

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

PIERRE AND JANET BERTON TRAIL AT BOYD CONSERVATION AREA

(Referred from the Council meeting of June 26, 2006)

Council, at its meeting of June 26, 2006, adopted the following:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 5, 2006, for a further staff report addressing Members of Council's comments.

Report of Councillor Carella, dated June 26, 2006

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

- 1) That Vaughan Council endorse the establishment of the Pierre and Janet Berton Trail at Boyd Conservation Area as proposed in the attached letter (Attachment 1) received from Mr. Gary Wilkins, Humber Watershed Specialist, Watershed Management Division, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), dated June 15, 2006; and
- 2) That TRCA be advised that Vaughan Council are pleased to endorse the naming of the proposed trail route in honour of Pierre and Janet Berton.

Economic Impact

Nil

Purpose

To respond to TRCA's request for confirmation in writing that the City of Vaughan supports the establishment of the subject trail route and the naming of the route in honour of Pierre and Janet Berton.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council, at its meeting of December 12, 2005, in considering the matter respecting the Pierre and Janet Berton Trail at Boyd Conservation Area (Attachment 2) adopted the following:

"That this matter be referred to staff to request TRCA to provide details on any potential trail locations".

The TRCA has responded to staff's request (refer to Attachment 1) and have requested in writing the City's formal support of the establishment and naming of the subject trail route.

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 Vaughan Council endorses the TRCA's establishment of a trail at Boyd Conservation Area and that the subject trail be named after two of the City of Vaughan's most prominent citizens.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Letter from Mr. Gary Wilkins, TRCA, dated June 15, 2006

Attachment 2: Council Extract December 12, 2005, Item 36, Committee of the Whole Report No. 68

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

June 15, 2006

Ms. Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk
City of Vaughan
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Dear Ms. Fernandes:

Re: Proposed Pierre and Janet Berton Trail at Boyd Conservation Area

I am writing in response to Item 36, Report no. 68 of the City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole regarding a proposal to name an existing trail in the Boyd Conservation Area in honour of Pierre and Janet Berton.

City of Vaughan Council, at its meeting held on December 12, 2005 adopted the following resolution:

THAT this matter be referred to staff to request TRCA to provide details on any potential trail locations.

The Friends of Boyd Park, a local community group, have also asked TRCA to recognize the contribution the Bertons have made to the environmental and conservationist movements by naming an existing trail within Boyd Conservation Area after Pierre and Janet Berton.

TRCA staff has reviewed trail alternatives in consultation with the Friends of Boyd Park. TRCA will support the request to formalize an existing route as illustrated on the enclosed map dated June, 2006. Our support for formalizing and naming this trail is based on the following:

- That the trail already exists as an informal, primitive, walking trail so the establishment of a new trail is not required.
- That the trail remain a single use walking trail only.
- That the Friends of Boyd Park will confirm with the Berton family that the proposed alignment meets their requirements.
- That the Friends of Boyd Park will assist TRCA in developing a management plan to guide the maintenance of the trail including the decommissioning of some trails, preparing and installing interpretive signs, planting trees and shrubs, and removing garbage.

Ms. Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk
City of Vaughan

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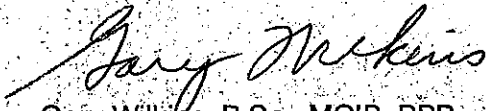
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- That the Friends of Boyd Park will assist with fundraising for the maintenance of the trail, signs and other requirements, as determined.
- That TRCA will monitor the site. Should new environmental or heritage information become available that suggests the trail be closed or realigned, TRCA will proceed to do this in consultation with the Friends of Boyd Park, the Berton family and the City of Vaughan.

