## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 22, 2004**

### MILLVIEW (19T-81061) OPEN SPACE / TRCA

### Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning and the Manager of Parks Development recommends:

- 1. That the City of Vaughan convey +14 ha. of Open Space adjacent to Islington Avenue in the Millview (Kleinburg North) Subdivision to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (T.R.C.A.), to be placed under its stewardship similar to the Foster Woods conveyance; and,
- 2. That +3 ha. of the total Open Space conveyance be reserved for future consideration should uses of a cultural and/or heritage nature be identified and approved by the City of Vaughan, the T.R.C.A., and the Kleinburg Area Ratepayers Association (K.A.R.A.).

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to convey +14 ha. of Open Space land to the T.R.C.A.

## **Background - Analysis and Options**

At the Council meeting of February 25, 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 +14ha. 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 manner and under similar circumstances that Foster Woods was conveyed to the Authority in 1992".

Subsequently, following a June 24, 2002 Council meeting, staff were directed to meet with the Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers Association and Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club to establish an appropriate location for two junior soccer fields given increasing demands for playing facilities. The Millview Open Space (19T81061) was identified as a potential location for these soccer pitches.

A public meeting with community members, K.A.R.A. and Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer was held Tuesday, January 28, 2003 to present conceptual plans that would incorporate two (2) junior soccer fields in the Open Space lands. The community did not support the proposal for soccer pitches in the Open Space. The Community preferred that the land adjacent to Islington Avenue in the Millview (Kleinburg North) Subdivision remain passive and that the +14 ha. be conveyed to the T.R.C.A. to be placed under its stewardship in a manner and under similar circumstances that Foster Woods was conveyed to the Authority in 1992.

## Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Preserve and enhance the natural and built heritage environment and encourage the preservation of significant natural areas is consistent with preservation and enhancing the natural environment of the Open Space land to the T.R.C.A., in conjunction with the City of Vaughan and K.A.R.A.

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

# **Conclusion**

Staff recommend that the City of Vaughan convey +14 ha. of Open Space adjacent to Islington Avenue in the Millview (Kleinburg North) Subdivision to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (T.R.C.A.), be placed under its stewardship in a similar manner and under similar circumstances that Foster Woods was conveyed to the T.R.C.A. in 1992.

In addition, that +3 ha. of the total Open Space conveyance be reserved for future consideration should uses of a cultural and/or heritage nature be identified and approved by the City of Vaughan, the T.R.C.A., and the Kleinburg Area Ratepayers Association (K.A.R.A.).

# **Attachments**

Attachment #1 - Location Map

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Respectfully submitted,

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