

January 16, 2018

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Dear Mr. Raynor:

At Executive Committee Meeting #10/17, of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), held on December 15, 2017, Resolution #B121/17 in regard to East Humber Headwaters Park was approved as follows:

WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has long supported the preservation and expansion of natural heritage areas and the objectives of the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP);

AND WHEREAS one of the most critical Natural Linkage areas in the ORMCP consists of lands in King running north-south from the 15th Sideroad to King road, between Dufferin Street on the west and Bathurst Street on the east, including significant tributaries and headwaters of the East Humber River;

AND WHEREAS these lands currently have no areas of public parkland and public access but present numerous opportunities for restoration and celebration of the natural heritage of the Humber River;

AND WHEREAS the owner of a large portion of these lands, constituting approximately 208 hectares at 770,780, 798, 988 King Road, 13516 Bathurst Street and Part of 13415 Dufferin Street, Township of King, has approached TRCA staff and municipal and provincial officials claiming they have partially transitioned development rights under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act and Planning Act which would allow for resort-type accommodation and a golf course that would permanently eliminate the ability to bring these lands into public ownership and restore them to a natural state;

AND WHEREAS the property owner has proposed a land exchange of the majority of these lands for developable lands held by the Province of Ontario which are already designated and planned for development;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has previously worked with TRCA to secure and protect large land areas in the GTA for natural heritage preservation and restoration (including the nearby Bathurst Glen lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine);

AND WHEREAS the Township of King Council will be considering a motion to request completion of the land exchange with the potential of lands to be transferred to TRCA to establish an East Humber Headwaters Park;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA staff be directed to:

- 1. Enter into discussions with municipalities, the Province of Ontario, the Region of York and the Township of King about the best way to ensure the long-term preservation and restoration of the King lands and establishment of the East Humber Headwaters Park; and,*
- 2. Report back on issues and opportunities present with receiving and/or managing these lands if the Province supports the proposal for a land exchange and development of a park on these lands.*

If possible, please bring to the attention of the Committee of Whole on January 18, 2018 as it pertains to item I.1.1 on this meeting agenda. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mike Fenning at 416-661-6600 extension 5223, mfenning@trca.on.ca.



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