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Item #6

memorandum

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2016
TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
FROM: JOHN MACKENZIE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
PLANNING & GROWTH MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION

ITEM #6, REPORT #2 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JANUARY 12, 2016

**VOP 2010 PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO
SCHEDULE 2 “NATURAL HERITAGE NETWORK”**

Recommendation

1. That Attachments 2 and 3 of Item #6, Report #2 be replaced with a revised Attachment 2 (Revised Modified Schedule 2), attached hereto, to address correspondence received by the Committee and further discussions with landowners, appellants and staff.
2. That staff amend the revised Schedule 2, as necessary, to incorporate any development approvals, including Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decisions affecting the Natural Heritage Network such as Official Plan Amendment 744, and to address any appropriate revisions based on staff review of the correspondence received on this item in advance of the March 23rd OMB Pre-hearing Conference.
3. That the report and recommendations be deferred to the February 2, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting to allow additional time for stakeholder review and comment of the original Attachment 2, Attachment 3 and the Revised Attachment 2.

Purpose

The purpose of this communication is to respond to communications received in advance of the January 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting and to obtain direction to incorporate additional changes to the Modified Schedule 2 to reflect any development approvals, including OMB decisions, and to address any appropriate revisions based on staff review of the correspondence received on this item, in advance of the next Vaughan Official Plan 2010 OMB Pre-hearing Conference.

Background – Analysis and Options

Prior to the January 12, 2015 meeting of the Committee of the Whole, correspondence from various landowners and appellants to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 was received by staff pertaining to the proposed Modified Schedule 2. Through further discussions between staff, the landowners and appellants, it was determined that only the Natural Heritage Network information previously endorsed by Council should be identified on the Revised Schedule 2 for those lands that are still subject to an appeal before the OMB. Further, it was determined that a specific notation

confirming that the extent of the Natural Heritage features in these areas will be confirmed through the OMB appeal process should be included in the Modified Schedule 2.

Staff also received correspondence from certain appellants confirming that the proposed modifications to Schedule 2 will resolve their appeal of that schedule. The notation identifying these appeals has therefore been removed from the Modified Schedule 2 and the revised Natural Heritage Network information is proposed to be approved for these areas. Staff is interested in receiving comments on features identified in the original versions of Attachments 2 and 3 contained in this report in order to identify stakeholder concerns that may be addressed through OMB appeals.

Various administrative corrections to the Modified Schedule 2 are also included in the Revised Attachment 2, attached hereto, including the addition of certain appellants to Schedule 2 and the revised delineation of certain appeal areas.

The Revised Attachment 2 replaces both Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 from the staff report. These attachments were intended to present the same Natural Heritage Network information, with only Attachment 3 identifying the appellant areas. The Revised Attachment 2 consolidates this information into one schedule.

Conclusion

There has been significant public consultation with respect to Vaughan's updated Natural Heritage Network information over the past several years. As such, staff is recommending that Council approve the recommendations set out in the report, with the Revised Attachment 2 (Modified Schedule 2), and that the recommendations be forwarded to the Region of York and the Ontario Municipal Board to seek an Order approving Schedule 2, as modified, save and except for those lands subject to a site- or area-specific appeal.

To allow for additional time to address discussions with landowners and correspondence received in advance of the January 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff is recommending that the report and recommendations be deferred to the February 2, 2016 Committee of the Whole. This approach will allow staff and stakeholders to identify and address any additional issues raised with respect to the Revised Attachment 2.

