

## **14.0 Conclusion**

The Town of Markham has undertaken this important study to lay the planning framework for the development of pathways and trails throughout the Town. Fulfillment of the vision in this document requires the effective and sustained collaboration among the stakeholders and commitment in the development by the Town.

As outlined in this report, Pathways and Trails serve many benefits to the community:

- They are an amenity that improve the quality of life of residents and employees
- They facilitate active transportation (walking, cycling etc) and thus supports a healthy lifestyle
- They support if not enhance property values in communities where they are located
- They connect neighbourhoods and people to places where they want to go (schools, recreation centres, libraries, shopping, parks, playgrounds etc.)
- They connect people to parks, creeks and rivers, hydro corridors, valley lands, open space and the natural environment

This document should serve as a guide in the implementation of Pathways and Trails for the coming years. It will help with the planning of pathways and trails, and guide in the prioritization of land acquisition, and identifies funding strategies to implement the proposed network.

This document should also be reviewed and updated periodically, to ensure that it reflects the current reality of pathways and trails in the Town.

