



Toronto and Region
Conservation
for The Living City

January 12, 2017

Sent via email

York Region of Council
c/o Mr. Christopher Raynor
Deputy Regional Clerk,
Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Raynor:

At Authority Meeting #10/16, of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), held on January 06, 2017, Resolution #A201/16 in regard to Human Services Planning Board was approved as follows:

WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been appointed as a Government Advisor/Resource Member of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2015 – 2018 term of York Region Council;

AND WHEREAS member organizations of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region are requested to develop and endorse an action plan in support of the priority areas of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA's 2017 – 2018 Action Plan in support of York Region's Human Services Planning Board be endorsed;

AND FURTHER THAT York Region Council be so advised.

Enclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is the report as approved by the Authority. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Darryl Gray at 416-791-0327, dgray@trca.on.ca.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Stranks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Stranks
Senior Manager, Corporate Secretariat

cc. Darryl Gray, Director, Education, Training and Outreach, TRCA

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RES.#A201/16 -

HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING BOARD

2017 – 2018 Action Plan. Endorsement of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's 2017 – 2018 Action Plan for York Region's Human Services Planning Board.

Moved by: Jim Tovey
Seconded by: Jim Karygiannis

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BACKGROUND

The Human Services Planning Board of York Region (HSPB-YR) was established in 2012 by York Region Council to bring together leaders in the human services field from across York Region to identify innovative approaches to improving the health and well-being of communities and residents. The HSPB-YR is comprised of a wide range of social and community service agencies from across York Region including municipalities, school boards, universities, colleges, housing providers, social service providers and others. In 2015 TRCA was invited to participate on the HSPB-YR as a Government Advisor/Resource Member.

The HSPB-YR has identified specific challenges and opportunities facing York Region over the coming 25 years, including:

- Sustained rapid population growth;
- An increasingly diverse population in terms of ethno-cultural, age and socio-economic profile;
- Increasing urban intensification;
- Continued under-funding by senior levels of government in the areas of health care and social services.

With this in mind, the HSPB-YR has developed two core areas of focus that require collective action to ensure that York Region remains an equitable, accessible and inclusive region to reside:

- Increasing availability and affordability of housing;
- Improving the economic and social well-being of community members.

It is around these two core priority areas that member organizations of the HSPB-YR are developing organization-specific action plans that outline the activities that each member organization is undertaking that support the objectives of the HSPB-YR.

RATIONALE

With the addition of TRCA to the HSPB-YR, new opportunities for innovative partnerships that support TRCA's strategic objectives as outlined in the 2013-2022 strategic plan Building The Living City have emerged. Early successes include the partnership with 360°kids for the restoration and adaptation of TRCA's heritage residential property at 17 Mill Street in Markham into a transition house for young people moving out of foster care, and new partnerships with CHATS to provide programming that supports improved access to TRCA facilities and greenspace systems for seniors living in York Region.

As part of TRCA's membership on the HSPB-YR, and to provide strategic guidance for the realization of new partnership opportunities through this network, a 2017 – 2018 Action Plan for TRCA's involvement in the HSPB-YR has been established (Attachment 1).

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Action areas identified in TRCA's HSPB-YR Action Plan are either already currently funded through TRCA operating and capital budgets, or would only proceed with the securement of program or project specific funding.

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Attachments: 1

Attachment 1

Human Services Planning Board of York Region
 Toronto and Region Conservation Action Items 2017 – 2018

HOUSING ACTIONS	PARTNERS
<p>Canada’s Innovation Park at Kortright/Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program (STEP)</p> <p>Designed to advance building practices in support of climate change and sustainability outcomes through technology research, commercialization and knowledge transfer, Canada’s Innovation Park/STEP can support improved rental outcomes by providing expertise on best practices related to building construction and retrofits that enhances the affordability, sustainability and durability of the single- and multi-unit rental market.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region of York • 360°Kids • Trades Associations • Economic Development/Boards of Trades • Private Developers • Colleges and Universities
<p>Support the development of complete, sustainable communities</p> <p>The Living City Policies are TRCA’s guiding document that support the creation of complete communities and reflect TRCA’s goal of building a sustainable city region. A key area of focus within The Living City Policies is improved integration of natural systems and greenspace into the urban environment to maximize community and ecological outcomes, and ensure equitable access to greenspace for all segments of the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province of Ontario • Region of York • Local municipalities • Development Industry
<p>Leverage the value of TRCA’s rental housing stock to maximize community development outcomes</p> <p>TRCA has a rental portfolio of 19 single family homes across the Region of York. The goal of this action is to maximize the value of these rental assets to ensure best value from housing affordability, financial sustainability, accessibility, and green building perspectives. Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of extended youth transitional housing programs within appropriate and suitable TRCA rental units (currently piloting this with 360°Kids at 17 Mill Street in Markham) • Examine establishing a not-for-profit social housing enterprise to manage TRCA’s housing stock, find opportunity for at risk segments of the population for employment, including social enterprises for the maintenance and operation of components of the rental portfolio such as 360°kids. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 360°Kids • Region of York • Housing York Inc. • Learning Enrichment Foundation

