COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 7, 2001

CITY OF VAUGHAN (CONCORD/THORNHILL REGIONAL PARK) APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE PARKWAY BELT WEST PLAN RELATED FILES: OP.01.007 & Z.01.019

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning & Urban Design recommends:

THAT Staff be directed to file an amendment application with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to remove the Concord-Thornhill Regional Park site from the Parkway Belt West Plan.

Background

On March 19, 2001, Council adopted a resolution that Staff consider amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit possible uses within Concord/Thornhill Regional Park such as: indoor recreational and athletic centre; office building; club and healthcare centre; childcare centre; bar or restaurant; retail sports shop or pro shop; dormitory residence for visiting athletes; and, concession and restroom facilities.

On April 17, 2001, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advised that the proposed uses would not conform to the "General Complementary Use" designation in the Parkway Belt West Plan, which permits low density, low intensity outdoor recreational uses and associated buildings and structures that maintain the open space character of the area, and preserve and enhance natural features. An amendment to the Parkway Belt West Plan would be required to facilitate the proposed uses within Concord-Thornhill Regional Park.

Staff recommends that an amendment application be filed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to remove the Concord-Thornhill Regional Park site from the Parkway Belt West Plan. In doing so, the City would be provided with the flexibility of facilitating any or all of the proposed uses within the park, anytime in the future.

Attachment

1. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

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