

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2016

**174. REQUEST TO THE TORONTO REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR
CONSIDERATION TO ACQUIRE THE LANDS AT 230 GRAND TRUNK
AVENUE**

(Addendum No. 2)

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Iafrate

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following resolution from Councillor Yeung Racco, dated November 15, 2016, be approved:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY UPON A RECORDED VOTE

YEAS

NAYS

Councillor Shefman
Councillor Yeung Racco
Regional Councillor Rosati
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Mayor Bevilacqua
Regional Councillor Ferri
Councillor DeFrancesca
Councillor Carella

Member's Resolution

Whereas the lands at 230 Grand Trunk Avenue ("the subject lands") were designated by the Ontario Municipal Board ("OMB") as Low Rise Residential (west), Low Rise Residential Special Study Area (east) and Natural Areas; and

Whereas the lands are owned by a private landowner who has filed development applications proposing single family dwellings and townhouses, as well as the extension of Grand Trunk Avenue for the subject lands; and

Whereas portions of the subject lands may be developed due to the OMB decision which made development of part of the lands conditional upon the applicant demonstrating that they can be developed through the submission of technical studies, including an environmental impact study; and

Whereas the applicant has appealed the development applications to the OMB, resulting in uncertainty with respect to the protection of sensitive lands and the potential for negative impacts on natural heritage; and

Whereas there is a strong community interest in preserving the subject lands in public ownership for the purposes of conserving the ecological health of the subject lands and maintaining an Open Space designation on the subject lands; and

Whereas the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority ("TRCA"), at the urging of certain members of the community, approved a resolution on October 14, 2016 requesting the City of Vaughan to consider purchasing 230 Grand Trunk Avenue and/or a land exchange to protect the ecological health of the site; and

Whereas the City of Vaughan's authority to do so is limited as such a purchase or exchange does not fall within the authority set out in the *Municipal Act* and would have negative financial implications for the City; and

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Whereas the TRCA's Greenlands Acquisition Project estimates that 1000 hectares of land will be acquired by the TRCA through various means over the five year duration of the Project;

It is therefore recommended that the TRCA be requested to evaluate the subject lands against the criteria and factors for securement of land as established in the Greenlands Acquisition Strategy; and

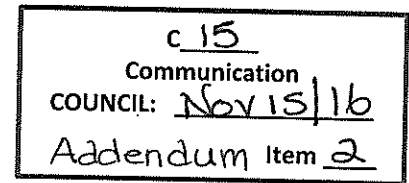
That the TRCA consider an acquisition of the subject lands or a land exchange for the purposes of conserving the ecological health of the subject lands in public ownership.

Attachments

None

Magnifico, Rose

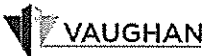
From: Furfaro, Cindy
Sent: November-14-16 4:08 PM
To: Magnifico, Rose
Subject: Communication - Addendum #2
Attachments: 08-16-Report-Package-Executive-Committee_Oct14_2016.pdf



Hi Rose. Please add the attached TRCA minutes as communication to Addendum Item #2 (Councillor Racco's Resolution). Thank you.

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Executive Committee Meeting #8/16 was held at TRCA Head Office, on Friday, October 14, 2016. The Chair Maria Augimeri, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

PRESENT

Maria Augimeri	Chair
Jack Ballinger	Member
David Barrow	Member
Vincent Crisanti	Member
Glenn De Baeremaeker	Member
Michael Di Biase	Vice Chair
Jennifer Innis	Member
Colleen Jordan	Member
Giorgio Mammoliti	Member
Mike Mattos	Member

ABSENT

Chris Fonseca	Member
Ron Moeser	Member

RES.#B88/16 - MINUTES

Moved by: Vincent Crisanti
Seconded by: Michael Di Biase

THAT the Minutes of Meeting #7/16, held on September 9, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

- 4.1** A delegation by Furio Liberatore, 7 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in regard to correspondence 6.1 and 6.2 re: 230 Grand Trunk Avenue, Vaughan.
- 4.2** A delegation by Coco Papoi, 85 Maverick Crescent, Vaughan, in regard to correspondence 6.1 and 6.2 re: 230 Grand Trunk Avenue, Vaughan.
- 4.3** A delegation by Frank Huo, 19 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in regard to correspondence 6.6 re: support of Furio Liberatore's September 25, 2016 letter (correspondence 6.2) .

RES.#B89/16 - DELEGATIONS

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Colleen Jordan

THAT above-noted delegations 4.1 – 4.3 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority ask the City of Vaughan to consider purchasing 230 Grand Trunk Avenue and/or a land exchange to protect the ecological health of the site.

RECORDED VOTE

Maria Augimeri	Yea
Jack Ballinger	Yea
David Barrow	Yea
Vincent Crisanti	Yea
Glenn De Baeremaeker	Yea
Michael Di Biase	Yea
Jennifer Innis	Yea
Colleen Jordan	Yea
Giorgio Mammoliti	Yea
Mike Mattos	Yea

THE MOTION WAS

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 A letter dated September 4, 2016 from Furio Liberatore, and the residents of Carville Corners, in regard to 230 Grand Trunk Avenue, Vaughan.
- 6.2 A letter dated September 25, 2016 from Furio Liberatore, 7 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in regard to 230 Grand Trunk Avenue, Vaughan.
- 6.3 An email dated September 26, 2016 from the Oberfeld Family, 29 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in support of Furio Libertore's September 25, 2016 letter.
- 6.4 An email dated September 26, 2016 from Marina Dykhtan, 43 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in regard to 230 Grand Truck Avenue, Vaughan.
- 6.5 An email dated September 26, 2016 from Susan Poch, 25 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in support of Furio Libertore's September 25, 2016 letter.
- 6.6 An email dated September 26, 2016 from Frank Huo, 19 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in support of Furio Libertore's September 25, 2016 letter.
- 6.7 An email dated October 12, 2016 from Francis and Winnie Chan, 11 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in regard to City of Vaughan: Mario Ferri's motion to diminish the role of the TRCA
- 6.8 An email dated October 12, 2016 from Marina Dykhtan, 43 Princess Isabella Court, Vaughan, in regard to City of Vaughan: Mario Ferri's motion to diminish the role of the TRCA

RES.#B90/16 - CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Colleen Jordan

THAT above-noted correspondence 6.1 – 6.8 be received.

CARRIED

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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Submitted by:	Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

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Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco
Councillor, Ward 4 (Concord/Thornhill North)

Attachments

None