Respectfully submitted,



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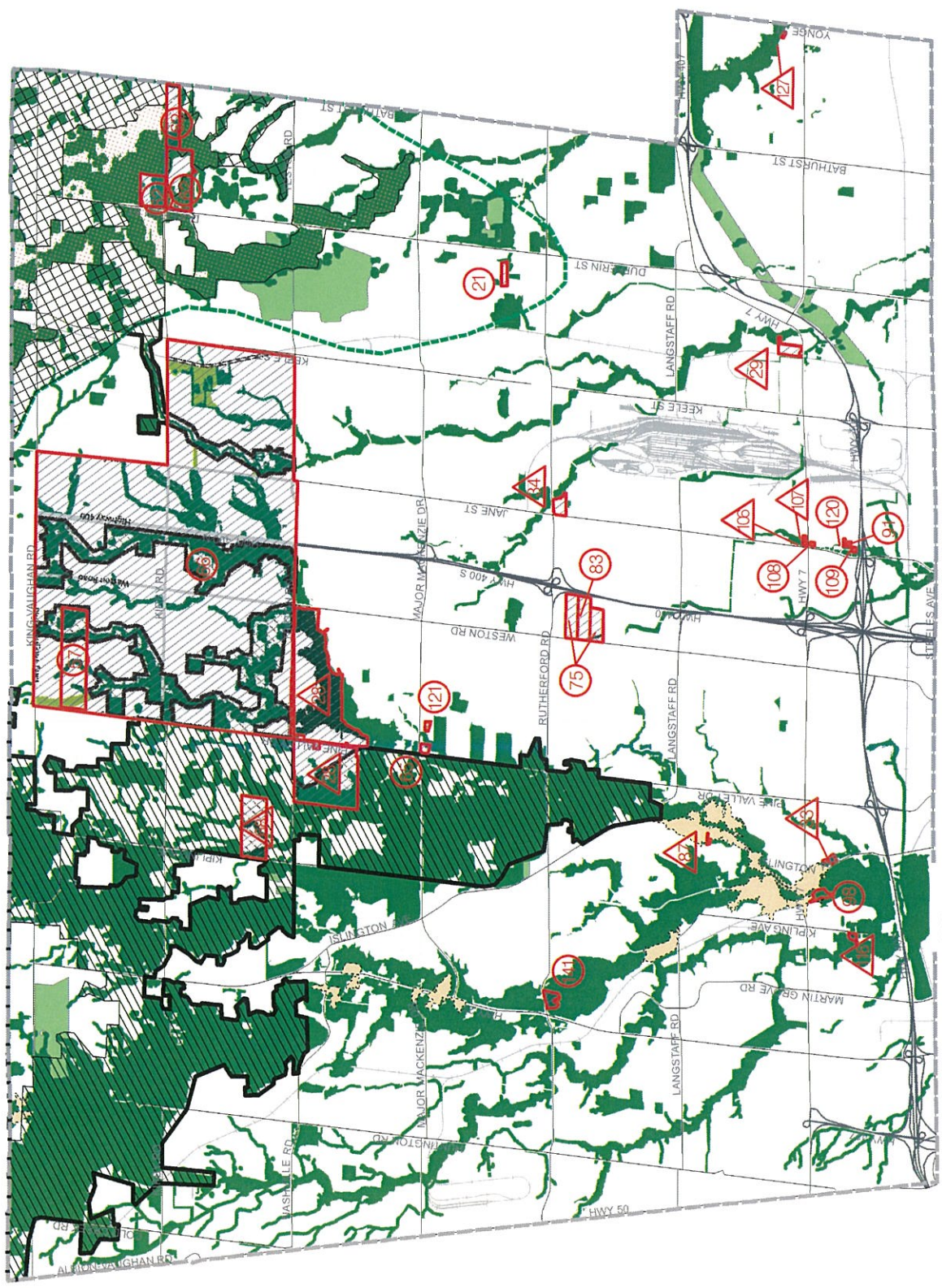
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Attachment

1. Revised Attachment 2 to Item #6, Report #2 – Committee of the Whole – January 12, 2016

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SCHEDULE 2
Natural Heritage Network



The policy text in Chapter 3 prevails over the mapping shown on Schedule 2 in determining the Natural Heritage Network.

For watercourses and waterbodies outside of well-defined valleys, the vegetation protection zone is to be established according to the policies in Chapter 3 and to the satisfaction of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Enhancement areas are identified conceptually on Schedule 2 and the text shall be consulted to determine the final location and design.

(1) Data provided by Urban Strategies.
(2) See Schedule 4 for limits and the land use information of the Greenbelt Plan Area and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area.

