipated savings of approximately \$231,751 for the 2006 tax year. Of these amounts, \$75,000 was approved for 2005 and \$85,000 for 2006, leaving approximately \$328,000 outstanding.

In early March of 2005, follow up discussions were held with MNR to ascertain when TRCA could reasonably expect its applications to be reviewed. The timing of such reviews was critical: if appeals on assessments were to be made, they had to be submitted by March 31, 2005. MNR informed TRCA that it was overwhelmed by the large amount of applications that they had received and, as a result, it would take a month or so before they could estimate review dates. MNR indicated their target was to have all conservation land applications reviewed for approval and forwarded to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) offices by the end of June, 2005. This did not happen.

In June of 2005, TRCA was told that since over half of all the applications reviewed were, in MNR's view, either incomplete, incorrect or lacking the necessary supporting documentation, CAs would be contacted (electronically) by MNR to advise them of when the review process for their applicable applications would commence. CAs would also be informed if additional information would be required to complete the review. MNR indicated that, in one particular instance, a complete set of incomplete applications forms were returned to a CA with the understanding that when they were properly completed, they could be resubmitted to MNR for review. This again led TRCA staff to believe that information, as deemed necessary, could in fact be submitted to MNR after the original deadline date of February 28, 2005. During the remainder of 2005 and all of 2006, MNR continued to set completion dates and did not meet them.

On April 10, 2007, TRCA received an email from MNR with the outcome of MNR's review. Of the 327 applications, 250 were declined with little or no rationale. Up until this time TRCA was working on the understanding that it would have the opportunity to respond accordingly to any of the applications that were declined by MNR prior to any submission to MPAC by MNR. However, much to TRCA staff surprise, MNR indicated that the review process for the TRCA applications was complete, that all information had been forwarded to MPAC and that TRCA would not be allowed the opportunity to comment, provide any additional supporting information or appeal the decisions rendered. In short there would be no consultation, no opportunity to clarify and no opportunity to "appeal." This was completely contrary to the understanding that had been previously given.

TRCA staff was told that the matter (in terms of 2005/2006) was closed. A letter from Mr. Charles Lauer, Acting Deputy Minister (Attachment 1), states that "TRCA's declined applications,... cannot be resubmitted for the 2005 or 2006 tax years." MNR staff told TRCA no recourse was, nor would be made, available on the applications for 2005 or 2006. However, when an error in their review of an application was brought to MNR's attention for one of the properties that was declined, they were able to change the status of the application to be eligible even though MNR had already made their submission to MPAC. MNR would also allow TRCA the opportunity to resubmit for 2007 CCL applications declined for the 2005 and 2006 tax years (along with additional supporting documentation as indicated).

TRCA staff also has concerns over why the majority of its applications for Managed Forest properties were not approved for 2005/2006. Given that the Managed Forest component represented over half of the anticipated tax savings for the two years (\$173,000 of \$328,000), TRCA takes issue with the fact that in essence, it appeared that MNR turned those applications down based on fact that they considered that TRCA's harvesting activities had 'commercial intent'.

TRCA staff indicated that any harvesting operations on TRCA properties are carried out within the scope of good forest practices and offered the following comments:

- the objective of thinning is to encourage the regeneration of more shade tolerant species in an effort to hasten the conversion of stands from an even aged monoculture to a more natural all aged climax type forest.
- While operations do generate some revenue from timber sales, the overall cost of managing the property far exceeds the revenue. It would be neither prudent nor financially responsible to not sell harvested material to offset the cost of managing the properties when a market does exist.
- TRCA's objective is not to grow trees for lumber but to achieve a native mixed forest.
- In many of TRCA's properties where access is very difficult, staff has undertaken thinning operations to release the regeneration and improve the vigor of the remaining trees. In these instances, all of the material is left in the forest.
- When the forest is already considered to be in a mature climax condition, tree removal would only be done to remove damaged, diseased or invasive trees or to improve the health and overall vigor of these stands. This is completely consistent with proper environmental management not 'commercial intent'.
- TRCA's forests would never be harvested to decrease the environmental value of the stand or its contribution to the overall objectives of TRCA.

Despite staff's explanation regarding TRCA forest management objectives, MNR is refusing to designate TRCA's managed forest lands under the CCL category.

At the September 7, 2007 meeting of the Business Excellence Advisory Board (BEAB), staff advised the board of the difficulties experienced by TRCA staff in making submissions to MNR under the CLTIP. Staff advised that a letter had been sent to the Deputy Minister seeking resolution. Staff also advised that a report would be brought to the September 28, 2007 Authority meeting if there was no satisfactory response. TRCA received a negative response from the Acting Deputy Minister on September 24, 2007.

A copy of the letter from the Acting Deputy Minister of Natural Resources is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As a result of the failure of MNR staff to deal with this issue fairly and expeditiously, TRCA is faced with a funding shortfall. TRCA has accrued for 2005 and 2006 \$487,941, of which \$328,000 remains outstanding. In 2007, the potential additional cost is \$277,000. This is reflective of an increased volume of applications. In 2008, if MNR is unwilling to consider recognizing that TRCA lands meet the criteria, an additional \$300,000 will be required as part of the TRCA operating budget. It is TRCA practice to charge back the cost of taxes on lands to the participating municipality in whose jurisdiction the lands are located.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Since MNR staff are not willing to address TRCA concerns with the process, staff are recommending that TRCA request that the Minister intervene to correct this situation.

A second option would be a judicial review of MNR's decision. It is TRCA's solicitor's opinion that MNR has not acted properly, has made a number of incorrect decisions based on information believed not to be completely accurate and received from other sources and has failed to give TRCA a fair hearing.

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Attachments: 1

Attachment 1

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SEP 20 2007

Mr. Brian Denney
Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Mr. Denney:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 2007, regarding the Community Conservation Lands (CCL) category of the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program (CLTIP).

It is important to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and to all participants in CLTIP that it is administered in a fair and equitable manner while maintaining the intent of the program. To that end, MNR staff will continue to work with TRCA to bring all eligible properties into CLTIP.

As for TRCA's declined applications, they cannot be resubmitted for the 2005 or 2006 tax years at this time as the *Assessment Act, 2001*, and its regulations do not provide a mechanism to revisit assessment and taxation once the tax year has passed.

While the deadline for 2007 CLTIP applications has passed, we can and will process resubmitted and approved applications for the 2007 tax year through Minutes of Settlement under the authority of the CLTIP Administrator, as well as processing them for the 2008 tax year.

