

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 30, 2007

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE AND THE
DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL OF TORONTO AND
REGION CONSERVATION: 2007-2010**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That Council appoint one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Humber Watershed Alliance and one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Don Watershed Regeneration Council; and

That Council appoint one staff representative to the Humber Watershed Alliance and to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

To appoint Council and staff representatives to the Humber Watershed Alliance and to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Toronto and Region Conservation is requesting the appointment of one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Humber Watershed Alliance and one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. Additionally, they are requesting the appointment of one staff member to the Humber Watershed Alliance and to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. The term is two years beginning approximately in June 2007. A copy of the correspondence received from Toronto and Region Conservation, dated April 2 and 10, 2007, is attached for your information (Attachments #1 and #2).

The following Council members were appointed for the 2004-2006 term of office:

Ward Councillor Tony Carella to the Humber Watershed Alliance with Ward Councillor Bernie Di Vona as an alternate.

Ward Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council with Ward Councillor Peter Meffe as an alternate.

The Commissioner of Community Services or alternate was appointed as the staff representative to both committees.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 section 5.3 – Strengthen relationship with other government authorities and agencies and section 6.2 – Develop Innovative External Communication Initiatives.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

That Council appoint one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Humber Watershed Alliance and one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Don Watershed Regeneration Council; and

That Council appoint one staff representative to the Humber Watershed Alliance and to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council.

Attachments

Attachment #1 Letter from Adele Freeman, Director, Watershed Management and Don Watershed Specialist, Toronto and Region Conservation, dated April 2, 2007

Attachment #2 Letter from Adele Freeman, Director, Watershed Management Division, Toronto and Region Conservation, dated April 10, 2007

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach,
City Clerk

Janice Atwood-Petkovski,
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services

TORONTO AND REGION
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April 2, 2007

Mr. John Leach, City Clerk
 City of Vaughan
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Dear Mr. Leach:

Re: Appointments to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council 2007-2010

Since 1992, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) has established community-based committees to assist with the protection and restoration of its watersheds. The committee for the Don watershed in the City of Vaughan is the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. Members include watershed municipalities, residents, community groups, academic institutions and business groups. We are extremely grateful for the cooperation and dedication we have received from the City of Vaughan in the past.

The Authority, at its meeting held on March 30, 2007, adopted a resolution that approves the Terms of Reference for the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Don Council is enclosed for your perusal.

Consequently, I would like to invite your municipality to appoint one Councillor to represent the City of Vaughan on the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. The term of the committee is two years beginning approximately in June, 2007. Please note that under separate cover, we are requesting a similar appointment to the Humber Watershed Alliance.

We request that your appointment of a Councillor to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council be done by April 30, 2007 so that we can confirm membership by the Authority meeting of May 25, 2007.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416 - 661- 6600, extension 5238 or by email at afreeman@trca.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Adele Freeman
 Director, Watershed Management and Don Watershed Specialist

Encl.



TO: Chair and Members of the Authority
Meeting #2/07, March 30, 2007

FROM: Adele Freeman, Director, Watershed Management

RE: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE DON WATERSHED REGENERATION
COUNCIL, HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE AND ETOBICOKE-MIMICO
WATERSHEDS COALITION, 2007-2010

KEY ISSUE

Approval of the Terms of Reference for the Don Watershed Regeneration Council, Humber Watershed Alliance and Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition, 2007-2010.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS the last term of Don Watershed Regeneration Council, Humber Watershed Alliance and Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition subcommittees of the Watershed Management Advisory Board, ended in October, 2006 for the Humber and Etobicoke-Mimico and December, 2006 for the Don;

AND WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) recognizes the important role these watershed subcommittees have played in securing resources, influencing priorities and establishing linkages with residents, local environmental groups, businesses, municipalities, agency staff and to elected officials in helping TRCA meet The Living City objectives;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Terms of Reference for the Don Watershed Regeneration Council 2007- 2010, dated March 21, 2007, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved;

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Humber Watershed Alliance 2007- 2010, dated March 21, 2007, as outlined in Attachment 2, be approved;

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition 2007- 2010, dated March 21, 2007, as outlined in Attachment 3, be approved;

THAT one member of the Authority be appointed to each of the watershed subcommittees to assist the watershed specialists, the Director, Watershed Management and/or other directors as required with the selection of members and provide other direction or assistance as required;

THAT the regional and local municipalities in the Don, Humber, Etobicoke and Mimico watersheds be requested to appoint councillors and staff liaisons from appropriate departments as set out in the Terms of Reference for each of the watershed subcommittees or technical support groups;

AND FURTHER THAT a report be submitted to the Authority identifying the proposed membership for each of the watershed subcommittees for approval.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2006, the members of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council, the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition completed their terms of appointment.

