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Date: November 7, 2017

To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Re: Multi-Use Trail Centennial College Progress Campus and Military Trail Road

Recommendation:

That City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, and the Acting Chief Financial Officer, to include funding to commence the work to complete the Military Trail Multi-Use Trail to Centennial College Progress Campus for consideration in the 2018 budget process with other City priorities.

That the General Manager of Transportation Services work in consultation with TRCA and Parks Forestry and Recreation to commence the work and restore connections and bridges between the Centennial College Progress Campus and Military Trail Road.

Within the Highland Creek watershed – where Markham Branch meets Malvern Branch - there is a confluence with naturalized trail, which extends from the rear of the Centennial College Progress Campus (941 Progress Avenue) all the way to Military Trail road. However the multi-use trail, along with bridge connections over the watershed, is not properly connected and accessible. The existing trail is disconnected and allows individuals to only reach a certain section. Access points exist from both the rear of the Centennial College and from the Military Trail, however the trails remain obstructed and disconnected.

An accessible, properly connected, and uninterrupted multi-use trail would allow the residents, students, and nature lovers to walk or cycle to the College campus and to Markham Road, thereby easing the need to drive and put less pressure on traffic in the area. The multi-use trail would also provide access for recreational use such as biking, hiking, nature activities from Centennial College (just south of Highway 401) all the way to the shore of Lake Ontario at the mouth of Highland Creek.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

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