I appreciate your interest in discussing this matter further. I have asked Pat Freistatter, Manager of Biodiversity Section, to contact you to follow up on this matter. In the meantime, should you wish to contact her directly, Ms. Freistatter can be reached at (705) 755-5105.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Charlie Lauer
Acting Deputy Minister

c: Pat Freistatter, Manager, Biodiversity Section, Fish and Wildlife Branch
David Hintz, Coordinator, Biodiversity/Habitat Unit, Fish and Wildlife Branch

RES.#A178/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project. Acquisition of property rights on the Lake Ontario shoreline, City of Toronto, in the Scarborough Community Council Area, to facilitate the construction of Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project.

Moved by: Maja Prentice
Seconded by: Colleen Jordan

THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) acquire the following property rights to facilitate the construction of the Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project:

Parcel 'A'

THAT TRCA acquire a temporary working easement for access on the southerly 10 metres of lands owned by Lois Code being Part of Lot 4, Registered Plan 2413, City of Toronto (formerly City of Scarborough) and municipal known as 469 Guildwood Parkway;

THAT the term of the temporary easement be 18 months commencing October 1, 2007;

THAT the rent be \$15,000 plus \$1,000 on account of the vendor's legal fees.

Parcel 'B'

THAT TRCA acquire a temporary working easement for access on the southerly 10 metres of lands owned by Roy and Denise Wright being Part of Lot 5, Registered Plan 2413, City of Toronto (formerly City of Scarborough) and municipal known as 471 Guildwood Parkway;

THAT the term of the temporary easement be 18 months commencing October 1, 2007;

THAT the rent be \$15,000 plus \$1,000 on account of the vendor's legal fees.

Parcel 'C'

THAT a parcel of land containing 0.049 hectares (0.121 acres) being Part of Lot 6, Registered Plan 2413, designated as Part 8 on Plan 64R-11988, City of Toronto (formerly City of Scarborough) and municipal known as 477 Guildwood Parkway be purchased from Linda Ambos;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00 plus vendor's reasonable legal costs.

Parcel 'D'

THAT an easement for access containing 0.033 hectares (0.082 acres) being Part of Lot 7, Registered Plan 2413, designated as Part 2 on Plan 64R-11988, City of Toronto (formerly City of Scarborough) and municipal known as 483 Guildwood Parkway be purchased from Le Chau LY;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00 plus vendor's reasonable legal costs.

THAT 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 transactions 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

BACKGROUND

The Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project was originally developed in 1987 to provide protection for twenty-three (23) residential dwellings along the Scarborough Bluffs. Due to unresolved property issues, protective works were not completed along the entire length of the Guildwood Parkway sector. Currently, 600 m of the most westerly portion of the Guildwood Parkway sector is provided with shoreline protection in the form of an armourstone revetment, constructed as part of the original Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project.

Phase 2 of the project was initiated in 2004 to complete shoreline stabilization and erosion control works for the remaining nine (9) properties not protected in the first phase. The proposed remedial works will provide protection for 170 m of shoreline, from the end of the existing revetment to below 483 Guildwood Parkway, just west of Morningside Avenue.

While most of the affected landowners participated in the design process for Phase 2 and were satisfied with the final design, the owners of 469 and 471 Guildwood Parkway have recently withdrawn their support of the project.

In the late 1980's the owner of 471 Guildwood Parkway undertook extensive top dumping to stabilize the bluff in front of his property. This work also provided protection for his neighbour at 469 Guildwood Parkway. The work was done with a permit from TRCA. This owners of 469 and 471 Guildwood Parkway feel that they do not require the work to protect their property, however they are willing to rent the necessary land to TRCA for access during construction at \$10,000 each per year.

RATIONALE

The subject property is required for the construction of the Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project.

TAXES AND MAINTENANCE

The parcel of land to be acquired will be turned over to the City of Toronto under the terms of the existing management agreement.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funds for the costs related to this purchase are available in the Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project, through the City of Toronto capital.

Report prepared by: Mike Fenning, extension 5223

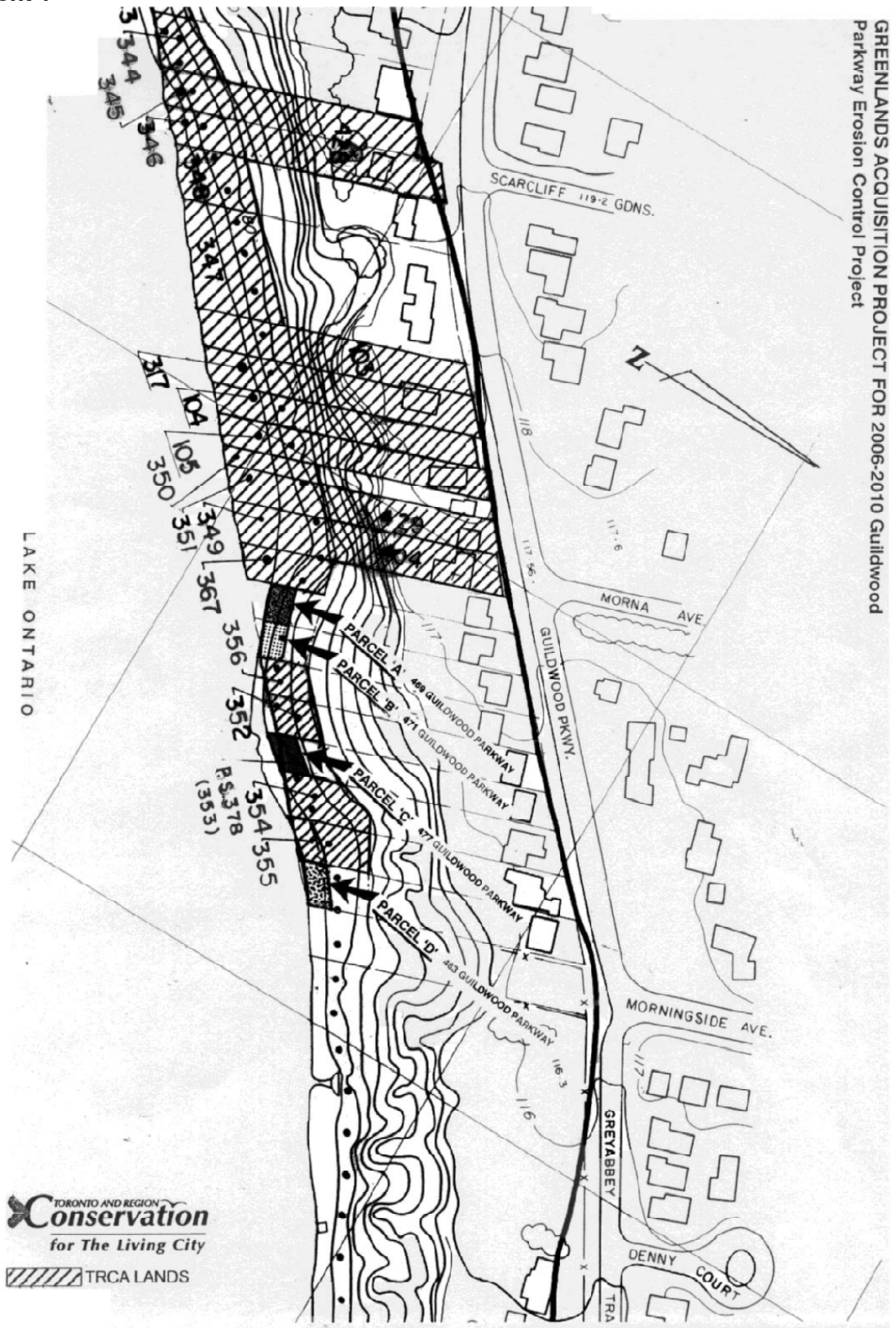
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Date: September 26, 2007

