

Hau, Lucy

Subject: FW: Drakefield residents opposed to Milne option 4s

From: Dennis Svetanic
Sent: April 15, 2012 4:31 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Subject: Drakefield residents opposed to Milne option 4s

As residents of Drakefield Rd, we would like to share our concern in regards to "officially" diverting park traffic to our street. We support the path and agree that it's a good thing, but **activity in the park should stay in the park**. Currently there are non-resident users who continue to use Drakefield Rd and Willowgate as parking to avoid paying fees at the conservation parking lot. By restricting parking on our street to one side only, this problem will only escalate as the path will bring greater numbers of park visitors parking on our streets. There are safety concerns regarding residents trying to back out of their driveways with park pedestrians and cyclists all diverted to a residential street. We have looked over the path plan and have noticed that many new bridges are being constructed to avoid what is being proposed for our street. If using residential streets is not appropriate for other neighborhoods, then why would it be appropriate for ours?

We support option 4T of keeing the path in Milne park and NOT diverting pedestrians and cyclist off-path to the street. We DO NOT support limiting our on street parking. Our on-street parking serves to provide parking for Emergency Services/ Residential Service/ Home Improvement Contratrators/ Family and Friends.

Please understand our concerns.

Thank you for your time.
Dennis Svetanic.....Drakefield Resident

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Subject: FW: Proposed Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-16-12 1:55 PM
To: alan@adgforward.com
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: FW: Proposed Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

Thanks for this. I will forward to the Clerk.

Jack Heath
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From: Alan Vigneux

Sent: April 16, 2012 11:11 AM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:

Subject: Proposed Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

Unfortunately we are not able to attend the Council Meeting April 17, 2012 due to out of country business travel and a conflict with our son's Hockey Try-outs. We are residents of Grandview Boulevard. For over twenty years we have walked the park and have enjoyed the natural pathways without any safety concerns. We support the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report as written. The cost of building a long clear span bridge is staggering and only one of the component outlays to consider. The project will likely require pile footings at either end driving the costs even higher.

Is there empirical evidence to prove that the bridge is necessary? What is the budgeted amount for each bridge? Will the bridges be built in one or two stages? Could you please provide detailed construction costs separating the amount of the structure, delivery, foundation requirements and construction, engineering, environmental assessment, and rehabilitation of the construction areas?

Sincerely

Alan & Mary-Joan Vigneux

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Subject: FW: PRPOSED MILNE DAM CNOSERVATION PATHWAY ALIGNMENT

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 2:24 PM
To: Debbie Neilson
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: PRPOSED MILNE DAM CNOSERVATION PATHWAY ALIGNMENT

Thank you. I will forward to the Clerk.

Jack Heath

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From: Debbie Neilson
Sent: April 16, 2012 10:55 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Subject: PRPOSED MILNE DAM CNOSERVATION PATHWAY ALIGNMENT

To whom it may concern,

With regards to the street option 4 proposal, i do not support this. This will be a huge impact on the safety of our community. Our community is growing, there has been a lot of resale homes recently, with young families moving into the area. Safety is a big concern, more children playing on the streets, not to say local traffic, people out walking with their animals.

Our community has been inconvenienced at times with excessive parking during events going on at the park, making it difficult for the local residents to drive to and from their homes.

The public school parking lot is constantly active all hours of the evening to early hours in the morning with kids and their cars using the school yard and accessing the park entrance at the school for partying. Some of us have to also tolerate this. Why should we also be asked to tolerate a bike path on our street as well.

Last year I witnessed two cyclists riding down Drakefield at a high speed through the "S" in the road between Southdale and Banfield, not obeying any road etiquette and cutting across the road from one side to the other, children were playing on the street, cars were coming around the bend which does not give the driver much time to see what is around the bend, and an accident almost happened. Luckily no one was hurt. If this roadway was to be used for all these cyclists that want this path, there is a large potential for injuries and/or even death.

As a taxpayer, I am totally against any "No parking" signs other than in front of the public school, why should I or my guests have to be inconvenienced and not be allowed to park my vehicle in front of my home.

There is already bike lanes in place along Bullock which could be used, or build an access along the south side of the park next to the 407.

Obviously safety is not a concern for our councillors, or is the concerns of the taxpayers in the community directly being affected by this option.

I would ask that the for above reasons that the street option not be implimented as there other options available which will not affect our neighbourhood.

Yours truly

Debbie Neilson

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Subject: FW: Proposed Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:24 PM
To: Kitteringham, Kimberley; _____
Subject: FW: Proposed Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

FYI. Correspondence for this evening.

