



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date:	July 2 nd , 2025
Subject/Title:	Bond Lake-ORCCR Motion
Submitted by:	Mayor West

Whereas the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (the “ORCCR”) is a valued nature and recreational sanctuary in Richmond Hill made up of approximately 600 hectares of land located between Bathurst Street and Leslie Street, north of Stouffville Road and Jefferson Sideroad, and south of Bethesda Sideroad and King Road; and,

Whereas a significant portion of the ORCCR is owned by the Province of Ontario and managed by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority pursuant to a Management Agreement that will expire in 2027, and,

Whereas the Province, the City, TRCA and others collaborated to prepare the Oak Ridges Corridor Park Management Plan (2006) and the Oak Ridges Corridor Park East Management Plan (2011), which have guided infrastructure investment and management activities on the ORCCR lands for the last 20 years; and,

Whereas the population of Richmond Hill has increased substantially, with a corresponding increase in demand for access to greenspaces, since the management plans were approved.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The City supports the renewal of the management agreement between the TRCA and Infrastructure Ontario in order to provide TRCA with a framework for long-term management of the provincially-owned portions of the ORCCR lands; and,

The Province be requested to provide funds to TRCA for the development of a new ORCCR Management Plan, that will among other things, determine necessary infrastructure investment, educational programming, restoration works and management approaches for the lands, and will strike an appropriate balance between protection of the natural heritage system and provision of nature-based recreation opportunities; and,

The TRCA be requested to engage the Province, City, Regional Municipality of York and other interested parties in the development of the new ORCCR Management Plan; and,

The Province be requested to allocate funding to the ORCCR for infrastructure (for example, trails and parking) and management (for example, educational programming, monitoring and enforcement) in conjunction with announcements around the adjacent East Humber Headwaters Lands; and,

The ORCCP and the East Humber Headwaters lands together be considered for designation as an Urban Provincial Park.

The City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the following:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Infrastructure Ontario
- Toronto and Region Conservation authority
- The Regional Municipality of York
- The Municipality of King Township

Moved by: Mayor West

Seconded by: