

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2013

Item 22, Report No. 1, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 29, 2013.

**22 NATURAL HERITAGE NETWORK INVENTORY AND IMPROVEMENTS (PL-9025-11)
 PHASE 1 CONSULTATION SUMMARY
 FILE NO. 25.5.4**

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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A. Summary of Public Consultation

Public consultation in Phase 1 of the Natural Heritage Network (NHN) Study included the following formal meetings:

- Public Consultation Meetings on June 28, 2012 and Oct. 4, 2012 were held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Vaughan City Hall;
- Consultation sessions were held on the evenings of September 19, 2012 (Vellore Community Centre) and September 20, 2012 (Vaughan City Hall);
- Meetings with individual landowners and their consultants were held on September 19, 2012 and October 10, 2012 representing Blocks 27, 40/47, 41, 55 and 59;
- Presentation by City staff to BILD on October 19, 2012 at the offices of Cole Engineering; and
- Presentation by the consulting team and City staff to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) on December 4, 2012, also providing the Phase 1 report for public comment.

Notifications for the Public Consultation Meetings on June 28, 2012 and Oct. 4, 2012 were sent out by mail at least three weeks in advance of the meeting date with follow-up E-mails provided in advance of the meeting date.

A.1 June 28, 2012 Public Consultation Meeting

The following discussion items were raised by attendees at the first Public Consultation Meeting for Phase 1 of the NHN Study, held on June 28, 2012.

- Implementing the NHN. Staff responded that Phase 4 of the NHN Study will address securement options, including land acquisition and stewardship options.
- Questions were received about available species inventories. City staff commented on available data from the TRCA, Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC), and data referenced in the background study, Natural Heritage in the City (AECOM 2010).
- There was a discussion of active versus passive recreation and recommendations from the public about the need for more passive recreation opportunities for residents, particularly children.

- A discussion about meadow habitat for grassland species covered issues related to significant wildlife habitat noted in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and requirements under the Endangered Species Act (2007).
- A question was received about the TRCA's involvement in the NHN Study. City staff responded by noting ongoing data sharing with the TRCA and representation by staff from the TRCA on the Steering Committee for the NHN Study.
- Specific question about greenspace connected to the Bartley-Smith Greenway. City staff responded that the area will be considered in the Concord GO Secondary Plan study. City staff also noted that Vaughan Council directed that resident representation be included in the Steering Committee for the Concord GO Secondary Plan.
- Anecdotal survey of species in the Hwy 27 area near Kleinburg. A follow-up meeting was coordinated with residents to transcribe the information.
- Comment to consider all TRCA-owned land as part of the securement options.
- Question whether golf courses should be Enhancement Areas. The following discussion addressed Audubon certification of golf courses and opportunity for future restoration should there be a proposed change in land use.
- Proposal for a constructive dialogue as opposed to an adversarial approach in land use planning. Suggestion that the securement options should include assessment of some form of landowner compensation for identification of NHN areas.
- Several questions about how landowners can contact the City directly to provide information regarding or pertinent to the NHN study. General response provided that information to be addressed on case-by-case basis depending on level of detail and quality.
- Question about the importance of tree plantations and dug ponds. General response that plantations often provide opportunities for restoration and might be recognized by MNR as woodlands, depending on circumstances.
- Discussion about recognizing community experts, such as setting up meetings with Ratepayers, subwatershed representatives, holding "kitchen-table sessions, and/or local or Ward-specific meetings.

A.2 Summary Notes from Additional Consultation Sessions, September 19 and September 20, 2012

A.2.1 September 19, 2012, Vellore Village Community Centre

- Attended by 25-30 people.
- Kleinburg resident noted the importance of north-south movement in the East Humber.

- Oak Ridges Moraine Technical Paper outlines and stipulates how a woodland/valleyland is defined. Does this study have anything like that or aim to have something like that?
 - City's response noted criteria for features, but also criteria and targets to define the natural heritage system, which may include restoration areas or matrix areas that are not currently features.
- How secure are we with the woodland, Greenbelt, Oak Ridges Moraine boundaries? Are they well defined and how will the NHN take into account future changes to the boundaries?
 - The City's response noted the need for transparent, science-based criteria and ecosystem targets to defend the NHN boundaries. Findings and results of the NHN Study can inform the City's submission for the 10-year review of the Greenbelt Plan, likely to be coordinated with a review of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.
- Concern about protection of the NHN after this study is done (i.e., to prevent rezoning/development, timing of approval by Council).
- Must protect intermittent streams (e.g., Kleinburg - Coal Creek Area, East Humber River Valley).
- Concern was raised that wildlife corridors are slowly being closed off from development.
- Public expressed an interest in TRCA ownership of NHN areas. It was also noted that the role of land trusts should be explored as part of the stewardship/securement strategy.
- Need more east-west enhancement features (connect Humber and East Humber, Humber and Don Watersheds).
- Concerns raised about "chopping up green space" in the Pine Valley and Islington Area (i.e., Major Mackenzie Improvement, Glasgow Park area), Islington and Rutherford Table Lands.
- Need to protect hedge rows running east-west (NW of Teston and Pine Valley, need to keep fields).
 - City's response referred to opportunity to specifically note protection of hedgerows in Secondary Plans (i.e. for New Community Areas) or use hedgerows if they are suitable for restoration options.
- Comment about emphasizing principle of transition and linkages, and that adjacent lands need to be considered. The comment appears to focus on the type of land use and management adjacent to the NHN (example sited of proposed 5-storey multi-residential building next to Kortright).
- City needs better vision for defining leisure/cycling paths, providing buffers against development (e.g., Pine Valley), improving adjacent lands policy and weaving this policy into the NHN to enhance development (i.e., use of green infrastructure).
 - City's response that the NHN Study is not an integrated Open Space study, but we should include open space concepts, ecosystem services and green infrastructure as a larger context for the NHN Study.

- How does the Province's Greenbelt trading affect the NHN study?
 - City response that we are not aware of any changes to Greenbelt Plan lines, but that the NHN Study can be used to inform the City's comments on the upcoming Greenbelt Plan review.
- Note about not emphasizing just specific species, but all species (i.e., umbrella species).
- How will the proposed GTA West (Transportation) Corridor affect the NHN preservation?
 - City's response that the proposed GTA West Corridor is one of the triggers to undertake the NHN Study in order to understand the potential fragmentation impacts of the proposed highway corridor through the Greenbelt Plan area.
- Is there a way we can make the maps available to the public for their own mark-ups in advance of October 4, 2012 meeting?
 - The discussion noted options such as making available Adobe Acrobat files (with toggable layers) available on the City web site, through Google earth. York Region publishes maps on AskIT, ArcGIS map program:
<http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html>.
- The turn out of approximately 25 to 30 people at the public session indicates a high degree of interest by the public in the NHN Study. There was general consensus that better use of the City's web site as part of the public communication strategy would be beneficial to the NHN Study. City staff also responded that the Request for Proposals for Phases 2 to 4 included a specific deliverable to prepare and implement a public consultation strategy.
- Resident Quote, "Our green space is what makes urban lands livable".
- Should we provide an incentive program to a developer to compensate for designating portions of their land as NHN and not being able to develop (e.g., through tax breaks)?
 - City discussion also noted the participating landowners' agreement in the Block Plan process and opportunities to explore transferable development rights in Phase 4 (stewardship strategy).

A.2.2 September 20, 2012 – Vaughan City Hall, Committee Room 244

- Attended by approximately 10 people.
- Noted that there are regular monthly meetings of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association and an opportunity to tap into a huge resource of people and knowledge (Greg Bender as TRCA staff person and many naturalists).
- Concern about a lack of east-west connections and trail connections. City response indicated that crossing Hwy. 400 to connect the Humber and Don will be a difficult target to achieve, but needs to be considered. Comment from group that designing trail loops are also important, so that you enter and exit the trail at the same point. The Oak Ridges trail north of King Road in Richmond Hill was provided as an example.

- Developer input that the NHN Study cannot just be based on science, but needs to be pragmatic and consider economic viability.
- At the Oct. 4th Public Consultation Meeting, it would be useful to understand what 10 ha, 100 ha or 200 ha looks like geographically when talking about ecosystem targets.