Attachments: 1



RES.#A179/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Lake Ontario Waterfront, Pickering/Ajax Sector
Estate of Edwin Stanley Nice, CFN 35813. Acquisition of a property, located south of Bayly Street, west of Liverpool Road, Frenchman's Bay Area of the City of Pickering, Regional Municipality of Durham, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Lake Ontario Waterfront, Pickering/Ajax Sector.
(Executive Res.#B91/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 0.86 hectares (2.13 acres), more or less, consisting of an irregular shaped parcel of vacant land, said lands being Part of Lots 31, 32 and 33, Registered Plan 239 and Part of Lot 24, Range 3, Broken Front Concession, City of Pickering, Regional Municipality of Durham, located south of Bayly Street, west of Liverpool Road, be purchased from Estate of Edwin Stanley Nice;

THAT the purchase price be \$27,500;

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

THAT Gardiner Roberts, Barristers and 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 by TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction including execution and signing of all necessary documentation.

CARRIED

RES.#A180/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Duffins Creek Watershed
William and Judith Wilder, CFN 37727. Acquisition of a partial taking, located on the west side of Concession Road 4, south of Durham Road 21, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Duffins Creek watershed.
(Executive Res.#B92/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 2.4 hectares (6 acres), more or less, consisting of an irregular shaped parcel of vacant land, said lands being Part of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 3, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, located on the west side of Concession Road 4, south of Durham Road 21, be purchased from William and Judith Wilder;

THAT the purchase price be \$60,000 (6 acres @ \$10,000);

THAT acquisition by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is conditional on all necessary funding being available;

THAT TRCA grant a conservation easement to the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust;

THAT TRCA receive conveyance of the land required free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT Gardiner Roberts, Barristers and 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 by TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction including execution and signing of all necessary documentation.

CARRIED

RES.#A181/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Don River Watershed Andridge Homes Ltd., CFN 39394. Purchase of property located west of Bathurst Street and south of Teston Road, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Don River watershed.

(Executive Res.#B93/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead

Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 4.31 hectares (10.66 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Lots 23, 24 and 25, Concession 2 and designated as Blocks 36, 37, 38, 152, 153, 155 and 157 on draft Plans of Subdivision prepared by Schaeffer & Dzaldov Ltd., Ontario Land Surveyors, under their Job Nos. 03-872-00A and 03-870-00B, dated May 17, 2007 and June 4, 2007, respectively, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, located west of Bathurst Street and south of Teston Road be purchased from Andridge Homes Ltd.;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT 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

RES.#A182/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Humber River Watershed Estate of Kathleen Joan Campbell, CFN 39582. Acquisition of a parcel of land municipally known as 9784 Columbia Way, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project For 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Humber River watershed.

(Executive Res.#B94/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead

Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 37 hectares (92 acres), more or less, consisting of an irregular shaped parcel of land improved with a detached frame single family dwelling, inground pool and Quonset hut, said lands being Part of Lot 1, Concession 8, Albion, Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel, municipally known as 9784 Columbia Way, be purchased from the Estate of Kathleen Joan Campbell;

THAT the purchase price be \$900,000.00;

THAT acquisition by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is conditional on all necessary funding being available;

THAT TRCA grant a conservation easement to the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust;

THAT TRCA receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT Gardiner Roberts, Barristers and 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 by TRCA;

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

CARRIED

RES.#A183/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River Watershed
1666001 Ontario Limited, CFN 39627. Acquisition of a property located at
11188 Yonge Street, west side of Yonge Street and south of Gamble
Road, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, under the
"Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and
Conservation Component, Rouge River watershed.
(Executive Res.#B95/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 0.630 hectares (1.55 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Lot 5 and Block A, Registered Plan 1642 and designated as Part 3 on Plan 65R-30150, prepared by E.R. Garden Limited OLS under file #07-4711, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, located at 11188 Yonge St, east side of Yonge Street and south of Gamble Road, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, be purchased from 1666001 Ontario Limited;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

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

THAT 1666001 Ontario Limited provide a temporary Right-Of-Way to TRCA across their retained land for access for maintenance until direct permanent access to the property is available;

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 by TRCA;

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

CARRIED

RES.#A184/07 -

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Flood Plain and Conservation Component , Carruthers Creek Watershed
Loblaw Properties Ltd., CFN 39663. Acquisition of a property located on
Bayly Street East, west of Audley Road North, Town of Ajax, Regional
Municipality of Durham, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for
2006-2010" Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Carruthers Creek
Watershed
(Executive Res.#B96/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 16.48 hectares (40.72 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Parts 22 and 24 on Registered Plan 40R-24988, Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham, located on Bayly Street East, west of Audley Road North be purchased from Loblaw Properties Ltd.;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT 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 by TRCA;

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

CARRIED

RES.#A185/07 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010
Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Duffins Creek Watershed
Gary Ruona and Liivi Kask-Ruona, CFN 39664. Acquisition of a partial
taking, located on the north side of Webb Road, east of Concession
Road 2 and municipally known as 230 Webb Road, Township of
Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, under the "Greenlands
Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation
Component, Duffins Creek watershed.
(Executive Res.#B97/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 0.1 hectares (0.25 acres), more or less, consisting of an irregular shaped parcel of vacant land, said lands being Part of Lot 6, Concession 2, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, located on the north side of Webb Road, east of Concession Road 2 and municipally known as 230 Webb Road, be purchased from Gary Ruona and Liivi Kask-Ruona;

THAT the purchase price be \$15,000.00;

THAT acquisition by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is conditional on all necessary funding being available;

THAT TRCA grant a conservation easement to the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust;

THAT TRCA receive conveyance of the land required free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT Gardiner Roberts, Barristers and 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 by TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction including execution and signing of all necessary documentation.

CARRIED

RES.#A186/07 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010
Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Duffins Creek Watershed
Churchill Chimes Equestrian Centre Ltd., CFN 39665. Acquisition of a
partial taking, located on the north side of Webb Road, east of
Concession Road 2 and municipally known as 246 Webb Road,
Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, under the
"Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and
Conservation Component, Duffins Creek watershed.
(Executive Res.#B98/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT 0.1 hectares (0.25 acres), more or less, consisting of an irregular shaped parcel of vacant land, said lands being Part of Lot 6, Concession 2, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, located on the north side of Webb Road, east of Concession Road 2 and municipally known as 246 Webb Road, be purchased from Churchill Chimes Equestrian Centre Ltd.;

THAT the purchase price be \$15,000.00;

THAT acquisition by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is conditional on all necessary funding being available;

THAT TRCA grant a conservation easement to the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust;

THAT TRCA receive conveyance of the land required free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT Gardiner Roberts, Barristers and 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 by TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction including execution and signing of all necessary documentation.

CARRIED

RES.#A187/07 -

BELL CANADA

Request for Permanent Easement for the Relocation of a Telephone Cable Conduit, Humber River Watershed, City of Toronto (North York Community Council Area), CFN 38608. Receipt of a request from Bell Canada to provide a permanent easement for the relocation of a telephone cable conduit on the north side of Finch Avenue (at the Black Creek culvert), west of Sentinel Road, Humber River watershed, City of Toronto (North York Community Council Area).
(Executive Res.#B99/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is in receipt of a request from Bell Canada to provide a permanent easement for the relocation of a telephone cable conduit on the north side of Finch Avenue (at the Black Creek culvert), west of Sentinel Road, Humber River watershed, City of Toronto (North York Community Council Area);

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 Bell Canada in this instance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT a permanent easement containing 0.043 hectares (0.105 acres), more or less, be granted to Bell Canada for the relocation of a telephone cable conduit, said land being Part of Lot 21, Concession 4 WYS, City of Toronto (North York Community Council Area), designated as Parts 2 to 11, inclusive, on Plan 66R-23086;

THAT TRCA grant the easement across the subject land on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The easement price is to be the sum of \$10,000.00;**
- (b) Bell Canada is to pay all TRCA's legal, appraisal, survey and other costs incurred to complete the transaction;**
- (c) Bell Canada is to fully indemnify TRCA from any and all claims for injuries, damages or costs of any nature, resulting in any way, either directly or indirectly, from the granting of this easement or carrying out construction;**

(d) Any additional conditions as deemed appropriate by TRCA's solicitor.

THAT a permit pursuant to Ontario Regulation 166/06 be obtained for the construction;

THAT an archaeological investigation is to be conducted by TRCA Archaeology staff with any mitigative measures required being carried out at the expense of Bell Canada;

THAT the granting of this easement is subject to consultation with the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department who manage these lands on behalf of TRCA;

THAT said agreement be subject to the approval of the Minister of Natural Resources in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.27 as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect thereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the execution of any documents.

CARRIED

RES.#A188/07 -

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Conveyance of Land for the Widening of Stouffville Road and Warden Avenue, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Rouge River Watershed, CFN 39628. Receipt of a request from the Regional Municipality of York for conveyance of land for the widening of Stouffville Road, between Warden Avenue and Kennedy Road and the widening of Warden Avenue south of Stouffville Road, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Regional Municipality of York.

(Executive Res.#B100/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead

Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is in receipt of a request from the Regional Municipality of York to convey certain lands for the widening of Stouffville Road, between Warden Avenue and Kennedy Road and the widening of Warden Avenue south of Stouffville Road, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Regional Municipality of York;

WHEREAS it is in the opinion of TRCA that 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 Regional Municipality of York in this instance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT a parcel of TRCA-owned land containing 1.04 hectares (2.57 acres), more or less, required for the widening of Stouffville Road and Warden Avenue, said land being Part of Lot 35, Concessions 5, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Regional Municipality of York, designated as Parts 6, 7 and 8; Parts 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15; Parts 6, 7 and 8 on Plans of Survey prepared by Schaeffer & Dzaldov Limited under their Project Nos. 07-045-00-04A, 07-045-00-05A and 07-045-00-06A, respectively, be conveyed to the Regional Municipality of York;

THAT consideration be the nominal sum of \$2.00, plus all legal, survey and other costs to be paid by the Regional Municipality of York;

THAT an archaeological investigation be completed, with any mitigative measures being carried out to the satisfaction of TRCA staff, at the expense of the Regional Municipality of York;

THAT the conveyance of land be subject to a landscaping plan, subject to the approval of TRCA staff;

THAT the Regional Municipality of York 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 sale or the carrying out of construction;

THAT said conveyance be subject to approval of the Minister of Natural Resources in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.27, as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect hereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the execution of any documents.

CARRIED

RES.#A189/07 -

REQUEST TO LEASE TRCA-OWNED LAND

Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli

City of Vaughan, CFN 39645. Proposal to lease approximately 0.06 hectares (0.16 acre) of Toronto and Region Conservation

Authority-owned land located north of Major Mackenzie Drive, east of

Highway 27, adjacent to 38 Highland Creek Court, City of Vaughan, for a 20 year period for landscaping purposes.

(Executive Res.#B101/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead

Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT WHEREAS the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is in receipt of a request from Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli to enter into a long-term lease arrangement for lands located on the north of Major Mackenzie Drive and east of Highway 27, adjacent to 38 Highland Creek Court, City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS it is in the opinion of TRCA that it is in the best interests of TRCA in furthering its objectives, as set out in Section 20 of the Conservation Authorities Act, to cooperate with Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli in this instance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA enter into a long-term lease of approximately 0.06 hectares, more or less, (0.16 acres) of land with Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli for landscaping purposes, said land being Part of Block 13, Plan 65M-3844, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York;

THAT the lease arrangement with Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli be premised on the following:

- (i) the term of the lease will be 20 years with no right for renewal;
- (ii) the rental rate is to be \$20,000 for the 20 year period payable in advance;
- (iii) Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the installation, maintenance and repair of the landscaping;
- (iv) Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli shall be solely responsible for payment of all realty taxes levied against the property;
- (v) any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by TRCA's solicitor.

THAT an archaeological review is to be completed at the expense of Giuseppe and Melissa Paolicelli with any mitigative measures being carried out to the satisfaction of TRCA;

THAT the lease be subject to the approval of the Minister of Natural Resources in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.27 as amended, if required;

AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect thereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the execution of any documents.

CARRIED

RES.#A190/07 -

DON RIVER BRIDGE

Hydro One Networks Incorporated. Approval for expenditure for Hydro One's involvement in the project.

(Executive Res.#B102/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

WHEREAS the Authority, by Resolution #A262/06, at meeting #9/06, held on November 24, 2006, authorized a new upset limit for expenditure of \$150,000.00 plus 10% contingency with Hydro One Networks Incorporated (HONI) for the purposes of providing administration, planning, oversight, review and relocation of the underground high voltage cables as is required for the Don River Bridge Extension works;

WHEREAS construction related delays and project complexity have resulted in HONI costs to be incurred to an upset limit of \$250,000.00;

WHEREAS the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) is aware of these higher costs and has been working with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to resolve this issue;

THEREFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT staff be authorized to amend the upset limit to \$250,000.00, plus a 10% contingency, plus applicable taxes, in order to compensate HONI for their involvement in all aspects of the relocation of the underground high voltage cables, said costs being subject to the approval of TWRC.

CARRIED

RES.#A191/07 - DON RIVER BRIDGE
Detailed Design and Construction Administration Contract With Totten Sims Hubicki. Addenda to contract with Totten Sims Hubicki.
(Executive Res.#B103/07)

Moved by: Richard Whitehead
Seconded by: Ron Moeser

WHEREAS the consultant team led by Totten Sims Hubicki (TSH) and Earth Tech were awarded a contract, pursuant to the works outlined in Authority Resolutions #A31/05 and #A99/05, at an upset cost of \$1,114,721.11 (GST inclusive);

WHEREAS Authority Resolution #A185/06, held at Authority Meeting #7/06 on September 29, 2006, authorized a new upset limit to TSH's contract of \$1,422,565.00 plus a 10% contingency of \$60,049.60;

WHEREAS a three month delay in the construction completion date for the Don River Bridge, due to project complexity, has extended the period of time required for construction administration services to be provided by TSH;

WHEREAS TSH has provided a revised budget estimate to address their construction administration costs until September 2007, the new projected construction completion date;

WHEREAS the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) has reviewed and authorized TSH's revised budget request;

WHEREAS construction is anticipated to be completed by September 2007;

THEREFORE THEREFORE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT an increase of the total contract award to an upset limit of \$1,578,422.00 plus a 10% contingency of \$75,635.30, plus applicable taxes, be authorized.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RES.#A192/07

Moved by: Jack Heath
Seconded by: Eve Adams

THAT the committee move into closed session to discuss item 9.14 - Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project.

CARRIED

ARISE AND REPORT

RES.#A193/07

Moved by: John Sprovieri
Seconded by: Maria Augimeri

THAT the committee arise and report from closed session.

CARRIED

RES.#A194/07 - PORT UNION WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(Executive Res.#B104/07)

Moved by: Ron Moeser
Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT confidential item 9.14 - Port Union Waterfront Improvement Project, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back when the item is completed and can be made public.

CARRIED

RES.#A195/07 - 2008 BUDGET PROCESS AND COST CONTAINMENT ISSUES
Advises of the 2008 budget process and responds to the City of Toronto request for consideration of cost containment in 2007 and 2008
(*Business Excellence Res.#C32/07*)

Moved by: Jack Heath
Seconded by: Paul Ainslie

THAT the staff report on the 2008 Budget Process and Cost Containment Issues be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the report be circulated to the City of Toronto City Manager.

CARRIED

RES.#A196/07 - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURAL MANUAL
Endorsement of the Planning and Development Procedural Manual to further enhance Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA's) working relationship with the development community and increase procedural transparency related to TRCA's development review and approval process.
(*Business Excellence Res.#C33/07*)

Moved by: Bill Fisch
Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff is committed to working cooperatively with the development community and all municipal partners regarding the implementation of TRCA's planning and regulatory functions, including opportunities to increase procedural transparency and streamline the review and approval process where appropriate;

WHEREAS TRCA, through its Business Excellence objective, is committed to improve the delivery of all programs, including TRCA's planning and regulatory functions;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Development Procedural Manual be endorsed;

THAT TRCA staff be given the authority to make any necessary updates to the manual to reflect any procedural issues related to legislative change or technical updates related to current practices;

AND FURTHER THAT all member municipalities and the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD, formerly GTHBA-UDI) be advised and circulated a copy of the Planning and Development Procedural Manual.

CARRIED

RES.#A197/07 - DIVERSITY STRATEGY - VISION AND VALUES
Adopting the Diversity Strategy - Vision and Values.
(*Business Excellence Res.#C34/07*)

Moved by: Bill Fisch
Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT the Diversity Strategy - Vision and Values for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), outlined in Attachment 1, be adopted;

THAT the Employee Code of Conduct be amended to include the Diversity Strategy - Vision and Values as a Commitment to Diversity and Inclusiveness in Section 2.0;

THAT the Random Acts of Recognition policy be amended to include the Diversity Champion Award, outlined in Attachment 2;

AND FURTHER THAT the Diversity Strategy - Vision and Values be publicized to TRCA staff and to the general public via the TRCA website.

CARRIED

RES.#A198/07 - CLAIREVILLE CONSERVATION AREA
Agricultural Research and Training Facility Proposal by FarmStart at the Claireville Conservation Area, City of Brampton. Approval to enter into lease negotiations with FarmStart for the purpose of establishing a research and training farm that will develop locally based, ecologically sustainable and economically viable agricultural enterprises on Toronto and Region Conservation Authority land in Claireville Conservation Area.
(*Business Excellence Res.#C35/07*)

Moved by: Bill Fisch
Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) enter into lease negotiations with FarmStart for approximately 10 hectares (25 acres) of land being Part of Lot 7, Concession 8, N.D., City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel;

THAT the term of the lease agreement be not more than five years with the option for renewal;

THAT the lease payment be on fair market value terms, for the term of the agreement;

THAT the agreement be on terms and conditions satisfactory to TRCA staff and solicitors;

THAT the appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect thereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the execution of any documents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Humber Watershed Alliance and Friends of Claireville be advised of the TRCA intentions to lease the property to FarmStart.

CARRIED

RES.#A199/07 -

WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Memorandum of Understanding with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Approval to enter into an agreement between Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and World Green Building Council for the development of the World Green Building Council Secretariat and continued support of their programs.

(Business Excellence Res.#C36/07)

Moved by: Bill Fisch
Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT approval be granted for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with World Green Building Council (WGBC) for the development and support of the World Green Building Council Secretariat, to be located at TRCA's The Living City Campus;

THAT appropriate TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect thereto including the signing of documents;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back to the Business Excellence Advisory Board on an annual basis with an update on the status of the business relationship.

CARRIED

RES.#A200/07 -

GLOBE INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approval for Brian Denney to join the Board of Directors of GLOBE Inc. (Green Light on a Better Environment).

(Business Excellence Res.#C37/07)

Moved by: Colleen Jordan
Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, be authorized to participate on the Board of Directors of GLOBE Inc., in support of the efforts of the Social Housing Services Council.