These watershed subcommittees began as task forces, and their origins date back to 1992 when the Don Watershed Task Force was formed to develop a watershed plan for the Don River which resulted in *Forty Steps to a New Don*. This was followed by the establishment of the Humber Watershed Task Force, that produced *Legacy: A Strategy for a Healthy Humber and A Call to Action*. The Etobicoke and Mimico Creek Watersheds Task Force developed *Greening Our Watersheds*. The three above mentioned watershed management plans received outstanding planning awards. A Watershed Plan for the Duffins Creek and Carruthers Creek was developed by the Duffins Creek and Carruthers Creek Task Force. Most recently the Rouge Watershed Task Force has completed the draft of the Rouge Watershed Plan.

Following the completion of each of the watershed management plans, an implementation subcommittee has been established. These subcommittees include watershed residents and representatives from businesses, academia, agencies and local groups. Elected officials and municipal staff are also part of the watershed subcommittees directed by a TRCA Watershed Specialist or other TRCA staff, all of whom work diligently to address the issues identified in the watershed plans.

The Terms of Reference for these watershed subcommittees have proven to be a valuable mechanism to convey to the members and potential members the purpose of the subcommittees and the expectations of TRCA. At the end of each term, the Terms of Reference are reviewed by staff, following consultation with the watershed subcommittees and others, to refine the Terms of Reference for the next time period.

The following changes have been incorporated in the attached Terms of Reference for each of the Don, Humber and Etobicoke-Mimico watershed subcommittees for the upcoming term:

1. The Terms of Reference have been written for a period of 4 years to coincide with the municipal election cycle.
2. The appointments for residents, and business, academic, and community group representatives have been shortened from 3 to 2 years with the option of renewal for the second two years.
3. TRCA's vision for The Living City and strategic plan, including the importance of climate change mitigation and adaption as important elements of watershed management, and the promotion of sustainable communities and a culture of conservation (e.g. energy and water conservation, near urban agriculture).
4. The transition from individual watershed report cards to the development of The Living City Report Card, which will address jurisdiction wide issues as well as individual watershed indicators and targets.
5. Potential to provide a number of forums/opportunities for the members to work collaboratively with members of other watershed subcommittees on policy issues that are TRCA jurisdiction-wide.

6. Involvement of the Don and Humber watershed subcommittees in the development/completion of the integrated watershed management plans to satisfy the legislated requirements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan..

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

- Send letters to municipalities, agencies and community groups asking them to appoint a member and alternate;
- place public advertisements in appropriate community newspapers, on web sites and in other media sources encouraging residents, businesses and academic representatives to apply for the respective watershed sub-committees;
- staff will contact the offices of elected officials to identify persons which may have an interest in applying as resident or business members;
- staff to contact all previous members of the watershed subcommittees to advise them of the time lines for applications; and
- plan to have the first meeting of the new watershed subcommittees in June 2007.

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Amy Thurston extension 5283**

For information contact: Adele Freeman, extension 5238

Date: March 14, 2007

Attachments: 3

DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 AUTHORITY DIRECTION

At Authority Meeting #4/04, held on May 28, 1994, Authority Resolution #A111/94 was approved, in part, as follows.

THAT the Don Watershed Task Force report entitled "40 Steps to a New Don" be received and endorsed;...

THAT the staff be directed to provide a terms of reference and member for a Don Regeneration Council for the Authority's consideration in the fall of 1994;...

At Authority Meeting #9/04, held on October 28, 1994, Resolution #A224/94 was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the Goals, Membership, Organization and Terms of Reference for the Don Watershed Regeneration Council, as set out in the report, dated October 1994, ... be approved;...

At Authority Meeting #9/97, held on October 31, 1997, Resolution #A241/97, establishing the goals, membership, organization and Terms of Reference for the 2nd Don Watershed Regeneration Council 1998-2000, was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the Terms of Reference including the membership for the Don Watershed Regeneration Council as set out in the report dated October 14, 1997 be approved;...

At Authority Meeting #11/00, held on January 5, 2001, Resolution #A267/00, establishing the goals, membership, organization and Terms of Reference for the 3rd Don Watershed Regeneration Council 2001-2003, was approved, in part, as follows:

... THAT the Terms of Reference including the membership for the Don Council as set out in the report dated December 15, 2000, as attached, be approved;...

At Authority Meeting #10/03, held on January 9, 2004, Resolution #A290/03, establishing the goals, membership, organization and Terms of Reference for the 4th Don Watershed Regeneration Council 2004-2006, was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Don Watershed Regeneration Council, dated December, 2003, as attached, be approved;...

At Authority Meeting #2/07, to be held on March 30, 2007, TRCA will be requested to approve the resolution establishing the Terms of Reference for the fifth term of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council 2007-2010.

2.0 GOALS

The goals of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council are to protect, regenerate and celebrate the Don watershed and more specifically to assist Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, TRCA partner agencies and watershed municipalities, community groups and the public to:

- i) secure political support at all levels of government and foster corporate partnerships to advance TRCA's vision for The Living City;
- ii) achieve The Living City vision of Healthy Rivers and Shorelines; Regional Biodiversity, Sustainable Communities and Business Excellence within the Don watershed;
- iii) develop, review and complete the updated watershed plan for the Don and its components incorporating new watershed understandings and TRCA's strategic plan and implementation actions;
- iv) implement the recommendations of the Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan contained in *Clean Waters, Clear Choices: Recommendations for Action* and strategic directions contained in subsequent reports as they pertain to the Don watershed;
- v) implement strategic plans such as the *Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan* (Toronto) and the Region of York's sustainability initiatives;
- vi) implement source water protection initiatives.

3.0 DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council shall consist of approximately 40 members including:

3.1 TRCA Representatives

The Chair of the Authority or other designated Authority member as Ex-officio.

3.2 Regional and Local Municipal Representatives

The regional and local municipalities will be requested by TRCA to appoint one council member from each of the "905" regional and local municipalities in the Don River watershed. These representatives will be Ex-officio members. A municipality may appoint a current Authority member. The appointed members should represent an electoral ward within the Don River watershed.

- Regional Municipality of York;
- City of Vaughan;
- Town of Richmond Hill;
- Town of Markham.

3.3 City of Toronto Community Council Representatives

Within the City of Toronto, the individual community councils will be requested by TRCA to appoint members of Council. The city may appoint a current Authority member. These representatives will be Ex-officio members.

One Councillor is required from each of the City of Toronto's community councils which have the Don watershed within its boundaries.

- Toronto North Community Council;
- Toronto South Community Council;
- Toronto East Community Council.

3.4 Other Public Agency Representatives

The following federal and provincial agencies which have a specific interest in the Don watershed will be requested by TRCA to appoint a representative and an alternate. These representatives will be Ex-officio members.

- Environment Canada;
- Ontario Ministry of Environment;
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

3.5 Community Group Representatives

The following community groups which have a specific interest in the Don watershed will be requested by TRCA to appoint a representative and an alternate to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council.

- The Task Force to Bring Back the Don, City of Toronto;
- Friends of the Don East;
- Richmond Hill Naturalists;
- Toronto Green Community.

Others may be added throughout the term should their knowledge, skills and experience be advantageous to the work of the Council.

3.6 Watershed Residents, Business Members and Academic Institution Representatives

Applications from watershed residents, businesses and academic institutions will be solicited through announcements in newsletters, local newspapers, web sites, volunteer networks, and through press releases. A committee of three persons, comprised of one member of the Authority, a TRCA senior staff member and the Don Watershed Specialist will recommend appointments to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. This selection will take into consideration the following:

- demonstrated interest in the watershed/community;
- willingness of the applicant to meet the potential time and work commitments;
- geographical representation within the watershed;
- resident members should live within the Don watershed or an adjacent Lake Ontario drainage area; and
- technical/professional knowledge, skills and experience in disciplines that would assist in the implementation of assigned tasks and responsibilities.

Up to 20 persons representing watershed residents, businesses and academic institutions who have demonstrated experience, knowledge, interest and skills in one of the following fields:

- writing/communications;
- business;
- fund-raising;
- natural environment;
- planning and engineering;
- environmental policy;
- academics/education;
- social marketing;
- culture, heritage and recreation.

4.0 GUESTS

Don Watershed Regeneration Council meetings are open to the public. We encourage others interested in actively giving their time and talents to the protection, regeneration and celebration of the watershed to become involved. These persons are not official members but will be acknowledged as 'guests' by the watershed council. They will not have voting privileges nor be eligible for travel expenses to and from meetings. Guests are not required to be residents of the watershed.

5.0 TERM OF APPOINTMENT

These Terms of Reference are valid for four years (2007 - 2010). The regional and local municipalities and other public agencies will be requested to appoint their representatives for a two year term with the option to renew for an additional two years to coincide with the four year term of municipal councils. All other members will be appointed for a two year term with the option to renew for two years.

Membership will be reviewed on an annual basis. Members, excluding ex-officio members, unable to fulfill their commitments will be replaced after missing three consecutive meetings (without notice) by the Authority based on the nominees recommended by Authority members, other watershed council members and TRCA staff.

Notice of resignations and recommendations for new members will be presented to the Authority on an as required basis for approval.

6.0 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Members will be required to attend regular evening meetings of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council to be held approximately 6-8 times annually.

It is anticipated that evening meetings for Don Watershed Regeneration Council working committees will be held approximately 6-8 times annually. Additional meetings may be required to deal with specific issues from time to time. Meetings may be held during regular work hours depending on the preference and availability of members and staff.

Members will contribute to the work of the watershed council, prepare effectively for, and participate in, at least one working committee.

7.0 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected by the Don Watershed Regeneration Council from amongst its members. The Authority may appoint an interim Chair until such time that an election can take place. The Chair and Vice Chair will also be ex-officio members of all working committees.

8.0 REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council is considered a subcommittee of TRCA's Watershed Management Advisory Board. The watershed council Chair will report on a regular basis to the Authority on projects and progress through meeting minutes of the watershed council.

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council is not a formal commenting body regarding review and approval of planning applications or permits. Staff will advise the watershed council of major projects within the watershed and may ask them for comments.