A.3 October 4, 2012 Public Consultation Meeting

- Discussion whether the City can recommend changes to the Greenbelt Plan.
 - City staff responded that there is a 10-year review of the Greenbelt Plan likely around 2015 and that the City can provide recommendations to the Province as part of the review. The City is not aware of any criteria or structure for the Greenbelt Plan review provided by the Province at this time.
- There were inquiries whether residents can submit specific suggestions for field study sites.
 - City staff responded that field site locations will be selected in the beginning of Phase 2 and staff would welcome suggestions and/or submissions for field investigations.
- There were several questions about whether the NHN information would be made available to the public through a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database, either available online or for download. City staff responded that the use of GIS is a decision to be made by the ITM department, but that the provision of static maps in Acrobat format with toggable layers would be pursued in Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study.
- Specific comments from one resident that:
 - watercourses should not be manipulated;
 - wetlands should not be drained; and
 - mass grading in new developments should no longer be undertaken.
- Comments from a resident regarding a specific development application in relation to the NHN Study. City staff responded by indicating that the NHN study is a City-wide study and that previous information, such as the background study to the official plan review process, is available on the City web site. The web link was subsequently provided to the resident.
- There was a discussion of meadow habitat and the possible role of meadow habitat in relation to maintaining species populations related to provincial policy, such as the Endangered Species Act and significant wildlife habitat.
- There was a comment to encourage ongoing data transfer with TRCA and other partner agencies.

A.4 Landowner Meetings

Representatives of proponents for Block 27, Block 41, Block 40/47, Block 55, and Block 59 met with Brent Tegler (North-South Environmental Inc.) and Tony Iacobelli (City of Vaughan, Policy Planning) to discuss the NHN Study in relation to ongoing and future Block Plan processes. The

meetings provided an opportunity for the City and the City's consulting team to become familiar with the issues related to the specific Block Plan areas. The City advised the proponents that Phase 2 of the NHN Study is the appropriate time for providing digital data, particularly in a GIS format, related to Block Plan information.

Block 27

Meeting held on September 19, 2012

Attended by Gerry Lynch (Cole Engineering) and Don Fraser (Beacon Environmental)

There was a discussion of the timing of submissions into the NHN Study process and level of detail of any information. The proponents requested that the City and consulting team engage in ongoing consultation with the landowners during the NHN Study.

Don Fraser described existing field investigations, including boreholes, breeding bird and breeding amphibian studies, headwater drainage feature assessments, and staking of the central watercourse.

Block 41

Meeting held on October 10, 2012

Attended by Rick Mangotich (Fieldgate Developments) and Rick Hubbard (Savanta)

Targeted field investigations have been completed.

The discussion related to matters of timing of the NHN Study and opportunities to provide input. The Greenbelt Plan in the area was discussed in terms of land use and potential role in the NHN.

There was a general discussion about a balanced approach to natural heritage system planning in terms of the role of ecology and conservation biology balanced with a pragmatic approach to decision-making.

Block 40/47

Meeting held on September 19, 2012

Attended by Mark Yarranton (KLM Partners), Joe Pandolfo (Omega Developments), and Jim Broadfoot (Azimuth Environmental Consulting)

General discussion regarding ongoing studies related to the Block Plan process with respect to wetlands, species at risk, headwater drainage features and a systems approach to natural heritage planning.

The proponents re-iterated that Block 40/47 is part of the urban area. It was agreed that maps used for display in public meetings would include a note that the Greenbelt Plan portion at the west of Block 40/47 be identified as "Urban Area – Pre Greenbelt Plan".

Block 55

Meeting held on September 19, 2012

Attended by Maurice Stevens (Castlepoint), Gaetano Franco (Castlepoint), and Don Fraser (Beacon Environmental)

It was discussed that the North Kleinburg-Nashville Secondary Plan could be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board as part of the pre-hearing and scoping process for appeals to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (OMB approved at the pre-hearing on November 14, 2012). Hence, timing of a future Block Plan process was subsequently discussed in relation to the timing of the NHN Study. A possible field visit in October was discussed.