CARRIED

RES.#A201/07 - COMPENSATION RATES FOR MEMBERS OF AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
(Business Excellence Res. C38/07 & C39/07)

Moved by: Jack Heath
Seconded by: Maria Augimeri

THAT the report dated August 28, 2007, on compensation rates for agencies, boards and commissions, be received;

THAT subject to Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approval, per diem for elected officials appointed to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) be reduced to \$70 effective January 1, 2008 with no change to the per diem for citizen members;

AND FURTHER THAT TRCA officials be authorized and directed to make the necessary application to the OMB.

AMENDMENT
RES.#A202/07

Moved by: Jack Heath
Seconded by: Maria Augimeri

THAT the last two paragraphs of the main motion be deleted.

RECORDED VOTE

Eve Adams	Yea
Paul Ainslie	Yea
Maria Augimeri	Yea
David Barrow	Nay
Bryan Bertie	Yea
Laurie Bruce	Yea
Rob Ford	Nay
Jack Heath	Yea
Colleen Jordan	Yea
Peter Milczyn	Nay
Ron Moeser	Yea
Gerri Lynn O'Connor	Nay
Linda Pabst	Yea
John Parker	Nay
Anthony Perruzza	Nay
Maja Prentice	Yea
John Sprovieri	Yea
Richard Whitehead	Yea

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS CARRIED

THE RESULTANT MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the report dated August 28, 2007, on compensation rates for agencies, boards and commissions, be received.

RES.#A203/07 - PERMEABLE PAVEMENT AND BIORETENTION SWALE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Preliminary results from the permeable pavement and bioretention swale demonstration project at Seneca College, King Campus.
(Sustainable Communities Res.#E13/07)

Moved by: Maja Prentice
Seconded by: Richard Whitehead

THAT the staff report on the Permeable Pavement and Bioretention Swale Demonstration Project be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back on study results after completion of the study.
CARRIED

RES.#A204/07 - THE LIVING CITY POLICIES FOR WATERSHEDS

Comprehensive Policy Update to Valley and Stream Corridor Management Program (1994) - Planning and Development Policy Guidance Document. To undertake a comprehensive policy review and update the Valley and Stream Corridor Management Program (1994), Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) principal policy document, to be consistent with current legislation; to establish new policy directions supported by the technical information and science gained by the development of TRCA watershed plans; and to incorporate and advance the objectives of The Living City.
(Sustainable Communities Res.#E14/07)

Moved by: Maja Prentice
Seconded by: Richard Whitehead

THAT staff proceed with "The Living City Policies for Watersheds" as per the work plan, which includes a comprehensive review and update to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Valley and Stream Corridor Management Program (1994), including emphasis on new program areas of natural systems and sustainable communities;

THAT staff be directed to report back to the Sustainable Communities Board in 2008 with the progress on the work detailed in the work plan and to bring forward a work plan for the public and municipal consultation process;

AND FURTHER THAT TRCA's member municipalities be so advised of this initiative as it is complementary to, and supportive of, the municipal growth planning and Official Plan updating process.

CARRIED

RES.#A205/07 - CLIMATE CHANGE, CLEAN AIR AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PLAN: MOVING FROM A FRAMEWORK TO ACTION

To highlight Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's support of the City of Toronto's Climate Change and Clean Air Action Plan and Toronto's Sustainable Energy Plan.

(Sustainable Communities Res.#E15/07)

Moved by: Maja Prentice
Seconded by: Richard Whitehead

THAT WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) strategic plan, Moving Toward The Living City, identifies the integration of climate change as a critical component in achieving the objectives and goals of a healthy, sustainable urban region extending into the 22nd century;

WHEREAS TRCA is committed to taking immediate action and exemplifying leadership to support our communities and partners in dealing with the climate change issue;

WHEREAS TRCA is currently working on a variety of climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives that complement the City of Toronto's Climate Change and Clean Air Action Plan and Toronto's Sustainable Energy Plan;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto be congratulated for their leadership and proactive approach to climate change, clean air and sustainable energy issues within the city;

THAT staff be directed to assist the City of Toronto with the implementation of recommendations set out in the City of Toronto Report, "Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan: Moving from Framework to Action" and to seek opportunities for partnerships with other municipalities, government agencies, community groups and corporate sector to accelerate the implementation of recommendations that have TRCA jurisdiction-wide implications;

THAT the City of Toronto be requested to ensure that the city's Agencies, Boards and Commissions be eligible for special funding programs that support the implementation of said recommendations;

AND FURTHER THAT the recommendations for TRCA action outlined below be forwarded to the City of Toronto for their consideration.

CARRIED

RES.#A206/07 - HABITAT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

2007 Summary Report. 2007 summary report of the Habitat Implementation Plans (HIP) for the individual watersheds within the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) jurisdiction.
(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D28/07)

Moved by: Eve Adams
Seconded by: Maja Prentice

THAT staff continue to work with the City of Toronto, Region of Peel, York Region, Durham Region, municipal partners and community organizations to implement the Habitat Implementation Plans (HIP) for the individual watersheds within the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) jurisdiction;

THAT staff be directed to use the individual watershed HIP's as the foundations for targeting habitat restoration opportunities, and the mechanism for achieving watershed targets in TRCA's jurisdiction;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report annually to the Authority on the progress of the implementation of the HIP's.

CARRIED

RES.#A207/07 - HIGHLAND CREEK WET WEATHER FLOW MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

City of Toronto. Progress update on the Highland Creek studies and design process to implement channel restoration works following the recommendations of the City of Toronto Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan.
(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D29/07)

Moved by: Jack Heath
Seconded by: Richard Whitehead

THAT the City of Toronto's commitment to implement long-term objectives for stream restoration in Highland Creek be acknowledged;

THAT in consideration of the above commitment, the general direction of the Highland Creek Geomorphic Systems Master Plan and the Valley Segment 8 and 4A Environmental Assessments be supported;

THAT the City of Toronto be requested to explore opportunities to enhance the Highland Creek valley system by restoring natural habitat, reconnecting the channel to the floodplain and improving the trails and other recreational amenities through the development of a comprehensive Greening Strategy for the Highland Creek watershed;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Toronto invite a panel of academic experts to perform a formal review of the Highland Creek studies, including the Highland Creek Geomorphic Master Systems Plan and the Valley Segment 8 and 4A Environmental Assessments.

AMENDMENT
RES.#A208/07

Moved by: Bryan Bertie
Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the following be inserted before the last paragraph of the main motion:

THAT TRCA review the provisions for servicing within The Living City Policies for Watersheds with special emphasis on encouraging municipalities and utility service providers to consider bundling of utilities and services in rights of way to avoid multiple and sequential disruptions within valley/natural corridors; that where possible the new servicing always consider existing servicing routes to avoid multiple rights of way and crossings; and that the municipalities be further encouraged in their long range planning for new and replacement servicing and utilities to consolidate routings to ensure long term ecological sustainability of the region's natural resources;

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS CARRIED

THE RESULTANT MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

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AND FURTHER THAT the City of Toronto invite a panel of academic experts to perform a formal review of the Highland Creek studies, including the Highland Creek Geomorphic Master Systems Plan and the Valley Segment 8 and 4A Environmental Assessments.

RES.#A209/07 - FULFILMENT OF OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ CONSERVATION PLAN WATERSHED PLANNING REQUIREMENTS – HUMBER RIVER WATERSHED

Approval of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan conformity assessment for the Humber River watershed and approval to use the draft watershed planning documents referenced in the conformity assessment in the review of major development proposals on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D30/07)

Moved by: Eve Adams
Seconded by: Maja Prentice

THAT the conformity assessment for the Humber River Watershed Plan and the watershed planning documents referenced in the conformity assessment be deemed to fulfil the watershed planning requirements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP; 2002);

THAT the conformity assessment for the Humber River Watershed Plan and the watershed planning documents referenced in the conformity assessment be approved for use by the appropriate implementation authority on an interim basis in the review of major development proposals on the Oak Ridges Moraine until such time as municipal consultation is completed and a final watershed plan is brought back to the Authority for approval;

AND FURTHER THAT the regional and local watershed municipalities and the Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition be so advised.

CARRIED

RES.#A210/07 - HEADWATER DRAINAGE FEATURES

Approval of the Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guideline (March, 2007) prepared for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and other conservation authorities.
(*Watershed Mgt. Res.#D31/07*)

Moved by: Eve Adams
Seconded by: Maja Prentice

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff commence implementation of the Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guideline (March, 2007);

THAT staff continue to collaborate with project partners in conducting primary research examining the natural functions of small drainage features in order to facilitate refinements to the guideline;

THAT direction be given to staff to engage municipalities and the development industry in policy development and research initiatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the interim guideline be updated as necessary based on the results of the research and that the results be reported back to the Watershed Management Advisory Board.

CARRIED

RES.#A211/07 - MALTON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Year 3 Progress Report. Progress report on the accomplishments and next steps for the Malton Environmental Stewardship Project.
(*Watershed Mgt. Res.#D32/07*)

Moved by: Eve Adams
Seconded by: Maja Prentice

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) continue to work with the City of Mississauga, Malton residents, Mississauga-Airport Rotary Club, Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Regional Municipality of Peel to implement the Malton Environmental Stewardship Project (MESP) work plan deliverables;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Watershed Management Advisory Board upon the completion of this project in the fall of 2008 to acknowledge the project's four year accomplishments, project partners and how to sustain the project into the future.

CARRIED

SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

RES.#A212/07 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Moved by: David Barrow
Seconded by: Grant Gibson

THAT Ontario Regulation 166/06 items 8.1.1 - 8.1.113, inclusive, contained in Section II of Executive Committee Minutes #6/07, held on August 10, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

RES.#A213/07 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Moved by: Laurie Bruce
Seconded by: Grant Gibson

THAT Section II items 8.2 & 8.3, contained in Executive Committee Minutes #6/07, held on August 10, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

Section II Items 8.2 & 8.3

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

(Executive Res.#B86/07)

REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF TRCA-OWNED LAND

(Executive Res.#B87/07)

RES.#A214/07 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Moved by: Eve Adams
Seconded by: Richard Whitehead

THAT Section II items 8.4 & 8.5, contained in Executive Committee Minutes #6/07, held on August 10, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

Section II Items 8.4 & 8.5

AWARD OF CONTRACT - SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A PVC MEMBRANE ROOF AND METAL FLASHING

(Executive Res.#B88/07)

ASHBRIDGE'S BAY PARK, COATSWORTH CUT MAINTENANCE DREDGING, CITY OF TORONTO

(Executive Res.#B89/07)

RES.#A215/07 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Moved by: David Barrow
Seconded by: Paul Ainslie

THAT Ontario Regulation 166/06 items 9.15.1 - 9.15.69, inclusive, contained in Section II of Executive Committee Minutes #7/07, held on September 7, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

RES.#A216/07 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Moved by: Linda Pabst
Seconded by: Laurie Bruce

THAT Section II items 9.16 - 9.19, inclusive, contained in Executive Committee Minutes #7/07, held on September 7, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

Section II Items 9.16 - 9.19, Inclusive

GUILDWOOD PARKWAY SHORELINE REGENERATION PROJECT - PHASE 2, CITY OF TORONTO

(Executive Res.#B108/07)

SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE DON RIVER WATERSHED

(Executive Res.#B109/07)

OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL

(Executive Res.#B110/07)

OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL

(Executive Res.#B111/07)

SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

RES.#A217/07 - TORONTO URBAN FARM AT BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE
Staff report accompanying the presentation by Kevin Bowser, Manager, Parks, Etobicoke York District, Parks, Forestry & Recreation, City of Toronto, in regard to the Toronto Urban Farm at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Moved by: Maja Prentice
Seconded by: Colleen Jordan

THAT the staff report on the Toronto Urban Farm at Black Creek Pioneer Village be received.

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

At Authority Meeting #1/03, held on February 21, 2003, Resolution #A18/03 was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the concept of developing an Urban Agriculture Project at Black Creek Pioneer Village be endorsed...

The concept of an urban farm was developed in 2002. Shortly thereafter, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) requested support from the City of Toronto to realize the concept. In 2003, an advisory committee was established to support project implementation. In 2004, TRCA and the City of Toronto formed a memorandum of management for eight acres of land located at the Southeast corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue East. The city was given management over this parcel of TRCA-owned land for the establishment of an organic urban farm. Prior to this, the city demonstrated expertise in managing a successful Community Gardens Program (CGP).

The Toronto Urban Farm at Black Creek Pioneer Village will play a role in revitalizing the local food system in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Growing local food is necessary to help reduce the Toronto region's ecological footprint. Local food can reduce ecological footprints by reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to food transportation, which helps reduce the impacts of climate change. The Toronto Urban Farm will also promote greater social equity and food security in the community through several means: the food harvested from the farm will provide increased opportunities for access to fresh and healthy foods. Furthermore, the farm will provide skills development opportunities and greater interaction between community members. Economically, the Toronto Urban Farm will provide jobs and meaningful work for local people.

Located in one of Toronto's most vulnerable communities, this innovative community development initiative engages youth and the community in urban organic farming, leadership development, employment skills, environmental stewardship and health promotion. The project will also involve social entrepreneurship through the production of heirloom and ethnocultural vegetables for niche markets such as specialized caterers, restaurants and ethnocultural communities. Revenue generated through food sales and other activities will be re-invested in the project to enhance long term sustainability. In the longer term, some produce may be donated to food relief programs.