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council may, on its own, provide comments or other information for the consideration of staff and the Authority.

9.0 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL

9.1 TRCA Support

TRCA will provide staff support for the watershed council, including technical project support and community outreach, based on available funding.

Subject to available funding, the staff secretariat will include:

- Don Watershed Specialist;
- Project Manager, Watershed Planning;
- Administrative Clerk.

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council, and its working committees, will otherwise strive to be self-sufficient in achieving their goals.

9.2 Other Resources

Funding may be available for projects and activities of working committees based on approved work plans and available TRCA funding. Working committee members are encouraged to secure other resources and partnerships for watershed council projects and activities, whenever possible. In-kind or other support for projects and activities will be welcome from business, industries, other government agencies, private foundations, educational institutions and others in accordance with TRCA policies. In-kind or other support will be coordinated with the assistance of The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, where appropriate.

9.3 Technical Advisory Committee

In addition to the Don Watershed Regeneration Council, it is recommended that an agency technical working group be established to assist TRCA staff in the development of the updated watershed plan.

10.0 STRUCTURE OF THE DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL

10.1 Chair's Committee

This subcommittee will undertake key administrative responsibilities pertaining to the watershed council's agenda and work plan. The group will meet prior to the watershed council's meeting and on other occasions as needed. This committee will be made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, working committee chairs, and other key members, as well as the appropriate TRCA support staff.

10.2 Jurisdiction-wide Watershed Committee(s)

Members of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council will be encouraged to work with other watershed advisory committee members to collaborate on issues of common interest.

10.3 Working Committees

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council will undertake its work through the active involvement of its members on at least one committee. Working committees will be established on an 'as required' basis and will be dissolved when their work is substantially complete. New committees will be struck to deal with specific issues as determined by the Don Watershed Regeneration Council and TRCA staff.

A chair person for each working committee will be selected from the Don Watershed Regeneration Council membership. The Chair will report to the watershed council on a regular basis.

11.0 COMPENSATION OF WATERSHED COUNCIL MEMBERS

At regular Don Watershed Regeneration Council meetings, as well as working committee meetings, members will be eligible for travel expenses according to TRCA policy where these are not covered by their agency or other source. The TRCA policy on volunteers is also applicable.

12.0 RULES OF CONDUCT

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council will adhere to TRCA's Rules of Conduct as adopted by Resolution #34 at Authority Meeting #2/86, held on March 21, 1986, and as amended periodically.

13.0 QUORUM

A quorum will consist of one-third of the members of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. Alternate members will have voting privileges on all matters of business.

14.0 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Don Watershed Regeneration Council shall:

- Adhere to the basic principles of sound ecosystem management that recognizes the interrelationship between cultural heritage, physical characteristics, biological conditions and economic needs, and the integration of conservation, restoration and economic activities necessary for the health of the watershed.
- Assist with the development, consultation and review of the updated watershed plan for the Don and its components.

- Participate in efforts of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation with respect to the naturalization and flood protection at the mouth of the Don and related activities.
- Work collaboratively with TRCA staff, and other watershed/waterfront advisory committees to develop The Living City Report Card which will address jurisdiction-wide issues as well as watershed specific indicators and targets.
- Work collaboratively with TRCA staff, and other watershed/waterfront advisory committees to address issues of common concern such as providing input to the Toronto Area Remedial Action Plan, source protection planning and other regional policy or planning issues.
- Act as the Don watershed advocate in large projects that cross municipal boundaries and support major projects advocated for by others such as which will protect, regenerate and celebrate the Don watershed.
- Work with TRCA and The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto to seek new partners and sources of funding for identified priority projects.
- Assist TRCA in identifying potential public greenspace and work with owners to develop conservation easements, donations and bequests in accordance with TRCA's Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010.
- Maintain and enhance contacts within the community regarding watershed management issues.
- Provide a framework for meaningful communication and community involvement in watershed management.
- Support local community groups and build capacity within the general community to deliver watershed management products and services.



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April 10, 2007

Mr. John Leach, City Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mr. Leach:

Re: Appointments to the Humber Watershed Alliance 2007-2009

Since 1992, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) has established community-based committees to assist with the protection and restoration of its watersheds. One of the committees in the City of Vaughan is the Humber Watershed Alliance. The membership includes elected representatives, agency staff, residents, community groups, academic institutions and business groups. We are extremely grateful for the cooperation and dedication we have received from the City in the past.

The Authority, at its meeting held March 30, 2007, adopted the Terms of Reference for the Humber Watershed Alliance (copy enclosed).

Consequently, I would like to invite your municipality to appoint one councillor and one staff representative to represent the City of Vaughan on the Humber Watershed Alliance. The term of the committee is two years beginning approximately in June, 2007.

