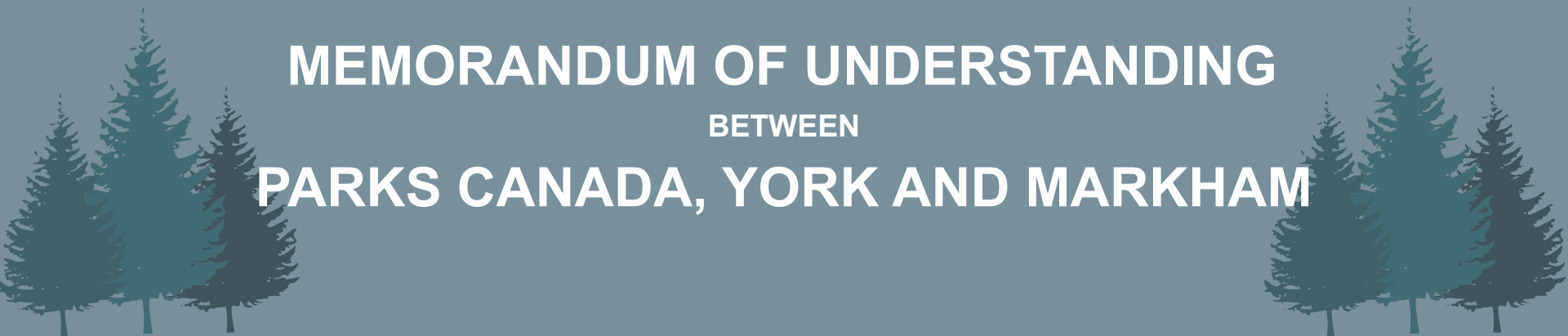


A SHORT BRIEFING
ON THE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

PARKS CANADA, YORK AND MARKHAM



Presented to York Council by Regional Councillor Jack Heath (2022.11.10)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOU (1)

Background

- a) Benefit to residents in Markham and York
- b) What does “urban” mean in “National Urban Park?”

Governance

- a) Establishment of *Parks Canada, York and Markham Collaboration Committee*

Communications

- a) Working together

Park Boundaries

- a) Transfer of lands to RNUP
- b) Potential expansion of Park

Affiliated Municipal Greenspaces

- a) A special connection of Markham’s natural areas and parks to RNUP

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOU (2)

Municipal Services - York & Markham

- a) The norm
- b) Seamless

Funding Opportunities

- a) Advancing the Park's development

Planning

- a) Planning coordination
- b) In and around the Park - the Markham Gateway
- c) "Street-level" bylaws

Houses and Other Buildings

- a) Working with Heritage Markham

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOU (3)

Stewardship of Community Assets and Lands

- a) Several properties, especially the Locust Hill Train Station and Cedarena

Agriculture

- a) Agri-tourism

Recreation

- a) Welcome Facility
- b) Trail connections (Markham Rouge Valley Trail, South York Greenway)

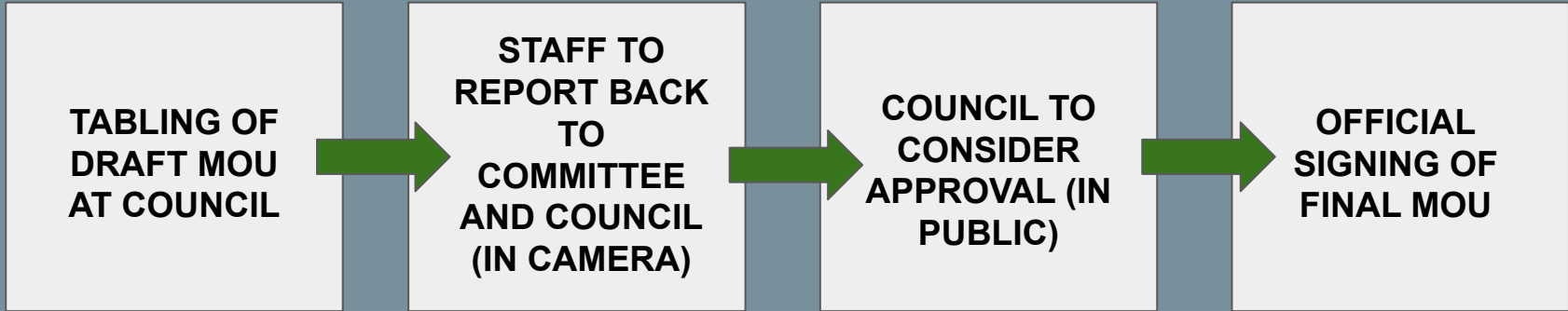
Infrastructure

- a) Roads-in-the-Park strategy
- b) Pedestrian crossings
- c) Protection for York and Markham

Tourism

- a) Working together

THE PROCESS



THE MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the confidential draft Memorandum of Understanding between Parks Canada, York and Markham be received and referred to staff for a report and recommendations, and that it also be forwarded to Markham.