<p>Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plans (SNAPs) Integrate programs and services into TRCA’s Sustainable Neighbourhood programs in the Bayview Glen and Lake Wilcox communities that identify and target opportunities to improve the quality of all communities, including the rental inventory, as well as the integration of alternate rental types into the existing housing stock, including room rentals in homes with older adults, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region of York • Local Municipalities • Homeowners Associations • Community Groups • Homeowners • Housing York Inc. • Housing Co-Ops
<p>Age-Friendly Programs and Services Canada’s population is aging and as the percentage of older adults increases, the needs of our communities will continue to diversify and shift in response. Demographic data shows that the number of persons in York Region over the age of 55 will rise to more than 20% of the population, presenting a unique set of opportunities and challenges to TRCA and the communities we serve. To address this, TRCA has developed an Older Adults and Seniors Work Plan this identifies and acts on new opportunities to support this growing segment of our population. This Work Plan focuses on two specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping older adults and seniors thrive through programs that support improved community and social inclusion and belonging; • Promoting healthy, active aging through natural fitness and wellness activities. <p>Programs and services that support these key areas are delivered in the community and at TRCA community engagement centres and conservation parks, and leverage existing resources, while sourcing new partnerships and funding opportunities to maximize program investment in this area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHATS York Region • Local Municipalities • Seniors/Retirement Housing Providers
<p>EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS</p>	<p>PARTNERS</p>
<p>Bridge training for internationally trained professionals TRCA’s Professional Access into Employment (PAIE) program supports integration of internationally trained professionals into the environmental services sector.</p>	<p>Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities • Consulting Firms • Others <p>Settlement Agencies</p>
<p>Employer engagement – strategies for recruitment and retention TRCA is undertaking a research and development program to support employers in the recruitment and retention of highly skilled internationally trained professionals. This program includes the development and provisions of tools and resources that will better equip employers to respond to changing labour market forces and demands through the employment of new Canadians.</p>	<p>Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities • Consulting Firms • Others <p>Settlement Agencies</p>

<p>Youth Employment and Training TRCA employs approximately 500 summer students and seasonal contract positions. By identifying opportunities to employ at-risk or under-employed segments of the population in key TRCA workforces, TRCA can leverage our experience as a leading employer youth and young adults, while integrating advanced training and mentorship opportunities to improve economic and employment outcomes for vulnerable segments of our population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Connect/Employment Ontario • GTTI – The Training Centre • United Way
<p>Social Enterprise Development and Social Impact Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop in-house social enterprises that support TRCA’s vision for The Living City and stated goals and outcomes of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region; • Utilize TRCA assets (physical - buildings/land, professional and economic/budgetary) to support the creation of social enterprises within the communities we serve, including community-led program and service enterprises that operate out of TRCA facilities and spaces (ie. fitness, arts or recreation programs, camps; • Support and/or partner with existing social enterprise start-ups that align with TRCA’s vision, as above (physical, professional, economic) and provide specific services or workforce needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Enrichment Foundation • GTTI – The Training Centre
<p>Family and Youth-oriented Recreation Programs Strong physical literacy skills are foundational to long-term health and wellness. Organized recreation programs play an important role in developing these skills among children and youth to build healthy lifelong habits from a young age. Yet, these types of programs can be unaffordable for many families. With the objective of reducing financial barriers to participation, TRCA piloted a collaborative program model in sports and recreation programming at its Bruce’s Mill Conservation Area during the 2016 summer season. This program engaged kids from throughout York Region to visit the conservation area with their families and take advantage of a unique variety of fun, affordable activities—from soccer and yoga to BMX biking and treetop adventure games. With excellent feedback from participants, TRCA will be exploring how to enhance this community focused model in 2017-18 through new partnerships, program options and engagement strategies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province of Ontario • Treetop Trekking • Stouffville BMX • Local Health and Wellness Businesses • Local Sports and Recreation Businesses