As a member of the Humber Watershed Alliance, the appointed councillor and staff member will be involved in the following initiatives:

- Completion of the Humber watershed management plan policies and implementation strategy to meet the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan;
- Development of a management plan for public use and environmental management of the 608 hectares of the TRCA-owned Nashville Resource Management Tract in the City of Vaughan (please refer to map);
- Implementation of the Boyd Conservation Area Management Plan; and
- Heritage initiatives to complement the Canadian Heritage Rivers designation for the Humber River.

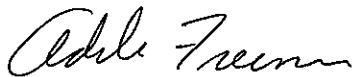
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We request that your appointment of councillor and staff to the Humber Watershed Alliance be done by May 7, 2007 in order that we can confirm membership and have the inaugural meeting of the Humber Watershed Alliance in June.

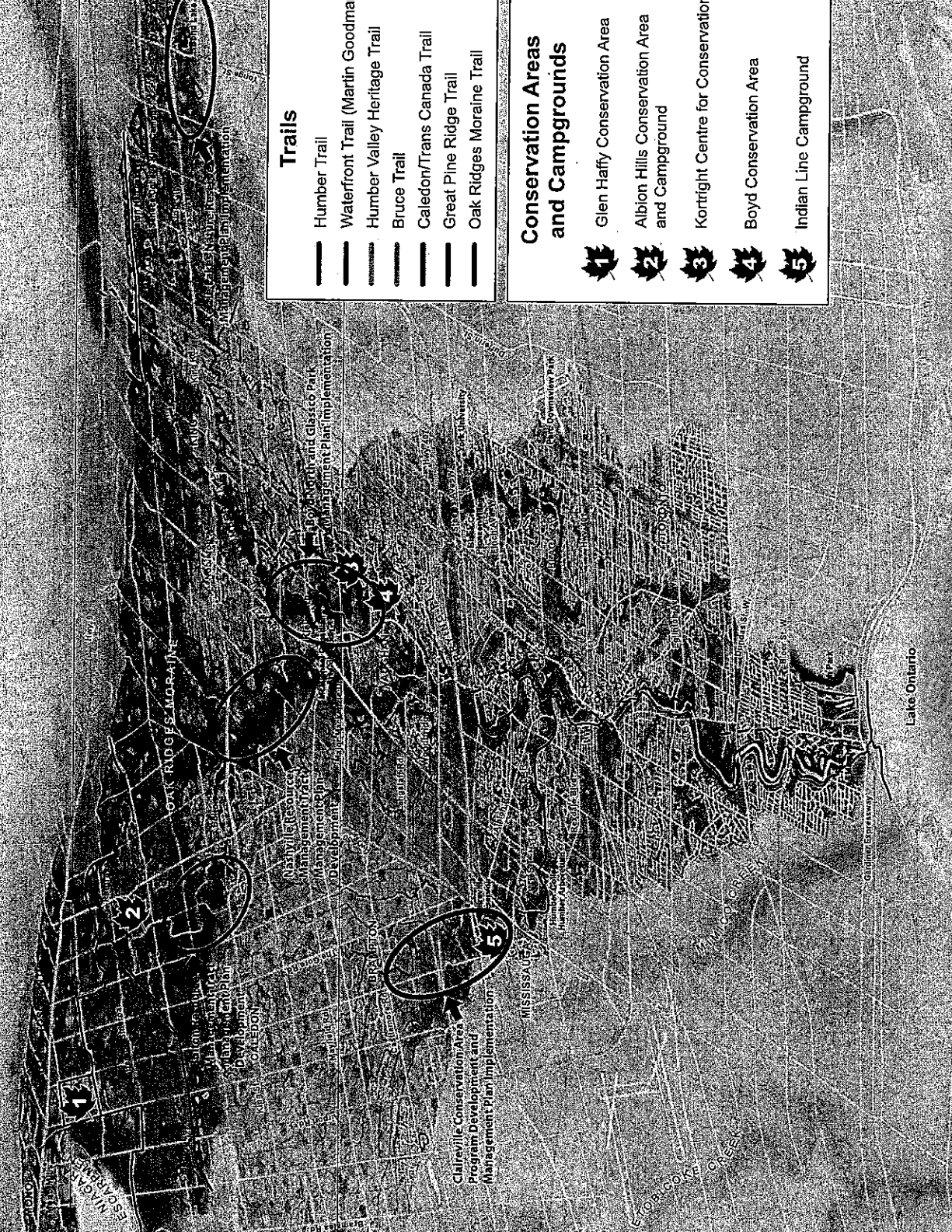
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Wilkins, Humber Watershed Specialist at (416)661- 6600, extension 5211.

Yours truly,










Adele Freeman, Director
Watershed Management Division

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Trails

-  Humber Trail
-  Waterfront Trail (Martin Goodman)
-  Humber Valley Heritage Trail
-  Bruce Trail
-  Caledon/Trans Canada Trail
-  Great Pine Ridge Trail
-  Oak Ridges Moraine Trail

Conservation Areas and Campgrounds

-  1 Glen Harfy Conservation Area
-  2 Albion Hills Conservation Area and Campground
-  3 Kortright Centre for Conservation
-  4 Boyd Conservation Area
-  5 Indian Line Campground

Map of Oak Ridges Moraine area showing trails and conservation areas. Includes labels for Aurora, Richmond Hill, Mississauga, and Lake Ontario.

