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TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
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PLANNING & GROWTH MANAGEMENT
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ITEM #15, REPORT #6 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 2, 2016

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

Recommendation

1. That staff replace the Schedule 2 included in the January 28, 2016 communication with the modified Schedule 2 dated February 2, 2016.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to stakeholder concerns received since the January 28, 2016 communication was distributed.

Background and Analysis

To address stakeholder concerns and to clearly identify lands still subject to the outcome of an OMB appeal process, the Revised Schedule 2 was modified to add a new layer which now identifies Ontario Municipal Board appeals through the use of a red outline and a hatch pattern. In addition Schedule 2 was updated to identify lands that upon further detailed review have been identified as being included in a pre-existing appeal immediately north of the Rizmi lands north and west of the intersection of Bathurst Street and Gamble Road.

In addition to posting the January 28, 2016 Communication on the City's website, the updated information was circulated to landowners via their Legal Counsel and to stakeholders that attended additional meetings following the January 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting on this item via email correspondence.

Stakeholders including the Block 41 landowners have indicated that the combined graphical overlay of the hatching for lands subject to OMB appeals and the hatching for lands within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System creates the potential interpretation that the lands are Natural Linkage Area (shown on the legend as cross hatching), which they are not.

Correspondence was received from owners identifying some concerns with the language related to the explanatory text in the legend of the updated Schedule related to watercourses, waterbodies and vegetative protection zones outside of well-defined valleys. In particular, a number of landowners requested that the language "and to the satisfaction of the TRCA" be removed from the schedule to recognize that there are some areas where TRCA may not have jurisdiction. Also, correspondence was received regarding a request to remove the reference to "block plans" as these are not subject to a statutory Planning Act process.

Staff have reviewed these requests and support the requested modifications. It should be noted that stakeholders continue to have the opportunity to bring forward OMB appeals or raise their concerns at the planned motion for partial approval if any new issues are identified recognizing OMB timelines and procedural requirements.

Conclusion

After additional consultation with stakeholders and upon review of communications received, staff are recommending modifications to Schedule 2 to address stakeholder concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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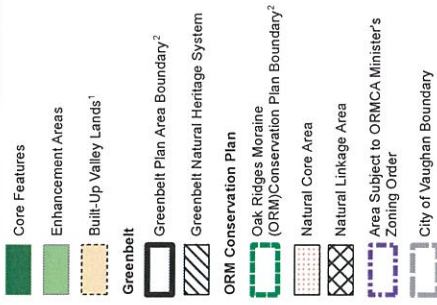
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Attachment

1. Revision to Attachment 2 to Item #15, Report #6 – Committee of the Whole – February 2, 2016.

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Natural Heritage Network



These lands are subject to site- or area-specific appeals of this Schedule and the Natural Heritage Network (NHN) designations at the Ontario Municipal Board. The extent of the NHN in these areas will be determined through the appeal process.

The policy text in Chapter 3 prevails over the mapping shown on Schedule 2 in determining the Natural Heritage Network. Core features shall be precisely delineated on a site-by-site basis through the approval of Planning Act applications, supported by appropriate technical studies. Refinements to the NHN may occur through Secondary Plan or development approval processes and shall be reflected on this schedule without the need for an Official Plan Amendment. Where the Schedule does not accurately reflect an existing development approval, the Schedule may be updated without the need for an Official Plan Amendment.

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

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.

