

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 24, 2012

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (TRCA) REQUEST TO APPOINT AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NASHVILLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TRACT MANAGEMENT PLAN – ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that Council give consideration to the following:

- 1) That the City of Vaughan appoint a member of Council to the Nashville Resource Management Tract Management Plan – Advisory Committee;
- 2) That the name of the Council member appointed be forwarded to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority by May 4, 2012; and
- 3) That Council ratify the action taken at the April 24, 2012 Committee of Whole meeting.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

Council's decision will be communicated to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the TRCA.

Background - Analysis and Options

By letter dated April 19, 2012, addressed to Jeffrey Abrams, City Clerk, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is requesting:

- Council appoint an elected representative to participate on the Nashville Resource Management Tract Management Plan – Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee); and
- That the name of the Council member appointed be forwarded to the TRCA by May 4, 2012.

The Advisory Committee members will be comprised of representatives of the public, interested community groups, local interest groups, elected representatives and staff from the Township of King, the City of Vaughan and the Regional Municipality of York. The committee will meet once every two months from May 2012 to March 2013.

The request was received too late to be placed on the main Committee of the Whole agenda. Due to time sensitivity the request is being brought forward as an addendum item and Council is being requested to ratify to action taken by Committee on April 24, 2012.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the strategic priorities set out in Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular:

SERVICE EXCELLENCE: Lead & Promote Environmental Sustainability.

Regional Implications

The Regional Municipality of York and the Township of King have also been requested to participate on the Advisory Committee.

Conclusion

Staff is requesting that Council give consideration to the request received from the TRCA.

Attachments

1. Letter from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), dated April 19, 2012.

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT # 1

April 19, 2012

Dear Mr. Abrams

**Re: Nashville Resource Management Tract Management Plan - Advisory
Committee – Request for Participation**

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is leading the preparation of a management plan for the Nashville Resource Management Tract (NRMT). This management plan will be focused primarily on developing management recommendations for the lands, determining management zones to ensure natural heritage protection, and developing a trail plan for the property.

The NRMT is located in York Region, in the municipalities of King Township (203 hectares) and the City of Vaughn (608 hectares). It is situated within the the Humber River Watershed, and in the Main Humber sub-watershed. The property is bordered by King Road to the north, Nashville Road to the south, Albion-Vaughan Road to the west and Highway 27 to the east. The NRMT is a diverse site containing many different habitat types such upland forests, bottomland forests, meadows, old fields and wetlands. The property supports a variety of wildlife, provides significant deer wintering yards and is an important migratory corridor. Because of its large size, as well as its current and future ecological value, the NRMT is an integral part of TRCA's natural heritage system.

As part of the management planning process, TRCA is establishing an advisory committee. The advisory committee members will play an integral role in developing goals, plans and management recommendations for the NRMT. The committee will provide direction and comments throughout the various stages of the process.

The membership of the committee will include representatives of the public, interested community groups, local interest groups, elected representatives, and staff from the Township of King, the City of Vaughan, and the Regional Municipality of York. We anticipate the Advisory Committee will meet once every two months from May 2012 to March 2013.

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We would like to ask that your Council appoint a representative to participate on the advisory committee. Please complete the enclosed application so as to provide the TRCA with an introduction to your representative. Please forward this application to April Wepler by Friday, May 4th [by fax, at (416) 661-6278, by email to awepler@trca.on.ca or by mail].

We will hold the first Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 15th. We will contact you to confirm your participation and the first Advisory Committee meeting time and location. Should you have any questions regarding this committee, please contact April Wepler at (647) 403-6783. We look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Bender". The signature is written in a cursive style with a double underline at the end.

Mike Bender
Manager, Conservation Lands
Finance and Business Services Division

Encl. NRMT Management Plan Advisory Committee Membership Application

NASHVILLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TRACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Want to make a valuable contribution to the environment?
Join the Nashville Resource Management Tract Management Plan Advisory Committee**

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) is developing a Management Plan for this 811 hectare property, situated along the Humber River valley in the City of Vaughan and King Township, in York Region. The goal of the Management Plan is to protect, conserve and manage the property within an ecosystem framework and, in consultation with the community, ensure watershed health, public enjoyment and environmental sustainability. TRCA is inviting agency and community representatives to be members of the advisory committee for the duration of the project (anticipated to conclude in March 2013). The Advisory Committee will meet approximately once every two months.

To confirm your membership in the Advisory Committee, please complete the application and return it to the address provided below.

Name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Email will be the primary method of communication unless you advise otherwise.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact the person listed below:

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