City Council

Motion without Notice

Authorize City Staff to Negotiate Acceptance of Land Donation – 3010 McCowan Road - by Councillor Chin Lee, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.
* This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.

Recommendations

Councillor Chin Lee, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Director, Real Estate Services to review the property at 3010 McCowan Road to ensure it conforms with the City's policies, including environmental standards, for accepting donations of lands.

2. Provided the subject land conforms with City policies, the Director, Real Estate Services and the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, enter into negotiations to facilitate the acceptance of the donation of land known municipally as 3010 McCowan Road.

3. City Council direct the Director, Real Estate Services to circulate this matter to other City divisions and agencies, boards and commissions to determine if there is any interested party for the subject property.

4. City Council direct staff to conclude any negotiations in a timely manner, with the goal of reporting back through the normal committee process in time to have the matter placed on the Agenda for the June 14 and 15, 2011 meeting of City Council.

5. City Council agree to incur any reasonable administrative cost to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the subject land.

Summary

The Wolf Lebovic Charitable Foundation and the Joseph Lebovic Charitable Foundation (The Foundations) are owners of a 1.04 hectare vacant piece property at 3010 McCowan Road. The property is a remnant parcel from the Finch Hydro Corridor and is currently zoned agricultural.

The Charitable Foundations applied to the Ontario Municipal Board on January 18, 2011 to rezone the property to permit the construction of 25 townhouses on the site.
Following discussions with the ward councillor and the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Foundations have indicated an interest in possibly donating the subject property to the City. In the interim, the Foundations have reserved the right to allow their O.M.B. appeal to stand.

Although an O.M.B. hearing has yet to be scheduled, the abutting Brimley Forest Community believes the City should immediately enter into negotiations to accept the lands for future community use, rather than risk an O.M.B. decision that may be favourable to the applicant and which may jeopardize the future donation of the land.

(Submitted to City Council on April 12 and 13, 2011 at MM7.16)