COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 5, 2005

PIERRE AND JANET BERTON TRAIL AT BOYD CONSERVATION AREA

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that the City of Vaughan endorse the request made to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority by the Friends of Boyd Park, to name an existing trail within the conservation area after Pierre and Janet Berton.

Economic Impact

Nil

Purpose

To indicate the City of Vaughan supports recognizing the contributions made to our community by both Pierre *and* Janet Berton.

Background - Analysis and Options

The late Pierre Berton, and his widow Janet, have a long history in the City of Vaughan, having moved here in the 1950's. In recognition of his contribution to his local community and to Canadian letters in general, the Vaughan Public Library Board named its newest resource library after Pierre Berton, shortly before his death last year.

The Friends of Boyd Park now propose that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority recognize the contribution both of the Bertons have made to the environmental and conservationist movements, by naming an existing trail within Boyd Conservation Area after Pierre and Janet Berton. The TRCA has indicated informal support for the proposal, but has suggested that an expression of support for the proposal by the City of Vaughan would be helpful in bringing this matter to fruition.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that the City of Vaughan support the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's naming of a trail in the Boyd Conservation Area for two of its most prominent citizens.

Attachments

Map of Boyd Conservation Area showing location of subject-trail

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella