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THE HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE
2007 - 2010

Terms of Reference

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
March 21, 2007



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HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1:0 AUTHORITY DIRECTION

At Authority Meeting #11/96, held on December 20, 1996, Resolution #A261/96 was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the Humber Watershed Task Force reports entitled "Legacy: A Strategy for a Healthy Humber", dated November 20, 1996 and "A Call to Action: Implementing the Humber Watershed Strategy", dated October 30, 1996, be received and endorsed;...

THAT the staff be directed to provide a terms of reference and membership proposal for a Humber Watershed Alliance for the Authority's consideration in the spring of 1997;...

At Authority Meeting #4/97, held on May 30, 1997, Resolution #A98/97 was approved, as follows:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Humber Watershed Alliance, dated May 8, 1997, as in WMAB Res.#D39/97, be adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to take all actions necessary to establish the Humber Watershed Alliance in time for the first meeting to occur in October, 1997.

At Authority Meeting #11/00, held on January 5, 2001, Resolution #A266/00, establishing the goals, membership, organization and Terms of Reference for the second Humber Watershed Alliance 2001-2003, was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Humber Watershed Alliance, dated December, 2000, as appended, be approved;...

At Authority Meeting #10/03, held on January 9, 2004, Resolution #A289/03, establishing the goals, membership, organizational and Terms of Reference for the third Humber Watershed Alliance, 2004 -2006 was approved, in part, as follows:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Humber Watershed Alliance, dated December, 2003, as attached, be approved;...

At Authority Meeting #2/07, to be held on March 30, 2007, TRCA will be requested to approve the resolution establishing the Terms of Reference for the fifth term of the Humber Watershed Alliance 2007-2010.

2.0 GOALS

The goals of the Humber Watershed Alliance are to protect, restore and celebrate the Humber River watershed and, more specifically, to assist the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, government agencies, watershed municipalities, community groups and the public to:

- i) secure political support at all levels of government and foster corporate partnerships to advance TRCA's vision for The Living City;
- ii) achieve The Living City vision of Healthy Rivers and Shorelines, Regional Biodiversity, Sustainable Communities and Business Excellence within the Humber watershed;
- ii) implement priority recommendations in the Humber Watershed Task Force's report titled *"Legacy: A Strategy for a Healthy Humber" (1997)*;
- iii) implement recommended actions to meet the targets identified in the Humber watershed report cards; *"A Report Card on the Health of the Humber River Watershed (2000)"*, *"2003 Humber Watershed Progress Report"*, and *"Listen to Your River: A Report Card on the Health of the Humber River Watershed - 2006"*.
- iv) maintain and improve the natural and human heritage and recreational values that distinguish the Humber as a Canadian Heritage River;
- v) implement the recommendations of the Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan contained in *"Clean Waters, Clear Choices: Recommendations for Action"* and strategic directions contained in subsequent reports as they pertain to the Humber River watershed;
- vi) implement strategic plans such as the *Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan* (Toronto) and the regions of Peel and York sustainability initiatives;
- vii) implement source water protection initiatives.

3.0 HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Humber Watershed Alliance shall consist of approximately 60 members including:

3.1 TRCA Representatives

The Chair of the Authority or other designated Authority member as Ex-officio.

3.2 Regional and Local Municipal Representatives

The regional and local municipalities will be requested by TRCA to appoint one council member from each of the "905" regional and local municipalities in the Humber River watershed. These representatives will be Ex-officio members. A municipality may appoint a current Authority member. The appointed members should represent an electoral ward within the Humber River watershed.

Regional Municipality of York;
 Regional Municipality of Peel;
 Town of Richmond Hill;
 City of Vaughan;
 Township of King;
 Town of Aurora;
 City of Mississauga;
 City of Brampton;
 Town of Caledon;
 Town of Mono;
 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio.

3.3 City of Toronto Community Council Representatives

Within the City of Toronto, the individual community councils will be requested by TRCA to appoint members of Council. The city may appoint a current Authority member. These representatives will be Ex-officio members.

One Councillor is required from each of the City of Toronto's community councils which have the Humber River watershed within its boundaries.

Toronto North Community Council;
 Toronto South Community Council;
 Toronto West Community Council.

3.4 Other Public Agency Representatives

The following federal and provincial agencies which have a specific interest or mandate in issues such as source water protection, Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan, Great Lakes Water Quality, Climate Change, Greenbelt Plan and Places to Grow will be requested by TRCA to appoint a senior staff and an alternate. These representatives will be Ex-officio members.

Environment Canada;
 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources;
 Ontario Ministry of Environment;
 Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation;
 Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

3.5 Municipal Staff Liaison Representatives

Each municipality within the Humber River watershed will be requested by TRCA to designate staff liaison(s) to the Humber Watershed Alliance from appropriate departments with direct responsibilities for open space, planning, water management, heritage and operations. These staff will be invited to all meetings but will be requested to participate on specific working committees or group.

