

December 10th, 2007

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk
c/o Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON, L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Birrell:

Further to a telephone conversation with town staff, where we discussed the merits of developing a watershed strategy for the Petticoat Creek watershed, I am writing to request a funding contribution of \$10,000 from the Town of Markham. Regional Councillor Jack Heath indicated that the Town of Markham would be interested in supporting this study. Funding for this watershed study will include financial contributions from the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham, the province, and the City of Pickering.

TRCA has also received funding from the EcoAction Community Funding Program to undertake a stewardship program, the Healthy Headwaters Initiative, for the Petticoat Creek watershed. This stewardship project will commence in the New Year and will be complementary to the watershed planning exercise.

We are currently working on the terms of reference for this study and the overall study design. Once we have completed internal reviews of these documents, copies will be forwarded to the Town of Markham for review prior to circulation to external stakeholders.

It is our intention to have the watershed strategy completed within six months. As discussed, the Petticoat Watershed Strategy will be succinct, building upon the knowledgebase and management recommendations advanced in the neighbouring Duffins, Carruthers, and Rouge watersheds. TRCA has covered a considerable portion of the costs for the strategy production in the development of background studies and materials. We are asking for our partner municipalities located within the Petticoat watershed, to contribute funding towards the facilitation and consultation costs of the watershed strategy development.

The portion of the Petticoat Creek watershed that is included within Markham is significant because of the trail linkages it offers between Markham and Lake Ontario through the East. This area is also very crucial to the implementation of TRCA's Terrestrial Natural Heritage System. The development of this watershed strategy will complete watershed planning for all the watersheds located within Markham.

A copy of the Authority resolution to undertake this study and a map of the study area are attached for your information.

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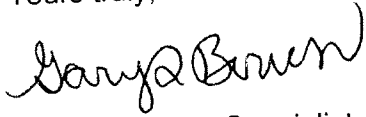
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If you have any questions regarding this study or the funding request, please contact me at 416
661-6600 ext. 5385.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary S. Bowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Bowen" clearly distinguishable.

Gary S. Bowen, Specialist
Duffins-Carruthers Watershed Specialist
Watershed Management Division

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Encl.

RES.#A239/07 - PETTICOAT CREEK WATERSHED

(Watershed Mgt. Res.#D48/07)

Moved by: Bonnie Littley

Seconded by: Jack Heath

THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS CARRIED

The resultant motion reads as follows:

THAT WHEREAS the Petticoat Creek watershed located in the City of Pickering, Region of Durham, is experiencing a number of pressures resulting from urban and near urban pressures;

WHEREAS interest has been expressed in developing a plan for the protection of the resources of the watershed;

WHEREAS the undeveloped portions of the Petticoat Creek watershed are protected by the provincial Greenbelt designation, Rouge Park and previously by agricultural easements;

WHEREAS there are a number of planning requirements to bring official plans into conformity with the Greenbelt designations;