Jack Heath

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From: Dianne Fisher
Sent: April 17, 2012 2:36 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors;
Subject: Proposed Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

To whom it may concern,

I support the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report. As a long-time resident of Markham who enjoys walking in Milne Park, I am concerned about the potential damage to the area around the Milne Creek with the building of a bridge. I also support the concept of a pathway route between Toogood Pond and Bob Hunter Park. Instead of spending money on a bridge across Milne Creek, I would like to see the funds used to expand and improve paths for both walkers and cyclists.

I hope to hear that you also support the Staff report.

Dianne Fisher

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Subject: FW: Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment
Importance: High

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:25 PM
To: andree nottage
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

Thank you. I will forward to the Clerk.

Jack Heath

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From: andree nottage
Sent: April 17, 2012 12:43 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:
Subject: Milne Dam Conservation Pathway Alignment

Dear Mayor & Councillors

I support the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report. The present connection across the Milne Creek has been used safely for almost 50 years. The staff multi-use pathway MUP report suggests continuing and monitoring this connection rather than initially spending many hundred thousands of dollars on a bridge across a sensitive area at the mouth of Milne creek. The focus should first be on making connections to the east across the Dam and west to Toogood while repairing existing pathways along the route. We trust that you will support this report and move the MUPEA forward.

Respectfully, Andree Nottage

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Subject:

FW: Today's Council Agenda

Item 6b Staff proposal for Street Option (4s)

From: Heath, Jack

Sent: April-17-12 3:26 PM

To: Landry

Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley

Subject: RE: Today's Council Agenda Item 6b Staff proposal for Street Option (4s)

Thank you. I will forward to the Clerk as correspondence.

Jack Heath

Deputy Mayor of Markham & York Region Councillor

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From: Landry

Sent: April 17, 2012 11:07 AM

To: Mayor & Councillors

Cc:

Subject: Today's Council Agenda Item 6b Staff proposal for Street Option (4s)

Occam's razor states that the simplest solution is usually the best and we would therefore ask that you support the staff Multi use Pathway (MUP) report which proposes that the present connection across Milne Creek that has been safely used for about 50 years should be maintained and monitored rather than spend hundreds of thousand of dollars on a new bridge across a sensitive area at the mouth of the creek.

Sincerely,

Michael and Madeleine Landry

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Subject: FW: MUP Report

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:27 PM
To: Fritz and Brenda Schmidt
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: MUP Report

Thank you. I will forward to the Clerk.

Jack Heath

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From: Fritz and Brenda Schmidt
Sent: April 16, 2012 9:53 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc: Moretti, Carolina
Subject: MUP Report

We would urge council to accept the 'Staff multi-use pathway (MUP) report and to refrain from any changes or additions to be made in the Milne Park Conservation area. This discussion has been going on far too long and should be put to rest once and for all.

Fritz and Brenda Schmidt



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Subject: FW: Milne Dam Pathway Alignment

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:28 PM
To: Wayne Owen
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: Milne Dam Pathway Alignment

Thank you. I will send to the Clerk as correspondence.

Jack Heath

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From: Wayne Owen
Sent: April 16, 2012 8:49 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:
Subject: Milne Dam Pathway Alignment

As a resident of 23 Riverview Ave for almost 30 years I wish to fully support the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report. The current connection across Milne Creek has been used safely for 50 years and with a few repairs could serve for another 50. The sheer folly of spending hundreds of thousands of TAXPAYER dollars on a bridge across a sensitive area of Milne Creek is unbelievable. Save our money and effort for areas like the connection across the Dam which may prove more challenging than anticipated. Option 4s is by far the most prudent approach and the Staff Report needs your support now.
Wayne Owen

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Subject: FW: supporting the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report

-----Original Message-----

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:29 PM
To: Nancy Christoffer
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: supporting the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report

Thanks for this. I will forward to the Clerk as well.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Christoffer
Sent: April 16, 2012 6:11 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:
Subject: supporting the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report

The present connection across the Milne Creek has been used safely for almost 50 years. The staff multi-use pathway MUP report suggests continuing and monitoring this connection rather than building a bridge across a sensitive area at the mouth of Milne Creek. We trust that you will support this report and move the MUP EA forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Christoffer

Marilyn & George Christoffer

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Subject: FW: Milne Dam Pathway Alignment

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:36 PM
To: Bob Johnson
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: Milne Dam Pathway Alignment

Thanks for this. I will cc the Clerk too.