The Toronto Urban Farm project is complementary to TRCA's Sustainable Communities objective of *The Living City* vision. As growing local food has a connection with conservation, this project provides TRCA with the opportunity to become a bigger partner in the community by offering land and in-kind services. The Toronto Urban Farm project also fulfills Toronto City Council's mandate to promote green economic development through local food production pilot projects.

In 2007, the local community agency Afri-Can Food Basket, in partnership with the City of Toronto's CGP, secured funding for three years from the provincially sponsored Youth Action Challenge Fund to engage youth in the Jane Finch, Jamestown and Lawrence Heights communities in community food security programs. This project provides youth with the opportunity to learn about community food security, local food production systems, the natural environment and community development through hands on practical agricultural work and civic engagement.

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- to create meaningful employment opportunities for local youth;
- to increase youth employment, leadership and entrepreneurial skills;
- to increase participants' knowledge and skills in organic farming, environmental stewardship and local food systems;
- to build community capacity to address local food security and environmental issues;
- to promote healthy nutrition and active lifestyles;
- to increase the availability of rare and nearly extinct vegetable and other plant species; and
- to generate and disseminate knowledge in sustainable agriculture and community development.

PARTNER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the advisory committee is to guide management decisions of the farm and support project implementation. The committee is comprised of representatives from:

- TRCA;
- City of Toronto;
- Afri-Can Foodbasket;
- African-Canadian Cultural Collective;
- Seeds of Diversity Canada;
- Umoja Learning Centre;
- Jane Finch Community Citizens Council;
- Lawrence Heights Community Centre;
- University of Guelph;
- York University;
- FarmStart.

The following is a description of some of the prominent partner roles and responsibilities:

City of Toronto

- farm management;
- staff support;
- funding proposals;
- community mobilization;
- strategic planning;
- infrastructure: financing, installation and vegetation management.

TRCA and Black Creek Pioneer Village

- access to land;
- staff support;
- training workshops;
- administrative and technical expertise;
- meeting space;
- management of advisory committee.

Afri-Can Food Basket

- farm youth coordination;
- community mobilization.

Food Share:

- trustee for funds;
- urban agriculture expertise and networks.

CURRENT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- trained 25 youth and 40 adults in an urban agriculture course at Rockcliffe Teaching Garden and Greenhouses;
- provided summer employment and training to 33 youth;
- conducted leadership and employability skills training on various topics;
- initiated farm installation (i.e. vegetation removal, fence installation, water installation, tilling and soil amendment);
- held several community events (e.g., composting week kick-off, faith group work camps)
- held open house in 2007;
- engaged children from XCEL Care Outreach Inc., local community agency, in gardening;
- engaged 15 youth from Afri-Can Food Basket in site preparation.

SITE WORK DONE TO DATE

- vegetation removal;
- tilling;
- soil amendment;
- fence installation;
- water line installation from Jane Street;
- installation of storage facilities;
- construction of access gates via Jane Street;
- transformation of Braeburn House, a former TRCA rental property, into a training facility, washrooms and offices for the site.

PROJECT UPDATE

The project is currently in the site preparation process. Farming practices favour organic methodologies, which often take longer to reach a state of full production. There is no use of pesticides or fertilizers and a limited amount of machinery is employed. As a result, it will take approximately five years to bring the farm into full organic production. When considering these timelines, it is important to recognize that the project is about community enhancement as much as it is about local food production. Plans are also underway to create a website to promote the project and other TRCA urban agriculture related initiatives.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

- In 2003, the Community Gardens Program applied for funding from the Ontario Works Incentive Fund and received \$178,000 to establish the farm over a two-year pilot period. Although the grant was less than half of the amount requested, it enabled the CGP to initiate farm installation and provide youth with employment and training in urban agriculture and life skills.
- In 2007, the CGP secured \$184,000 from the City of Toronto base operating budget for youth employment and training in urban agriculture and life skills.
- In 2007, the Afri-Can Food Basket secured three year funding at \$149,000 per year through the Youth Action Challenge Fund to provide youth with employment and training in urban agriculture and life skills.

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Date: August 16, 2007

RES.#A218/07 - SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

Moved by: Linda Pabst

Seconded by: Laurie Bruce

THAT Section IV items 9.20 - 9.23, inclusive, contained in Section IV of Executive Committee Minutes #7/07, held on September 7, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

Section IV Items 9.20 - 9.23, Inclusive

GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

(Executive Res.#B112/07)

AQUATIC MONITORING VESSEL

(Executive Res.#B113/07)

LOWEST BID NOT ACCEPTED

(Executive Res.#B114/07)

LOWEST BID NOT ACCEPTED

(Executive Res.#B115/07)

RES.#A219/07 - SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

Moved by: David Barrow

Seconded by: Laurie Bruce

THAT Section IV items 10.8 - 10.10, inclusive, contained in Section IV of Business Excellence Advisory Board Minutes #5/07, held on September 7, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

Section IV Items 10.8 - 10.10, Inclusive

GOOD NEWS STORIES

(Business Excellence Res. #C40/07)

2007 MEDIA SUMMARY

(Business Excellence Res. #C41/07)

SUMMARY OF REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

(Business Excellence Res. #C42/07)

RES.#A220/07 - SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

Moved by: Paul Ainslie

Seconded by: Maja Prentice

THAT Section IV items 12.6 - 12.8.2, inclusive, contained in Section IV of Watershed Management Advisory Board Minutes #3/07, held on September 14, 2007, be received.

CARRIED

Section IV Items 12.6 - 12.8.2, Inclusive

UPPER MIMICO CREEK AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

(Watershed Mgt. Res. #D33/07)

CLAIREVILLE COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

(Watershed Mgt. Res. #D34/07)

WATERSHED COMMITTEE MINUTES

12.8.1 - DUFFINS CARRUTHERS WATERSHED RESOURCE GROUP

12.8.2 - ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

(Watershed Mgt. Res. #D35/07)

NEW BUSINESS

RES.#A221/07 -

APPOINTMENTS TO THE TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR 2007-2008

City of Toronto. The Secretary-Treasurer advises that Reenga Mathivanan has been duly appointed and is entitled to sit as a Member of this Authority for the 2007-2008 year.

Moved by: David Barrow

Seconded by: Maria Augimeri

THAT Reenga Mathivanan be recognized as City of Toronto member of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) until the 2007 Annual Meeting, and/or until her successor is appointed

AND FURTHER THAT Alissa Sugar be thanked for her service to TRCA.

CARRIED

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:17 a.m., on Friday, September 28, 2007.

Gerri Lynn O'Connor
Chair

Brian Denney
Secretary-Treasurer

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