

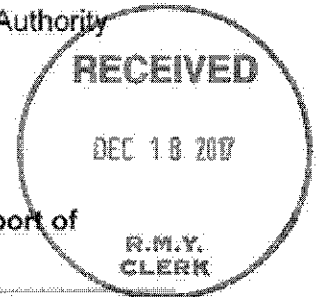
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Dear Sirs,

RE: Support Resolution – Oak Ridges Moraine – Proposed Resolution in support of establishment of East Humber Headwaters Park

At its meeting of December 11, 2017, Council of the Township of King received and unanimously supported the Resolution within Administration Department CAO Report Number ADMIN CAO-2017-03 with respect to an opportunity to support the potential for the establishment of a park to be known as the East Humber Headwaters Park on land within the Oak Ridges Moraine generally bounded on the north by the 15th Sideroad, on the south of King Road, on the west by Dufferin Street and on the East by Bathurst Street in the Township of King.

Council of the Township of King formally requests that the Regional Municipality of York and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority endorse and convey support of the following Resolution and with further intent to enter into discussions:

“WHEREAS the Township of King has long supported the preservation and expansion of natural heritage areas and the objectives of the *Greenbelt Plan* and the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan*;

AND WHEREAS one of the most critical Natural Linkage areas in the *ORM Conservation Plan* consists of lands in King running north-south from the 15th Sideroad to King Road, between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street, including significant tributaries and headwaters of the East Humber River;

AND WHEREAS these lands are privately owned, and currently have no provision for public parkland or public access, and no opportunities for restoration of the natural heritage;

AND WHEREAS the *ORM Conservation Plan*, with updates in effect July 1, 2017 following the comprehensive Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review, reaffirms the objectives of the *Plan* to include:

- Protecting the ecological and hydrological integrity of the Oak Ridges Moraine Area
- Maintaining, improving or restoring all the elements that contribute to the ecological and hydrological functions of the Oak Ridges Moraine Area, including the quality and quantity of its water and its other resources
- Providing for other public recreational access to the Oak Ridges Moraine Area [emphasis added]

AND WHEREAS the owner of a large portion of these lands, constituting approximately 208 hectares generally illustrated on Appendix “A”, currently has partially-transitioned development rights under the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act* and *Planning Act*, and associated appeals before the Ontario Municipal Board, which would allow for resort-type accommodation and a golf course

that would permanently eliminate the ability to bring these lands into public ownership and restore them to a natural state;

AND WHEREAS the property owner has advised the Township of King that is prepared to abandon any potential for development of its lands as part of a proposed exchange of the majority of these lands for developable lands in another municipality which are currently owned by the Province of Ontario and already planned for development;

AND WHEREAS the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has expressed interest in the potential of these lands for protection and restoration as a prime Oak Ridges Moraine natural heritage area;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has previously secured and protected large land areas in the western and eastern GTA for natural heritage preservation and restoration (including Bronte Creek Provincial Park and the major Provincial contributions to the Rouge River Urban National Park);

AND WHEREAS there is no comparable natural heritage/park area in York Region;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of King formally requests that the Province of Ontario:

1. Negotiate with the owner the abandonment of his development proposal for the King lands in return for an exchange of lands the Province owns elsewhere for the King lands;
2. Once in possession of the King lands, transfer them to the Provincial Park portfolio or at nominal cost to the TRCA, in either case to create a showcase **East Humber Headwaters Park**; and

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of King formally requests that:

3. The Council of the Region of York endorse this Motion and convey its support to the Province of Ontario;
4. The Board of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority endorse this Motion and convey its support to the Province of Ontario; and
5. The Province, the Region, the TRCA and the Township enter into discussions about the best way to ensure the long-term preservation and restoration of the King lands and establishment of the **East Humber Headwaters Park**”

Yours truly,



Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk

c.c. Susan Plamondon, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of King



COUNCIL REPORT ATTACHMENT

FIGURE A



TOWNSHIP OF KING



APPEAL A 11

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