We would appreciate confirmation, in writing, that the City of Vaughan supports the formal establishment of the trail route, as illustrated on the enclosed map dated June, 2006, and that it be named in honour of Pierre and Janet Berton.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me at (416)661-6600, extension 5211 or gwilkins@trca.on.ca

Yours truly,

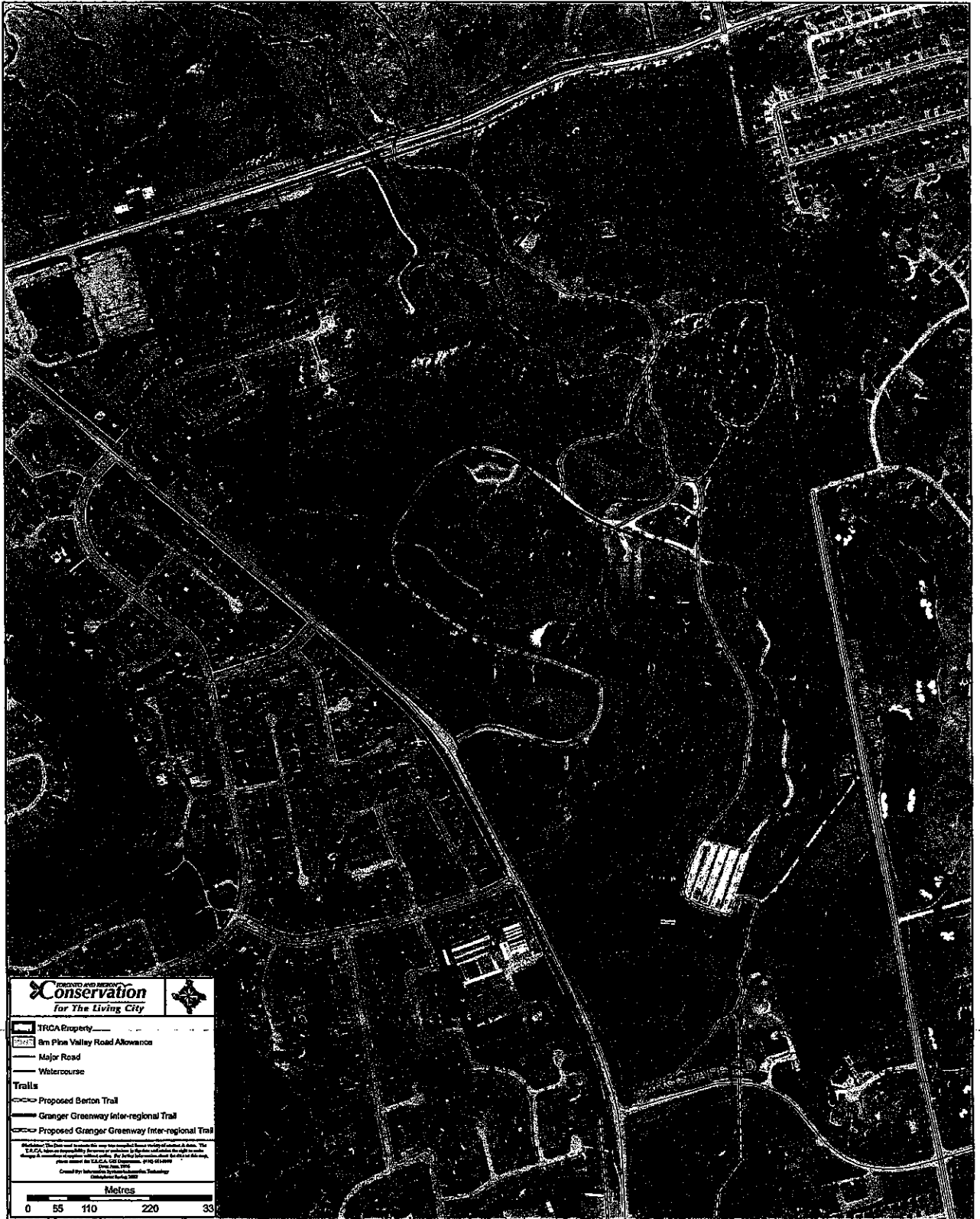


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Watershed Management Division

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Encl.

cc: Councillor Carella, City of Vaughan
Deb Schulte, Friends of Boyd Park
Iain Craig, Friends of Boyd Park
Mike Bender, TRCA



EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2005

Item 36, Report No. 68, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 12, 2005.

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The Committee of the Whole recommends that this matter be referred to staff to request TRCA to provide details on any potential trail locations.

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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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2005

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Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)