Don Fraser described aspects of the existing field investigations, including an Opportunities and Constraints report and headwater drainage features assessment. Paper copy materials were submitted by Castlepoint on September 10, 2012 and on CD on September 19, 2012. The City noted that the Block Plan process is not yet underway for Block 55.

The proponents inquired about using the draft Environmental Management Guideline to prepare the Terms of Reference for the Block Plan. The City replied that this would be discussed with the Commissioner of Planning, the Director of Policy Planning, and the Manager of Policy Planning.

Block 59

Meeting held on September 19, 2012

Attended by Nick Karakis (Cole Engineering), Don Speller (Tarandus Environmental) and Michael Pozzebon (Metrus Developments)

Don Speller provided a summary of environmental investigations completed or underway, including feature staking, meander belt analysis, and headwater drainage feature assessments, among other studies.

Cole Engineering provided preliminary mapping of development limits.

It was noted by the proponents that agreements are in place with the TRCA regarding function of swales in relation to the headwater drainage feature assessment.

It was noted by the proponents that the planned Hwy 427 extension runs through the middle of Block 59.

B. Summary of Written Correspondence

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Multiple correspondence	<p>Requests to be added to the E-mail distribution list for notifications regarding the NHN Study.</p> <p>Ryan Mino, KLM Planning Partners, Oct. 5, 2012</p> <p>John Stevens, J.H. Stevens Planning & Development Consultants, Oct. 9, 2012</p> <p>Yurij Pelech, EMC Group, July 3, 2012</p> <p>Lezlie Phillips, Liberty Development, June 29, 2012</p> <p>Phillip Levine, IBI Group, June 29, 2012</p> <p>Vinnie Ussia, 11180 Huntington Road, June 30, 2012</p> <p>C. Williams, Aird & Berlis, June 28, 2012, representing Forest Green Homes</p> <p>C. Brutto, Brutto Consulting, June 27, 2012, representing Briardown Estates Inc.</p> <p>Ainsley Davidson, Infrastructure Ontario, June 26, 2012</p>	<p>The City provided a response in each case that the request was received and forwarded to the administrator in the Policy Planning department.</p>
<p>M. McConville Humphries Planning Group January 8, 2013 RE: Hwy 400 Landowners Group</p>	<p>The letter from the Humphries Planning Group provides several comments for consideration in Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issues relating to setting quantitative NHN targets for features and the natural heritage system; - a discussion of natural heritage system planning in relation to species at risk and the requirements under the Endangered 	<p>The City will consider the comments in preparation of and future efforts under Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study. The City's responded on January 8, 2013 and reads, in part:</p> <p>"The comments will be taken into consideration through Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study as they pertain to the recommendation in the December 4, 2012 staff report to define NHN targets through an iterative approach to scenario testing. We also appreciate the request to contact landowners</p>

