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Please see attached for my deputation today, as I will no longer be able to be present or on-line for the meeting. I have also attached a map which I would very much appreciate if you would review during the meeting as staff presents the Item. It is a map of Redside Dace Critical Habitat in Block 41 and the surrounding area from the Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for the Redside Dace in Canada.

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

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As I shared in my previous deputation today, the order ensures that critical habitat is legally protected. There is a prohibition against the destruction of any part of critical habitat in the areas identified in the Redside Dace Recovery Strategy. It prohibits the carrying on of any unauthorized work, undertaking, or activity that results in the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish habitat. The order identifies that "urban development is considered the most significant threat acting upon Redside Dace populations and habitats in

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I am not against developing this area, just asking for the Council and staff to take extra care with this development Block, to employ more environmentally responsible development principles. Please act as the gatekeepers you are hired to be, ensuring all laws are respected and all species living in Vaughan are also respected, as we work to build the homes necessary to grow a prosperous, inclusive and beautiful City,

Sincerely, Deb Schulte Date: April 1, 2025

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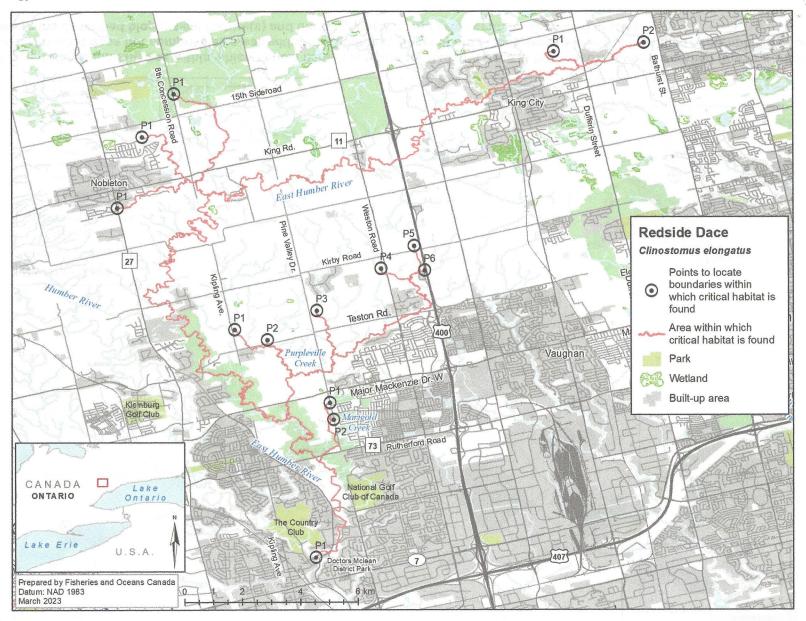


Figure 14(c). Bounding box within which critical habitat is found for Redside Dace in the East Humber River watershed. Note that critical habitat does not comprise all areas within the bounding box, but only those areas within the identified geographical boundaries where the described biophysical feature(s) and the function(s) it supports occur, as described in table 9.