

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

By receiving Communication C1 from Alan Smith, Laura Epstein and Emily Smith, dated September 1, 2014.

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the following be approved:
 1. That staff revisit the recommendations of the Environmental Assessment and prepare a report with respect to a below ground storage facility alternative within Gallanough Park; and
 2. That the budget requirements to facilitate this change in scope be considered as a priority project in the 2015 budget deliberations;
- 2) That the resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated September 2, 2014, be received; and
- 3) That the following deputations and Communications be received:
 1. Ms. Pam Levy, Brownstone Circle, Thornhill, and Communication C29, petition;
 2. Ms. Randi Fellus, Spring Gate Boulevard, Thornhill, and Communications C30, petition, and C31;
 3. Mr. Edward Gallant, Brownstone Circle, Thornhill;
 4. Mr. Josh Martow, Coldwater Court, Thornhill; and
 5. Mr. Luciano Fellus, Spring Gate Boulevard, Thornhill.

Submitted by: Councillor Alan Shefman

Whereas, extensive flooding of the homes of residents within the Thornhill community occurred as a result of a 100 year storm event in August 2005 causing damage to public and private property;

Whereas, in December 2006, the City of Vaughan initiated a storm drainage improvement study in the Thornhill area to determine the causes of flooding and to identify alternatives and options that would eliminate or reduce the risk of flooding;

Whereas, the Thornhill Storm Drainage Improvement Study Report, that was completed in 2008, identified a number of remedial measures such as improving the drainage on the roads in the area when rehabilitation projects were scheduled and recommended the construction of a storm water management (SWM) facility in Gallanough Park to reduce the flooding;

Whereas, the purpose of the facility was to retain storm water in a significant storm event for a very short period of time to permit capacity to open up in the major outflow pipe to the north to allow for water to flow through the system in a controlled manner;

Whereas, a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) was initiated in 2009 to explore the available options and to allow for public input;

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Whereas, the EA recommended a storm water facility within Gallanough Park, in the form of a dry pond;

Whereas, Vaughan Council approved the Gallanough Park Improvement Plan that included the construction of the dry SWM facility and the upgrading of the park infrastructure;

Whereas, through the detailed design open house meeting staff held on June 25, 2014, Safety and other concerns were raised by citizens with regards to constructing a dry pond within Gallanough Park;

It is therefore recommended that

1. the Director of Engineering Services revisit the recommendations of the Environmental Assessment and proceed with the below ground storage facility alternative within Gallanough Park; and
2. the budget requirements to facilitate this change in scope be considered as part of the 2015 budget deliberations.