

NOTICE OF MOTION

Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for Improvements to the Gatineau Hydro Corridor

Moved by: Councillor, Deputy Mayor Paul W. Ainslie

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Mantas

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Paul W. Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Nick Mantas, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority by \$769,170.59 gross, \$0 debt, fully funded by:
 - a. Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 1 and 2 Meadowglen Place (Source Account: XR3026-3700698), secured for the restoration and re-naturalization of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor along the bicycle path near the Markham Road and Brimorton Drive intersection, in the amount of \$225,780.17 to be spent in 2028; and
 - b. Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 1 and 2 Meadowglen Place (Source Account: XR3026-3701178), secured for the restoration and re-naturalization of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor, in the amount of \$543,390.42 to be spent in 2026

for the purpose of funding meadow habitat restoration work and public realm improvements including the installation of rest areas and benches at The Meadoway, within the Gatineau Hydro Corridor.

SUMMARY:

City Council authorize an increase of \$769,170.59 to the 2025–2034 Capital Budget and Plan for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), fully funded through Section 37 community benefits secured from the development at 1 and 2 Meadowglen Place. These funds will be allocated to meadow habitat restoration and public realm improvements within The Meadoway, specifically in the Gatineau Hydro Corridor near Markham Road and Brimorton Drive.

Funding Details:

- \$225,780.17 to be spent in 2028
(Source Account: XR3026-3700698)
- \$543,390.42 to be spent in 2026
(Source Account: XR3026-3701178)

This motion supports the continued transformation of The Meadoway into a vibrant, ecologically rich corridor that connects communities and natural spaces across Toronto. The proposed funding will:

- Restore native meadow habitat, enhancing biodiversity and supporting pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

- Improve the public realm by installing rest areas and benches, making the space more inclusive and accessible for seniors, families, and people with disabilities.
- Encourage active transportation and outdoor recreation by improving the experience along the bicycle path, promoting walking and cycling.
- Deliver community benefits without increasing City debt, as the funding is fully sourced from developer contributions.
- Advance key City strategies, including the Ravine Strategy, TransformTO climate action goals, and the Toronto Biodiversity Strategy.

This initiative reflects a fiscally responsible and environmentally progressive investment in public space, responding directly to community needs while enhancing the livability and sustainability of Toronto's urban landscape.

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