

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) JUNE 11, 2002

MILLVIEW(19T-81061) OPEN SPACE/T.R.C.A.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning recommends:

That approximately 3 hectares of the 14 hectares of open space adjacent to the Millview subdivision be retained by the City of Vaughan as parkland, and

The remaining 12 hectares be conveyed to the T.R.C.A., to be managed in a manner similar to Foster Woods.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to retain a portion of the Millview open space in City of Vaughan ownership.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting of February 25th, 2002, a resolution was passed directing staff to prepare a report "respecting a request from K.A.R.A. that the City of Vaughan convey + 14 ha. Of Open Space adjacent to Islington Avenue in the Millview (Kleinburg North) Subdivision to the T.R.C.A. to be placed under its stewardship in a similar manner and under similar circumstances that Foster Woods was conveyed to the Authority in 1992."

Staff has reviewed the request in the context of the amount of open spacer and active parkland in the Kleinburg community. The community of Kleinburg is growing, with many new families with children moving into the area. With this comes a demand for active park facilities. The subdivisions immediately adjoining this open space contain 323 detached homes. The parkland associated with this development is minimal and there are no parcels large enough to accommodate any active facilities, including sports fields.

The Kleinburg Soccer Club currently has 900 participants, and is anticipating considerable demand from the new areas. The only City owned park that contains sports fields in Kleinburg is the Bindertwine Park. This park includes one senior and one junior soccer field. Mini soccer fields are located on the Kleinburg Public School lands, La Fontaine School lands, the former Nashville Presbyterian Church and the Polish Club. These fields are inadequate for the soccer community's needs, and the use of non-owned City lands means that the future of the soccer fields is not secure. In comparison to the three other City of Vaughan soccer clubs, Kleinburg is under- serviced.

The Millview Open Space is a large tract of land, containing no trees, and located immediately adjacent to Highway 27. K.A.R.A.'s wish is to transform this land into a forested area that would remain passive. There is enough land to accommodate both K.A.R.A.'s wishes and also provide some active parkland for community use.

Staff are proposing that the north end of the 14 hectares, immediately adjacent to the access to the valley land open space, be developed with a small parking lot to serve as "trail head" parking, and two junior soccer fields. The size of this parcel of land would be approximately 3.2 hectares. Refer to Attachment #1.

The developer of the Humberplex subdivision is willing to make a contribution to the development of the soccer fields. The 5% parkland requirements respecting the Humberplex subdivision to the

north would not be of sufficient size to accommodate a soccer field and normal ancillary uses such as tot-lots.

Conclusion

This parcel of land provides an opportunity to satisfy the needs of K.A.R.A. provide trailhead parking for the future open space trail network and to provide two much needed mini soccer fields for the community.

Attachments

1. Millview/North Humber Trail Head Park

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