



**TOWN OF
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**

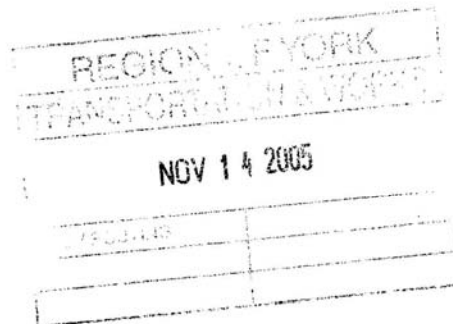
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Regional Municipality of York
Transportation and Works Department
17250 Yonge Street
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Attention: Ian Buchannan, Regional Forester

**RE: Land Acquisition, Part Lot 22, Concession 7
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

I have enclosed a copy of the assessment map showing the land parcels in Part of Lots 21, 22 and 23, Concession 7 in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville at the west end of Ballantrae Road in what the Town refers to as Savoia subdivision. The Town owns a walkway block on the south side of Ballantrae Road that leads to the Regional Forest. As well the Town owns a stormwater management block between lots 36 and 37. This block provides an informal trail to the regional forest lands to the north and has been used by the horse trail riders since the subdivision was developed since it affords a link from the extensive forest trails to the north and south.

Rather than have the trail riders use the existing walkway and cross Ballantrae Road, the Town considered various alternatives. There is a small landlocked piece of property immediately to the west of the Savoia subdivision abutting lots 37 and 38 that could provide an excellent link between the regional forest lands to the north and south. The property is 1.73 acres in size. The Town has approached the owner of this parcel of land with an offer to purchase it based on an appraised value of \$5,000.00 per acre. This value was based on the land being open space or conservation land similar to the property the Region recently acquired immediately to the north of this property.

If this property is brought into public ownership it would be appropriate to make it part of the regional forest since it is completely forested and would provide connection between the forest tracks. Council, in authorizing me to negotiate the acquisition of this parcel, directed that I discuss with the Regional Municipality of York the sharing of costs of the purchase of the

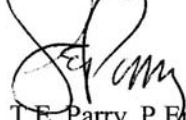
property and assuming ownership.

I would appreciate receiving your concurrence that the Region accept ownership of the parcel and contribute \$8,650.00 towards its purchase. The Town will assume all the legal, appraisal and survey costs to prepare the transfer deed in favour of the Region.

I have arranged for a reference plan to be prepared and will forward a copy to you when it is available.

I would appreciate receiving confirmation that the Region of York is in agreement with this proposal.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.E. Parry', written over the words 'Yours truly'.

T.E. Parry, P.Eng.
Director of Development Services
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