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	<p>Species Act (2007);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reference to VOP 2010 policies regarding Enhancement Areas and Core Features; - requesting landowner contact for field investigations as early as possible; and - endorsing the recommendation to make GIS mapping available during the course of the NHN Study. 	<p>as early as possible for any field investigations.”</p>
<p>R. Hubbard Savanta Inc. December 21, 2012 RE: Block 41</p>	<p>The letter from Savanta Inc. provides general comments in relation to the completed Phase 1 report and upcoming Phases 2 to 4 efforts of the NHN Study, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - realistic and achievable targets for the NHN; - restoration opportunities within the Greenbelt Plan area; - a discussion of natural heritage system planning in relation to species at risk and the requirements under the Endangered Species Act (2007); - issues related to the identification of potential Enhancement Areas on private lands; and - future submission of information that can be used to identify priority field sites for Phase 2 of the NHN Study. 	<p>The City will consider the comments in preparation of and future efforts under Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study.</p>
<p>G. Franco Castlepoint Investments December 10, 2012</p>	<p>It was requested that a letter from Beacon (attached to the E-mail correspondence) be reflected in the upcoming report to Committee of the Whole in January 2013 for the Phase 1 Natural Heritage Network. The letter addresses aspects of the upcoming effort in Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicability of certain data layers to the delineation of NHN boundaries; - the iterative process of arriving at NHN targets; - identification of enhancement areas and subsequent securement approaches in 	<p>The City will consider the comments in preparation of and future efforts under Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - relation to private land; - identification of field sites and request for early landowner contact; and - availability of the City's GIS database for public viewing. 	
S. Roberts, Dec. 1, 2012	Inquiring about any on-line or PDF map resources available to review with respect to the Natural Heritage Network Study	<p>City response of Dec. 3, 2012:</p> <p>"We have not been able to produce such products for the Phase 1 part of the NHN Study. It is noted in the staff report for Phase 1 as feedback received from public consultation and I hope that we can make it a part of the consultation strategy for the remaining Phases of the NHN Study, either as a component of the consulting team's work plan or undertaken by staff if we have the resources."</p>
C. Papoi Nov. 29, 2012	Requested consideration of submitted information in regards to Woodlot #10 in Block 18.	The City provided a response on November 30, 2012 that the materials will be considered in Phases 2 to 4 of the NHN Study.
P. Levine IBI Group November 29, 2012	Inquired if information previously provided to Kevin Huang of TRCA pertaining to the Regional Flood line and the Top of Bank line within the former Concord floral lands is now reflected in the GIS database developed in Phase 1 of the NHN Study.	<p>The City of Vaughan provided the following response on November 29, 2012:</p> <p>"City staff will engage in a series of internal meetings starting in December to review the GIS data in preparation for subsequent phases of the NHN Study. We will add your request to the list of items to review, which will also need to consider the manner in which TRCA has coded the data and information from the ongoing Concord GO Secondary Plan."</p>
Concord West Ratepayers October 30, 2012	Provided information in support of natural heritage values of lands adjacent to the West Don River.	
J. Senisi Oct. 25, 2012	Questions about the methodology being used to identify nearby woodlands and particular interest in woodland identified in the Woodland Protection Strategy as Woodlot #10 in Block 18.	City staff met with residents of Maverick Crescent on Oct. 25, 2012 and provided information about VOP 2010 modifications pertaining to the land of interest. Follow-up correspondence by the City provided information regarding web links to the Committee of the Whole reports pertaining to the lands of interest (Item #89 in the July 28, 2010 report and Item I-556 in the April 17, 2012 report).

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P. Levine IBI Group October 10, 2012	Submitted top of bank staking information in Adobe Acrobat format to Kevin Huang of TRCA, with a copy of the correspondence to the City of Vaughan. It was noted that feature staking occurred with TRCA as part of the development application process. It is requested that TRCA verify and forward the information to the City for the NHN Study.	The information is being considered in the NHN Study and as part of the Concord Centre Secondary Plan.
K. Franklin Weston Consulting October 9, 2012	Request for any mapping regarding the NHN Study.	<p>The City provided the following response on Oct. 9, 2012:</p> <p>"Only presentations have been posted to the web site (http://www.v Vaughan.ca/vaughan/departments/policy_planning/index.cfm) and the presentation from North-South from Oct. 4th has not yet been loaded to the site.</p> <p>We are scheduling to bring a Report to Council in early December regarding Phase 1 of the NHN Study. Staff anticipate the final Phase 1 report from the City's consultants will be an attachment to the Report to Council. The Terms of Reference for Phases 2 to 4 has been approved by Council.</p> <p>Any mapping associated with Phase 1 will only provide recommendations for minor corrections to the boundaries of Core Features. Recommended changes to Enhancement Areas will be made as part of Phase 3 drafts and incorporate findings from field investigations."</p>
B. Colluci Oct. 3, 2012	Inquiry whether the NHN Study includes the Centre Street area.	The City provided a response that the NHN Study is a City-wide study.
R. Mason KLM Planning Partners Oct. 3, 2012	Inquiry about the protocol for notifications.	<p>The City provided the following response on Oct. 3, 2012:</p> <p>"The attached notices re: the Natural Heritage Network Sep 19 and 20 Mini Sessions and Oct 4 Public Consultation meeting, have been posted on the City of Vaughan website - City Page, in the Vaughan Papers - Citizen/Liberal - Sep 27 issue, and were sent via e-mail and regular mail back September 7, 2012. The notice yesterday was sent as a reminder for the October 4. You were on the mailing list, I have the following</p>

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		<p>address for you:</p> <p>RoyMason KLM Planning Partners Inc. 64 Jardin Dr, Unit 1B Concord, ON L4K 3P3</p> <p>Let me know whether this is the correct address for you, if not I can revise. Thank you."</p>
<p>L. Kot Cortel Group Oct. 2, 2012 RE: 12011 Pine Valley Road</p>	<p>Provided a submission in relation to the identified enhancement areas on the subject lands as delineated on Schedule 2 of VOP 2010.</p>	<p>The City provided the following response on Oct. 3, 2012:</p> <p>"Your letter has been made available to the City's consultants working on the NHN Study. The letter is also filed together with other submissions relating to the VOP 2010 as the letter was addressed to York Region within the context of the Official Plan review.</p> <p>Decisions to change Enhancement Areas will not be made in Phase 1 of the NHN Study. Recommendations for Enhancement Areas will be made as part of the overall NHN Study and be based on the application of consistent, science-based criteria to meet ecosystem targets. The letter will be reviewed as part of the background work to refine the Enhancement Area criteria."</p> <p>City staff met with L. Kot and P. Neals of Azimuth Environmental Consulting on Oct. 9, 2012.</p>
<p>G. Marsh York Region Environmental Alliance Sep. 21, 2012</p>	<p>Provided information regarding the East Humber Trail in Oak Ridges as an example of sensitive trail development in natural areas.</p>	<p>The information was filed by the City and shared with the Steering Committee.</p>
<p>T. Mauti Sep. 24, 2012</p>	<p>Descriptions of two properties were provided and a specific request that the correspondent "be notified via e-mail at tmauti@osgoode.yorku.ca by the City of Vaughan of any changes to the Natural Heritage Networks that affect our parcels of land as soon as you discover that such a possibility</p>	<p>City staff responded on September 24, 2012 that the request was received. The E-mail correspondence from the City included images to confirm the location of the properties.</p>

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	may exist.”	
R. Massoud July 10, 2012	Submitted a letter identifying the natural values in the area of 901 Rutherford Road.	<p>The City provided the following response on July 11, 2012:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in Vaughan's Natural Heritage Network (NHN) Study and for highlighting the natural heritage values of this part of the Don River. We will add your name to our E-mail contact list.</p> <p>There will be another Public Consultation Meeting in the Fall for Phase 1 of the NHN Study, as well as ongoing consultation for Phases 2 to 4. One of the discussions at the Public Consultation Meeting on June 28th was for the City to consider how to recognize and integrate quantitative and anecdotal information from residents.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
G. Templeton June 26, 2012	<p>Provided correspondence on behalf of owners of Part of the East Half of Lot 17, Concession 3, within Block 18. The correspondence reads, in part:</p> <p>“From your response it sounds as though the work being done is at a fairly high level to update the GIS database and not likely affect individual properties. I understand that this is the first phase of a four phase project.</p> <p>Although they have not filed formal applications, the [owners] would like to develop for residential purposes that part of their lands west of Grand Trunk Avenue. They are opposed to the ‘Natural Areas’ designation applied to those lands under the City's proposed new Official Plan and submissions have been made in the past on their behalf supporting a ‘Low Density Residential’ designation. I would like to establish the opportunity for the [owners] to review and comment on the ongoing work in connection</p>	Gary Templeton's contact information was added to the E-mail distribution list.

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	with the City's Study, in case it is found that there is an impact on their property. Accordingly please ensure that my email address is included on any list for dissemination of information on the matter"	
Eugene and Lillian Iacobelli	Submitted a paper copy letter recommending a 'Low Density Residential' designation rather than the 'Natural Area' designation on the property (East half of Lot 17, Concession 3) and requesting notice of future events.	The City responded that the information was received.
Suzanne Howes Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation June 25, 2012	Acknowledged receipt of information regarding the NHN Study and wish to be kept informed regarding the progress and would like to remain on the contact list.	