Jack Heath

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From: Bob Johnson
Sent: April 16, 2012 8:19 AM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:
Subject: Milne Dam Pathway Alignment

Mr. Mayor and Councillors

We wish to go on record as **supporting the Staff Multi-use Pathway MUP report as presented, and ask you to do likewise.**

To do otherwise would turn Drakefield, Banfield and Willowgate into a parking lot for the Conservation Area. Parking is an issue now on special occasions in the park. I have had people ask if they could park **in my driveway.**

"The present connection across the Milne Creek has been used safely for almost 50 years. The staff multi-use pathway MUP report suggests continuing and monitoring this connection rather than initially spending many thousands of dollars on a bridge across a sensitive area at the mouth of Milne creek. The focus should first be on making connections to the east across the Dam and west to Toogood while repairing existing pathways along the route. We trust that you will support this report and move the MUP EA forward.

Sincerely

Robert & Janet Johnson

Hau, Lucy

Subject: FW: In support of the Multi-use Pathway MUP report

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:35 PM
To: Bob Fisher (The Philosophical Traveller)
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: In support of the Multi-use Pathway MUP report

Thank you. I will send it to the Clerk too.

Jack Heath

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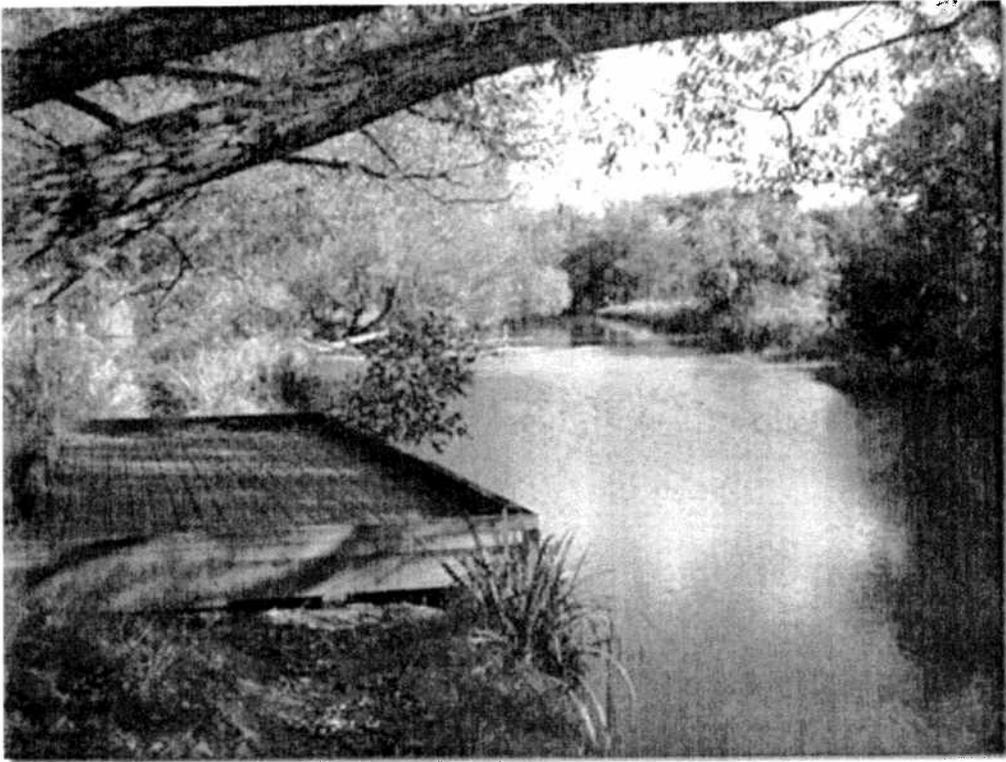
From: Bob Fisher
Sent: April 16, 2012 8:26 AM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:
Subject: In support of the Multi-use Pathway MUP report

Urban and green space development is about “smart growth” in which people matter.

Such development is also about the long-term, carefully planned, and low-impact effects on our diminishing natural resources.

That is why I support the Multi-use Pathway MUP report.

Bob Fisher



Bob Fisher

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Subject: FW: supporting the Staff Multi- use Pathway MUP report

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:33 PM
To:
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: supporting the Staff Multi- use Pathway MUP report

Thanks for this note. I will forward to the Clerk as well.

Jack Heath

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From:
Sent: April 16, 2012 3:56 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Cc:
Subject: supporting the Staff Multi- use Pathway MUP report

The present connection across the Milne Creek has been used safely for almost 50 years. The staff multi-use pathway MUP report suggests continuing and monitoring this connection rather than initially spending many hundred thousands of dollars on a bridge across a sensitive area at the mouth of Milne Creek. The focus should first be on making connections to the east across the Dam and west to Toogood while repairing existing pathways along the route. We trust that you will support this report and move the MUP EA forward.