Annually, a separate meeting/forum may be held to share information on Humber watershed strategic planning that is underway, regeneration activities carried out directly by TRCA, municipalities or others, and to ensure on-going liaison with appropriate departments.

3.6 Community Group Representatives

The following community groups will be requested by TRCA to appoint a representative and an alternate to the Humber Watershed Alliance.

Action to Restore a Clean Humber;
 Black Creek Project;
 Community action sites/stewardship groups (Bolton, Claireville, Boyd, Oak Ridges Corridor Park (Kettle Lakes Nature Reserve at Richmond Hill));
 Community Economic Development For Immigrant Women;
 GTA Agricultural Action Plan;
 Toronto Food Policy Council;
 Afri-can Food Basket;
 Farm Start;
 Food Share;

First Nations;
 Friends of Boyd Park;
 Friends of Claireville;
 Humber Arboretum;
 Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association;
 Caledon Cycling Association;
 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario;
 Humber Heritage Committee;
 La Societe d'histoire de Toronto;
 Ontario Streams;
 Trout Unlimited;
 Richmond Hill Naturalists;
 Save the Oak Ridges Moraine;
 Citizens Environment Watch;
 West Humber Naturalists;
 Peel Federation of Agriculture;
 York Federation of Agriculture;
 York Soil & Crop Improvement Association.

Others may be added throughout the term should their knowledge, skills and experience be advantageous to the work of the Humber Alliance.

3.7 Watershed Residents, Business Members and Academic Institution Representatives

Applications from businesses, academic institutions and watershed residents will be solicited through announcements in newsletters, local newspapers, web sites, volunteer networks, and through press releases.

A committee of three persons consisting of one member of the Authority, a TRCA senior staff member and the Humber Watershed Specialist will recommend appointments to the Humber Watershed Alliance. This selection will take into consideration the following:

- demonstrated interest in the watershed/community;
- willingness of the applicant to meet the potential time and work commitments;
- geographical representation of the watershed;
- resident members should live within the Humber watershed or an adjacent Lake Ontario drainage area;
- technical/professional knowledge, skills and experience in disciplines that would assist in the implementation of assigned tasks.

3.7.1 Business Representatives/Business Organization Representatives

Three members representing businesses and/or business organizations interested in corporate environmental stewardship and the economic vitality of the region.

3.7.2 Academic Institution Representatives

Three representatives from the university, college and public/catholic/private school systems interested in watershed management, restoration, research, and in integrating sustainability issues into watershed applications and/or curriculum.

University of Guelph;
York University;
Seneca College;
public and catholic school boards;
private school.

3.7.3 Watershed Resident Representatives

Twenty five Humber River watershed residents who have demonstrated experience, knowledge and skills in one of the following fields:

urban agriculture;
communications;
environmental education;
environmental monitoring;
fundraising;
human heritage;
natural heritage;
planning and policy;
recreation;
social marketing.

4.0 GUESTS

The Humber Watershed Alliance meetings are open to the public. Persons interested in actively giving their time and expertise to the protection, restoration and celebration of the watershed are welcome. These persons are not official members but will be acknowledged as guests of the Humber Alliance. They will not have voting privileges nor be eligible for travel expenses to and from meetings. Guests are not required to be residents of the watershed.

5.0 TERM OF APPOINTMENT

These Terms of Reference are valid for four years (2007 - 2010). The regional and local municipalities and other public agencies will be requested to appoint their representatives for a two year term with the option to renew for an additional two years to coincide with the four year term of municipal councils. All other members will be appointed for a two year term with the option to renew for two years.

Membership will be reviewed on an annual basis. Members, excluding ex-officio members, unable to fulfill their commitments will be replaced after missing three consecutive meetings (without notice) by the Authority based on the nominees recommended by Authority members, other alliance members and TRCA staff.

Notice of resignations and recommendations for new members will be presented to the Authority on an as required basis for approval.

6.0 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Members are required to attend regular evening meetings of the whole Humber Watershed Alliance approximately four times annually.

It is anticipated that evening meetings for Humber Watershed Alliance working committees, community action sites and stewardship will be held approximately six times annually. Additional meetings may be required to deal with specific issues from time to time. Meetings may be held during regular work hours depending on the preference and availability of members and staff.

Members will contribute to the work of the Humber Alliance, prepare effectively for, and participate in, at least one working committee, community action site or stewardship group.

7.0 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Humber Watershed Alliance will be elected from amongst its members. The Authority may appoint an interim Chair until such time as an election can take place. The Chair and Vice Chair will also be ex-officio members of all working committees, community action site and stewardship groups.

8.0 REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Humber Watershed Alliance is considered a subcommittee of TRCA's Watershed Management Advisory Board. The Humber Watershed Alliance Chair will report on a regular basis to the Authority on projects and progress through meeting minutes of the Humber Alliance.

