

Marianneville Development Ltd. makes significant land donation for public use

Approximately 16 acres being donated for parks, trails, open space, environmental protection

NEWMARKET, Ontario, June 9, 2017 - Owner of the former Glenway golf course Marianneville Developments Ltd., is donating a portion of the previous golf course lands to the Town of Newmarket. The land will be used for the purposes of public parks and open space, trails, as well as land to support the existing stormwater management facilities.

As part of the [Recreation Master Plan \(the Playbook\)](#) implementation strategy, Council directed CAO, Bob Shelton, to discuss the disposition of the balance of the Glenway golf course lands. These discussions have resulted in the owner offering to donate a portion of the lands to the Town of Newmarket for public ownership.

“One of [Council’s Strategic Priorities](#) is to enhance recreational opportunities and this is a significant contribution toward that goal. We are grateful for this land donation to add public, open and green space for the expansion of our trails, which will benefit local residents and the community as a whole,” says Mayor Tony Van Bynen.”

Approximately 16 acres are included in the donation, bringing the total of public land ownership for parks, trails, open space and environmental protection to 27 per cent of Marianneville’s land holdings. The donation of the lands provides for open space and future trail purposes, providing additional green space and future recreational opportunities for Newmarket residents.

“We are pleased that these discussions have resulted in the owner agreeing to donate these lands to the Town for public use, maintaining them as open and green space, and enhancing the connectivity of our trails and parks,” says Ward 7 Councillor Christina Bisanz.

In addition to the land donation, Marianneville has agreed to design and construct future trails and related works at its cost, at a time agreed to with the Town. The trail will connect to the Bathurst Street sidewalk, the existing trail in the Kirby Crescent Park, and Alex Doner Drive. The land donation was in consideration of giving back to the community and as an acknowledgment of Canada’s 150 years since confederation. The trails designs and details will be finalized after a public consultation process, in line with the Town of Newmarket’s standard processes.

For more information on the land donation, please [view the Information Report 2017-13 – Land Donation – Marianneville](#) or call 905-895-5193.

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