Lorne and Helen Lageer

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Subject: FW: Council Agenda, April 17, 2012, Milne Pathways
Attachments: April 17, 2012 Council Agenda. Milne Pathways.doc

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 3:30 PM
To:
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: FW: Council Agenda, April 17, 2012, Milne Pathways

Thank you Reuben – I will forward t the Clerk as well.

Jack Heath

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From: Reuben and Barbara Tang
Sent: April 16, 2012 5:10 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors
Subject: Council Agenda, April 17, 2012, Milne Pathways

Dear Mayor Scarpitti, All Members of Council,

Re: Council Agenda, April 17, 2012, Item 6(B) (1) Multi Use Pathway, Area 4, Milne Conservation Area

Please support the Staff Recommendations as presented in the Multi Use Pathway (MUP) DSC Report dated April 10th, 2012, ref: Area 4- Pathway Connection from McCowan Road to Markham Road: Milne Creek crossing.

My full Memorandum is attached, ref: "April 17, 2012 Council Agenda. Milne Pathways.doc"

Yours truly
Reuben Tang

**Markham Multi-Use Pathway Environmental Assessment
Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

Memo of support for Staff Plan: Council Agenda Item 6(B) (1) Multi Use Pathway

For attention of: Mayor Scarpitti,
Deputy Mayor Heath,
All Members of Council, Town of Markham.

From:

Name: Reuben Tang
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:

Subject: Recommended Alignment Options, Area 4, Multi Use Pathway, Milne Conservation Area.

Basis of my interest in the subject :

- Resident at the above Banfield Avenue address in the Milne Community for the last 19 years.
- The “Yellow” Option 4S Recommended Alignment in Area 4 runs within 3 meters along the rear fence of my property.
- The “Blue” Option 4T-1 Recommended Alignment in Area 4 is located 100 meters from the rear of my property.
- Past Member of the Milne Pathways Working Group.
- Personally conducted familiarisation tours of the Milne Park Conservation Area for Members of Markham Council.

Please support the Staff Recommendation as presented in the Multi Use Pathway (MUP) DSC report dated April 10th, 2012, ref: *Area 4- Pathway Connection from McCowan Road to Markham Road: Milne Creek Crossing:*

Doing so will enable this long-delayed plan to finally get off the ground, starting immediately with the “on-street” Option 4S (yellow), with the contingency that if it fails we shall then implement the “in-park” Option 4T-1 (blue) to cross the mouth of Milne Creek by building a new bridge. The first option 4S (yellow) is the less costly and is the current option that the community has been safely using for the past 50 years. This utilises the existing exit from the park on to Drakefield Road then to Willowgate Avenue and back into the park. For half a century, this has been done, I believe, without incident. This less costly option leaves funding that can be put towards other necessary river crossings at the dam and at the foot of Princess to make the connections more meaningful.

I am cognisant of the fact that this “Yellow” option runs within 3 meters along the rear fence of my property, **but** taking all factors into consideration, I am certain that it provides the “best balance” for the wider Markham community. These factors include:

- a) No immediate damage to sensitive environment at the mouth of Milne Creek.
- b) No change to the current, long-established exit on to Drakefield Road. This exit having been used by the local as well as the wider community, and schools wishing to study the sensitive environment in the valley lands.
- c) Some Encroachment on my personal privacy occurs at the rear of my property, but the path was already there when I purchased my property 19 years ago.

Please accept the foregoing suggestions for consideration in Area 4, Milne Creek crossing. I urge you to cast your vote in favour of the Staff Recommendation.

Yours truly,

Reuben Tang

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Hau, Lucy

Subject: FW: Supporting the Staff Multi- use Pathway MUP report

From: Heath, Jack
Sent: April-17-12 4:38 PM
To: Y Shekster
Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley
Subject: RE: Supporting the Staff Multi- use Pathway MUP report

Thanks for this.. I will add the Clerk to the cc's.

Jack Heath

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From: Y Shekster
Sent: April 17, 2012 4:34 PM
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Subject: Supporting the Staff Multi- use Pathway MUP report

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I do NOT support the bridge option in the strongest sense. It is too expensive and it may be that certain contractors stand to gain financially. The estimate for the bridge also seems low-balled and unbelievable. If the bridge option goes ahead, it will be highly suspicious to residents as it is for me and my family. It is bad for the environment, expensive, and goes against the votes and public voice to date. If the bridge option keeps coming up for discussion, the public is going to get more and more suspicious of the politics and contracts going on behind the scenes. This will hurt the perception of Council and our representatives. I am thankful for our Associations, who are active and will continue to be our eyes and ears.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Shek