The Humber Watershed Alliance is not a formal commenting body regarding review and approval of planning applications or permits. Staff will advise the Humber Watershed Alliance of major projects within the watershed and may ask them for comments.

The Humber Watershed Alliance may, on its own, provide comments or other information for the consideration of staff and the Authority.

9.0 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

9.1 TRCA Support

TRCA will provide staff support for the Humber Watershed Alliance, including technical project support and community outreach.

Subject to available funding, the staff secretariat will include:

- Humber Watershed Specialist;
- Project Manager, Watershed Planning;
- Planner, Watershed Resources;
- Administrative Clerk (part time).

The Humber Watershed Alliance, and its working committees, community action site and stewardship groups will otherwise strive to be self-sufficient in achieving their goals.

9.2 Other Resources

Funding may be available for projects and activities of working committees, community action site and stewardship groups based on approved work plans and available TRCA funding. Members are encouraged to secure other resources and partnerships for Humber Watershed Alliance projects and activities, whenever possible. In-kind or other support for projects and activities are welcome from businesses, industries, government agencies, private foundations, educational institutions and others in accordance with TRCA policies. In-kind or other support will be coordinated with the assistance of The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, where appropriate.

10.0 STRUCTURE OF THE HUMBER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

10.1 Chair's Committee

This subcommittee may be formed to undertake key administrative responsibilities pertaining to the Humber Alliance's agenda and work plan. The group will meet prior to the Humber Alliance meetings and on other occasions as needed. This committee will be made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, working committee chairs and other key members as well as the appropriate TRCA support staff.

10.2 Jurisdiction-wide Watershed Committee(s)

Members of the Humber Watershed Alliance will be encouraged to work with other watershed advisory committee members to collaborate on issues of common interest.

10.3 Working Committees, Community Action Site and Stewardship Groups

The Humber Watershed Alliance will undertake its work through the active involvement of its members on at least one working committee, community action site or stewardship group.

These committees and groups will be established on an as required basis and will be dissolved when their work is substantially complete. These committees will be established to deal with specific actions or projects as determined by the Humber Watershed Alliance and TRCA staff.

Working committees, community action sites and stewardship groups will be generally limited to 3 - 4 at any one time. This will ensure the necessary focus and effort required, while serving to limit, to a reasonable level, the demands on the Humber Watershed Alliance members, TRCA staff and other agencies.

A Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed for each of the working committees, community action site and stewardship groups. The Chair and Vice Chair of each working committee, community action site and stewardship group will be a Humber Watershed Alliance member or alternate. The Chairs will be responsible for implementing their Terms of Reference as approved by the Humber Alliance and report to the alliance on a regular basis.

Community action sites and stewardship groups may be active even after the Humber Alliance has completed its term.

All members of working groups, community action sites and stewardship groups are welcome to attend Humber Alliance meetings as guests regardless of being approved members of the alliance.

11.0 COMPENSATION OF WATERSHED ALLIANCE MEMBERS

For regular Humber Watershed Alliance meetings, as well as working committee meetings; members will be eligible for travel expenses according to TRCA policy where these are not covered by their agency or other source. The TRCA policy on volunteers is also applicable.

12.0 RULES OF CONDUCT

The Humber Watershed Alliance will adhere to TRCA's Rules of Conduct as adopted by Resolution #34 at Authority Meeting #2/86, held on March 21, 1986, and as amended periodically.

13.0 QUORUM

A quorum will consist of one-third of the members of the Humber Watershed Alliance. Alternate members will have voting privileges on all matters of business.

14.0 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Humber Watershed Alliance shall:

- Adhere to the basic principles of sound ecosystem management that recognizes the interrelationship between cultural heritage, physical characteristics, biological conditions and economic needs, and the integration of conservation, restoration and economic activities necessary for the health of the watershed.
- Assist with updates to the Humber River watershed management plan and associated implementation strategy required by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

- Assist with habitat regeneration, natural resource management, stewardship, recreational and heritage activities in consultation with watershed stakeholders that will lead to the realization of The Living City vision. This includes but is not limited to:
 - *initiatives that further TRCA's Sustainable Communities objective such as near urban agriculture;
 - *energy conservation, green building technologies and business-related community partnerships;
 - *identification, protection, celebration and promotion of cultural and heritage values in the Humber River watershed;
 - *natural heritage restoration such as the re-introduction of Atlantic salmon.
- Act as the Humber watershed advocate in large projects that cross municipal boundaries and support major projects advocated by others which will protect, regenerate and celebrate the Humber watershed.
- Assist in gaining financial and in-kind resources.
- In conjunction with TRCA and others, assist with technical forums leading to improvements in planning and practice, throughout the watershed.
- Provide leadership and inform local communities about watershed management through public meetings, publications, displays and special events.
- Assist TRCA in identifying potential public greenspace and work with owners to develop conservation easements, donations and bequests in accordance with TRCA's Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010.
- Work collaboratively with TRCA staff, and other watershed/waterfront advisory committees to develop The Living City Report Card which will address jurisdiction-wide issues as well as watershed specific indicators and targets.