

Whereas the intent to donate the property to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will result in the creation of one (1) new lot in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017) where new lot creation is strictly restricted; and

Whereas section 32(5) of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017) specifically allows such a lot to be created for conveyance of the property to public bodies for natural heritage conservation purposes.

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to work with representatives from Schickendanz Brothers in a process that will allow for the transfer of this property to the Town for natural conservation and recreational uses.

13. Resolutions from Council

1. Resolution from Councillor Kroon, re: Highway 48 Corridor

Moved by Councillor Kroon
Seconded by Councillor Upton

Whereas there have been growing interest from the development industry in the lands along The Highway 48 corridor between 19 Avenue in the City of Markham and Bethesda Side Road in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville; and

Whereas development along the Highway 48 corridor is limited by access requirements through its designation as a Provincial highway; and

Whereas Council at its meeting on May 15, 2018 adopted OPA 145 to establish updated policies for the Gateway Mixed-use Area at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 48; and

Whereas Council at its meetings on March 19 and May 7, 2019 expressed support of employment land conversion from two major landowners at Hoover Park Drive and Highway 48, which will bring new opportunities to enhance the area; and

Whereas Council at its meeting on May 15, 2018 directed staff to work with City of Markham staff in a Joint Working Group to review all options for transportation, transit, pedestrian connectivity, public safety and municipal services which would benefit both municipalities, and City of Markham Council responded to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council initiative at its meeting on September 10, 2018 and directed its staff to participate in the Joint Working Group; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has just released a new Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which allows the Town to expand and/or adjust its settlement area boundaries in advance of/or outside York Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review, subject to certain limitations; and

Whereas there are lands in both the City of Markham and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville along the Highway 48 corridor that can be considered for limited settlement area boundary expansions; and

Whereas municipal services to support limited settlement area boundary expansions along the Highway 48 corridor can be provided but require close inter-municipal coordination between the City of Markham and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to work with City of Markham staff through the Joint Working Group to develop a joint vision for the Highway 48 corridor for the consideration of the respective municipal Councils; and

That Council direct staff, through the visioning exercise, to explore areas along the Highway 48 corridor that can be considered for settlement area boundary expansions; and

That Council further direct staff, through the visioning exercise, to explore options for transfer of the responsibility to the Region of York, for the section of Highway 48 between 19 Avenue in the City of Markham and Bethesda Side Road in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville; and

That Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the City of Markham, York Region, and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried