

## Redelmeier Pond Restoration Project Public Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018

**Location:** Vaughan City Hall 2141 Major MacKenzie Dr W, Multi-purpose Room

**Time:** 6:30-8:00PM

**Proposed Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Background
3. Preferred restoration options and associated costs
4. Discussion toward selecting the preferred restoration option
5. Next Steps

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DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ward 4 Councillor Racco introduced</li> <li>- Concern that certain neighbours did not receive notice about the public meeting</li> <li>- TRCA requested that residents share their email list so there can be more success reaching concerned residents</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Project Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cliff Coppolino presented the background information and emergency works update</li> <li>- Request to circulate the presentation slides to meeting attendees, as well as Councillor Racco, who will distribute via social media and e-newsletter</li> </ul>	TRCA
<p><b>Preferred restoration options and associated costs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cliff Coppolino presented the preferred restoration options and their respective costs</li> <li>- Request to circulate four alternative renderings to attendees and those residents that could not attend. Councillor Racco offered to help with that distribution (same distribution as above).</li> </ul> <p><b>How many vendors/examples did you compare with to determine the estimates provided? Could the examples you used be shared?</b></p> <p>The costs produced for these design options were estimates only and developed on typical construction costs for similar scopes of work. We worked with our internal staff (Water Resource Engineering team, Flood Infrastructure team, Restoration Services/Construction team) in determining these costs both through projects we implement on a daily basis, as well as through previous similar size and scope examples of dam reconstruction projects in the past. We used three recent dam restoration projects in Southern Ontario as comparison. Once a preferred design is selected, we will follow our organization's procurement policy to obtain a minimum of three (3) quotes in order to determine the actual cost of implementing this project.</p>	TRCA

**Was a cultural heritage assessment completed?**

Resident mentioned she would circulate some documentation to Cliff Coppolino.

Concern that wildlife (frogs and fish) cannot be supported in the amount of water currently present. TRCA response: All fish and aquatic wildlife was safely and humanely relocated to Mackenzie Glen Pond as per Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) direction.

**Who is paying for this project, and who will be paying for the alternative?**

The developer, Longyard Properties Inc. is paying for the project. Depending on which design option is selected, this is still to be determined.

Residents raised concern that the pond is not going to be there in the future. Stated that the developer marketed the pond when they (residents) were purchasing their parcels/houses.

Residents would like to ensure Patterson village remains as beautiful as possible for today and future generations. Redelmeier Pond is one of the largest ponds in Vaughan.

\$13 million is nothing for the developer to pay to rebuild the dam and maintain the pond. The developer has houses it is not selling, the developer has so much money.

**TRCA Response:** TRCA planners flagged the liability of the dam very early on in the planning process. TRCA was not involved with any discussions that included certain promises from the developers to new home owners.

Attendees would like developer to be more involved in this planning process. Asked if there can be conditions for the developer to attend these public meetings?

**TRCA Response:** TRCA did extend the invitation to the developers and has been updating them on the project outcomes on an ongoing basis.

A resident asked about the farmland and heritage house south west of the pond.

MNRF staff who is also a local resident mentioned that building a new dam requires permits, and MNRF may not approve the reconstruction of the dam.

**Discussion toward selecting the preferred restoration option**

- Attendees preferred alternative was the pond. No comments from attendees were left on the boards.

**Next Steps**

- TRCA will work with Councillor Racco's office in disseminating the information from this meeting to the wider public, in an effort to collect responses from those that could not attend.
- The goal is to obtain feedback from the public, and take those comments back to the Consultant and members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
- With their input, a preliminary detailed design option will be produced. This design will attempt to incorporate feedback from both the TAC and the public, as well as consider the likelihood of obtaining approval of the MNRF.
- This design, will then be distributed to the public, in coordination with Councillor Racco's office, for the last round of input.
- Final comments from the public and TAC, will then be incorporated into a final design where possible