

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

Item 27, Report No. 35, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 17, 2013.

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**COSTS & RISKS OF MAINTENANCE OF TRCA LANDS**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Iafate, dated September 3, 2013:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Marilyn Iafate

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan (City) maintains lands owned by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) within the boundaries of Vaughan, and

**Whereas**, the TRCA will not allow trail connections through their lands unless the City agrees to maintain the trails on TRCA lands, and

**Whereas**, the TRCA has retained the City to maintain some of these lands through formal Maintenance Agreements, and

**Whereas**, the City incurs costs to maintain these TRCA lands, and

**Whereas**, the City could potentially find itself financially responsible for damage to private property due to maintenance issues, and

**Whereas**, as development continues in Vaughan and more lands are given to the TRCA by the development community, the City will be responsible for maintaining these lands for the TRCA under the existing arrangements, and

**Whereas**, the potential costs on a go-forward basis and the legal risks for the City associated with the maintenance of the TRCA lands is not known.

**It is therefore recommended that** staff provide a report to a future Committee of the Whole by no later than March 2014, outlining the annual maintenance costs of the TRCA lands borne by the City, the financial implications and legal risks of maintaining those lands and consideration of the merits of having future lands deeded to the City instead of the TRCA.

**Attachments**

N/A