

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	JANUARY 17, 2012 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Title:	FACILITIES FOR NORTH MAPLE REGIONAL PARK
Submitted by:	REGIONAL COUNCILLOR GINO ROSATI and COUNCILLOR MARILYN IAFRATE

Whereas, the City of Vaughan has purchased approximately 200 acres of land on the east side of Keele Street, between Teston Road and Kirby Road for a major City park;

Whereas, the current Facility Fit Plan developed using the City of Vaughan's "Active Together Master Plan for Parks" contemplates the park consisting of recreation space, senior soccer fields, artificial turf fields, senior baseball/softball fields, cricket pitch, tennis courts, water play, play areas, basketball courts, ice skating trail, skateboard park, trails, field houses, amphitheatre, conservatory/arboretum, garden event area, picnic sheltered areas, pedestrian and bicycle network;

Whereas, the estimated cost to construct the Park is significant, estimated at \$31 million and will require a significant amount of funding beyond development charges to fully realize the plan; and,

Whereas, there will be significant ongoing annual costs to operate the park; and,

Whereas, the City is open to opportunities for reducing the cost to the taxpayer of providing the services to the public (construction and operation).

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1) Council issue an Expression of Interest to solicit and evaluate opportunities for a Private Public Partnership for the development and operation of all or a portion of the Maple Valley North Regional Park with the objective of balancing the public/private interests while achieving Council's overall vision for the park; and,
- 2) Staff be directed to bring back to council the results of the Expression of Interests, along with the draft Terms of Reference for an RFP to be issued to the proponents responding to the Expression of Interest; drawing from the current plan as a baseline for Council approval before being issued; and
- 3) That prior to the drafting of Terms of Reference for an RFP, a community meeting be held to discuss the current needs and vision for the future North Maple Regional Park so that these discussions can be incorporated into the Terms of Reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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