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LICENCE OF OCCUPATION
LADIES GOLF CLUB OF TORONTO
TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 11, 2005, from the Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council permit the Ladies Golf Club of Toronto Limited to occupy, landscape and maintain Regionally owned lands described as Part of Lot 6 Concession 1, Town of Markham, The Regional Municipality of York, being Part 2 on Reference Plan 64R-3916.
2. The Region enter into a licence agreement with the Ladies Golf Club of Toronto to permit the occupation, landscaping and maintenance of the above described lands, upon terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.
3. The Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the licence agreement.

2. PURPOSE

The Ladies Golf Club of Toronto Limited has requested permission from the Region to occupy, landscape and maintain the lands described in Recommendation No. 1 that are located on the west side of Bayview Avenue (YR 34) just north of John Street in the Town of Markham (*see Attachment 1*). Regional Council's approval is necessary in order to permit the occupation, landscaping and maintenance of these Regionally owned lands by a private club.

3. BACKGROUND

The Region owns a small parcel of land that has an area of 0.349 hectares (0.862 acres) that is located on west side of Bayview Avenue just north of John Street in the Town of Markham. The Ladies Golf Club of Toronto Limited owns land on the west and north side of the property. The Shouldice Hospital lands are located on the southerly boundary. The property is legally described as being Part of Lot 6, Concession 1, Town of Markham and designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 64R-3916 (*see Attachment 2*).

David Smith of Persimmon, a management and consulting firm dealing with golf courses, has, on behalf of the Ladies Golf Club of Toronto, requested that the Region allow the Club to allow minor grading to occur on a small portion of the property which is required to facilitate the construction of a new golf course irrigation pond. The entire pond and all golf features will be located completely on the golf course property. Upon completion of the grading work, the entire area of the affected lands will be restored and re-vegetated to the satisfaction of the Region.

The Club would like to pursue the acquisition of these lands. However, at the present time, since time is of the essence in the construction of the pond, a licence of occupation will expedite the permission.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in connection with this report.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal impacts in connection with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Regional Council grant permission for the occupancy, landscaping and maintenance of the lands described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 1, Town of Markham and designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 64R-3916, subject to the Region and the Toronto Ladies Golf Club Limited entering into a licence agreement with appropriate conditions.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(Mayor Cousens disclosed an interest in this clause as his spouse is a member of The Ladies Golf Club of Toronto, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on this matter.)

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the September 8, 2005 Committee meeting.)