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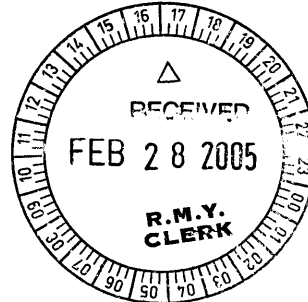
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FOR INQUIRIES: **PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.**

February 14, 2005

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
P.O. Box 147
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Newmarket, ON
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTION
 BILL 135 – THE GREENBELT ACT**

I am writing to advise you that Vaughan Council, at its meeting held on February 14, 2005, adopted the following resolution:

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan requests that the Boyd Conservation Area "Boyd Park" south of Rutherford Road and west of the original road allowance between Concessions 6 and 7, in the City of Vaughan be included in the Greenbelt Plan;

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan supports the Infrastructure policies within the Draft Greenbelt Plan which recognize that existing infrastructure in the Greenbelt must be maintained, and may be expanded, and new infrastructure will be permitted in order to serve the existing and permitted land uses within the Greenbelt and surrounding the Greenbelt;

AND THAT the Province of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. John Gerresten), MPP Mario Racco, MPP Greg Sorbara, the Provincial Opposition Critic of Municipal Affairs (MPP Tim Hudak), the TRCA, the Region of York and all other municipalities affected by Bill 135 be advised of this resolution immediately.

Attached for your information is **Item 43, Report No. 7**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter.

Sincerely,

John Leach /s/
J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract
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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2005

Item 43, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 14, 2005, as follows:

By approving the follow resolution:

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By receiving the report of Regional Councillor Jackson, dated February 7, 2005; and

By receiving the confidential memorandum from the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated February 14, 2005.

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**NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTION
BILL 135 – THE GREENBELT ACT**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of February 14, 2005 for staff to provide a report addressing the concerns raised.

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson recommends:

THAT Council adopt a resolution to support the inclusion of Boyd Conservation Area (Boyd Park) in the Greenbelt Plan and Bill 135 and,

THAT the Province of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. John Gerresten), MPP Mario Racco, MPP Greg Sorbara, the Provincial Opposition Critic of Municipal Affairs (MPP Tim Hudac), the TRCA, the Region of York and all other municipalities affected by Bill 135 be advised of this resolution immediately.

Purpose

To ensure the soundness of the Greenbelt Plan and its enabling legislation, the Greenbelt Act.

Background - Analysis and Options

Whereas, this council recognizes the intent by the Province of Ontario to ensure long-term protection of significant agricultural, ecological and heritage resources in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and

Whereas, it appears that justification for significant portions of the Greenbelt may be questionable from an ecological, economic, agricultural or land use planning perspective, and

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Whereas, still other areas of both heritage and ecological significance were left out of the proposed Greenbelt Plan entirely, and

Whereas, Boyd Conservation Area is owned by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, who have supported the inclusion of Boyd in their submission to the Province of Ontario, and

Whereas, the Humber River, which runs through Boyd Conservation Area, was designated as a Canadian Heritage River by the Government of Canada in 1999, and

Whereas, portions of Boyd Conservation Area have been designated as Areas of Natural Scientific Interest (ANSI), and

Whereas, the conservation, planning and scientific communities believe that Boyd Conservation Area is a significant and irreplaceable environmental resource, and

Whereas, Boyd Conservation Area attracts approximately 75,000 visitors annually and is part of a larger recreation and education system known as the East Humber Valley Complex (inclusive of the Kortright Centre for Conservation, the McMichael Gallery, the William Granger Greenway and the Earth Rangers Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre).

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council through the Vaughan Vision 2007 insofar as it fiscally and environmentally places Vaughan residents FIRST.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the City of Vaughan supports the inclusion the Boyd Conservation Area in the Greenbelt Plan and Bill 135.

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

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