

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brenda Librecz, Commissioner, Community & Fire Services
Prepared By: Prathapan Kumar, Senior Manager x 2989
Copy To: Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: May 3, 2013
Subject: Report to General Committee: Status Update on Capital and Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) Projects in the Don River Watershed

The subject report was presented to General Committee on April 22, 2013. The Committee deferred the recommendations and requested staff to address the concerns raised by the Bayview Glen Resident's Association (Attachments "A" & "B").

Staff discussed the issues with Toinette Bezant (representative of the Bayview Glen Resident's Association) and provided clarifications to their concerns. Toinette is satisfied with the explanations and fully supportive of the recommendations as outlined in the April 22nd GC report (Attachment "C").

Attachments:

Attachment "A" – General Committee April 22, 2013 Extract
Attachment "B" – Letter dated April 22, 2013 from Bayview Glen Resident Association
Attachment "C" – Letter dated April 30, 2013 from Bayview Glen Resident Association

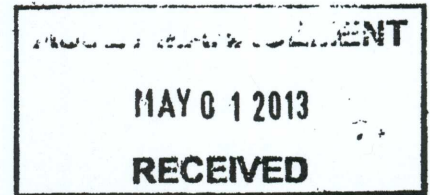
ATTACHMENT "A"

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

April 22, 2013

EXTRACT



To: Soran Sito, Manager, Environmental Assets
Abdullah Hossain, Senior Environmental Engineer

27. **STATUS UPDATE ON CAPITAL AND SUSTAINABLE
NEIGHBOURHOOD RETROFIT ACTION PLAN (SNAP)
PROJECTS IN THE DON RIVER WATERSHED (10.0)**
Report Attachment A Attachment B Attachment C

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

**That the following recommendation be referred to staff to address the concerns raised by
the Bayview Glen Resident's Association**

- 1) That the staff report entitled "Status Update on Capital and Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) projects in the Don River Watershed" be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve elimination of Item # 7 from the May 11, 2010 Council resolution and direct staff to continue working with the TRCA and other relevant stakeholders to meet the overall objectives of the Don River Watershed Implementation Guide; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

April 22, 2013.

Dear Councillor Burke,

Re Report to General Committee : Status Update on Capital and Sustainable Neighborhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) projects in the Don River Watershed

A representative of Bayview Glen Residents' Association will not be able to attend the General Committee Meeting on Monday, April 22nd however, we would appreciate if you could bring forward our concerns and comments regarding the report.

SNAP :

Bayview Glen is appreciative of the opportunity to have been chosen as a Sustainable Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) community and looks forward to a long term relationship with the TRCA particularly in terms of implementation of the Don Watershed Plan Study recommendations..

Don Watershed Plan and Implementation Guide :Options, Discussion :

In regards to the six key priority action areas within the Don River Watershed, we would appreciate consideration of expansion of items # 1, # 3 and # 4. Please see red italicized text.

1. Incorporate sustainable community design principles and other watershed management directions into the Langstaff Gateway Secondary Plan initiative. *Recognize need for holistic approach in terms of implementation of the overall Don Watershed Study Plan recommendations in terms of current urban area infill development and all future areas of intensification within the Watershed (e.g. Langstaff Gateway, Yonge Steeles Corridor, Thornhill Revitalization project).*

3. Undertake a coordinated, collaborative approach to sustainable community retrofits in existing urban areas and to address watershed and municipal infrastructure retrofit priorities. Utilize official plan, secondary plan and specific zoning infill development bylaws to ensure implementation of an overall Watershed approach in terms of maximizing and achieving retrofit and sustainable community design principles.

4. Remediate erosion in ravines and priority erosions sites such as Pomona Creek, German Mills Creek and the East Don River as identified in the Markham Erosion Restoration Studies.

We would also request that the Don Watershed Task Force (# 7, Council Resolution) not be repealed but instead the terms of reference be amended to 'long term' rather than implementation of a plan within a ten (10) year period.

April 30, 2013.

Councillor Valerie Burke,
Ward 1, Thornhill
City of Markham
Markham, Ontario

Re: Report to General Committee: Status Update on Capital and Sustainable
Neighborhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) Projects Within the Don River Watershed
(10.0) (April 22, 2013)

Dear Councillor Burke,

On behalf of the Bayview Glen Residents Association I would like to thank you for bringing forward comments and concerns that we raised in our April 22, 2013 letter in regard to the report listed above.

I have had an opportunity to speak at length with Soran Sito, Manager, Environmental Assets. Soran has clarified and explained a number of concerns that we raised in our letter, many of which are outside the jurisdiction of the City of Markham.

On behalf of our Association, we fully support and endorse the recommendations of the report and are appreciative of the opportunity to comment on issues of this nature and importance to the residents of Bayview Glen.

Sincerely,

Toinette Bezant, on behalf of the Bayview Glen Residents' Association
bayviewglen@yahoo.ca

cc: Soran Sito, Manager, Environmental Assets
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