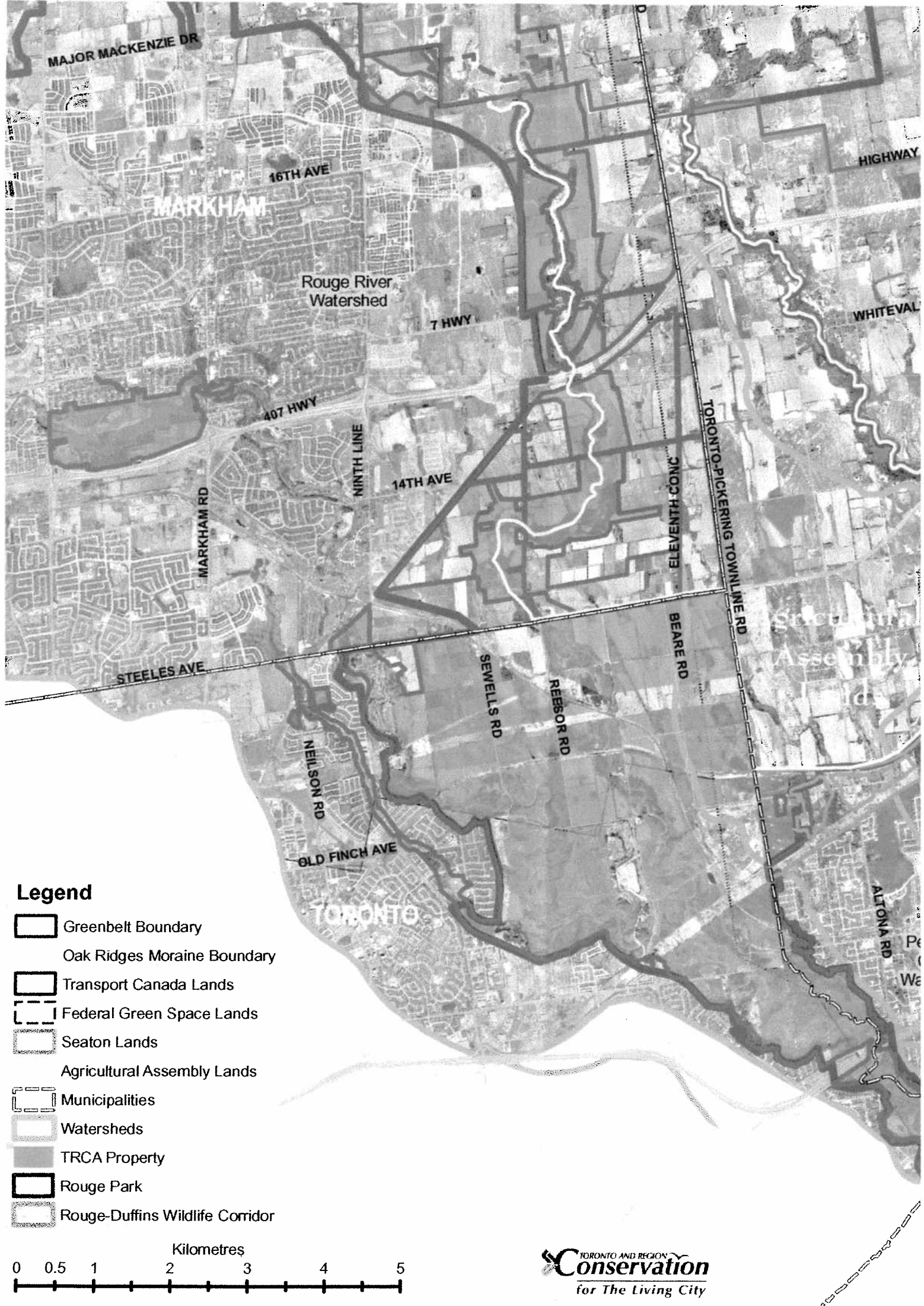
WHEREAS Petticoat Creek is geographically situated between the Duffins and Rouge watersheds and whereas these adjacent watersheds have undergone extensive review in recent years and that it is reasonable to assume that many of the "lessons learned" in those processes may apply to this smaller watershed;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA staff be directed to meet with interested councillors and the appropriate senior staff of the Region of Durham, City of Pickering, Region of York and Town of Markham to consider the opportunity of holding a one day forum/meeting to discuss the needs and opportunities and to develop an action plan to protect and enhance the watershed resources of Petticoat Creek within the context of the current planning opportunities and initiatives at the provincial, regional and local level;

THAT TRCA staff discuss with these persons a cost sharing arrangement to support this effort including, but not limited to, a one day forum/meeting, including development of any background reports, meeting facilitation and preparation of a strategic action plan/report with recommendations based on the forum outcomes;

THAT staff report back within the first quarter of 2008 on these discussions including potential funding arrangements and timelines;

AND FURTHER THAT staff provide the Altona Forest Stewardship Committee with an overview of the South East Collector and subdivision development projects in the vicinity of Altona Forest.



Legend

- Greenbelt Boundary
- Oak Ridges Moraine Boundary
- Transport Canada Lands
- Federal Green Space Lands
- Seaton Lands
- Agricultural Assembly Lands
- Municipalities
- Watersheds
- TRCA Property
- Rouge Park
- Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Corridor

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