

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #4/99

MONDAY, August 9, 1999

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

South Theatre

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

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DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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John McKenzie, 30 metres (5 Minutes) Delegation
Frazer Nelson, Urban Development Institute (5 Minutes) Delegation

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11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources, re: 30 metre park boundary issue;
- b) City of Toronto, Councillor Raymond Cho, re: Glen Eagles Announcement, June 22, 1999;
- c) Toronto Zoo, re: appointment of a Rouge Park Alliance Member and Alternate;
- d) Christine S. Stewart, Minister of the Environment, Glen Eagles Announcement, June 22, 1999;
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- g) Ministry of Natural Resources, re: West Hill Properties, City of Toronto;
- h) Ministry of Natural Resources, re: Provincial Representation on Rouge Park, Second Alternate;
- i) Marion Martin, re: Outstanding Zoning Issue - South Rouge Park area (Rodd Ave./Bella Vista);
- j) Updated Rouge Park Alliance Members and Alternates Listing.

12. "In Camera Session" - 1999 Budget June 30, 1999 Review IC1 - IC3
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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES #4/99 - AUGUST 9, 1999

The Rouge Park Alliance met at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Victoria Room, on August 9, 1999. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Councillor Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto
Councillor Randy Barber, Town of Markham
Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Doug Dickerson, Town of Pickering
Honourable Steve Gilchrist, Province of Ontario

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Brian Denney, TRCA
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Lynne Poole, Town of Richmond Hill

Staff:

Pam Fulford, Natural & Cultural Heritage Program Manager
Andrea Malone, Education Assistant, Rougemobile
Samantha Mason, Stewardship Program Manager
Diana Saccone, Education Assistant, Education
Chantal Savoie, Administrative Assistant
Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park
Meghan Zakoor, Clerk, Rouge Park

Observers:

Shelley Bourse, Boyington Heights Ratepayers
Jane Clohecy, TRCA
Chris Coltas, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Debbe Crandall, STORM
Colin Creasey, 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Kyle Ferguson, Earthroots
Kathleen Griffin, Markham Economist & Sun
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Dorothy Izzard, STORM
Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System
Richard Jarrell, Markham Conservation Committee
Annie Lacroix, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Staffanie MacDonald, Grandview Area Res. Assoc.

John Mackenzie, Save the Rouge Valley System
Bernadette Manning, Last Green Door Co-op Inc.
Gloria Marsh, Richmond Hill Naturalists, Kettle Lakes
Ross McMahan, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
John O’Gorman, Markham Conservation Committee
Todd Parsons, Earthroots
Lesley Price, Milne Park Conservation Association
Mike Price, Milne Park Conservation Association
Don Prince, TRCA
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
John Sguigna, 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley
Paula Tenuta, Urban Development Institute
Mike Turk, Richmond Hill Naturalists

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Raymond Cho, TRCA
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Councillor Irvine Harrell, Region of Durham
Councillor Dick O’Brien, City of Toronto
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Jim Baird, Town of Markham
Councillor David Allison, Town of Markham
Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System
Tom Melymuk, Town of Pickering
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora

MOTION **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #68/99 **Seconded by: Randy Barber**

THAT the minutes of Meeting #3/99 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

30 metre Rouge Park Boundary Issue

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

Ron Christie, introduced letters from Councillor Raymond Cho and Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York requesting that the item #1 on the agenda dealing with Rouge North Boundary Report be tabled until the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting, being Meeting #5/99, as they were unable to attend. Please see the attached letters.

MOTION TO DEFER **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #69/99 **Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon**

THAT agenda item #1, Draft Rouge North Boundary Report, be deferred to the next Rouge Park Alliance Meeting.

AMENDMENT **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #70/99 **Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

THAT based on the deferral of agenda item #1, 30 metres - Rouge North Boundary Report be circulated to all abutting landowners within the Rouge North;

AND FURTHER THAT they be notified of the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting dealing with this the Boundary issue so that if they would like to provide input to send it in writing or appear at the meeting as a delegation.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park Staff

MOTION **Moved by:** **Randy Barber**
Res. #71/99 **Seconded by:** **David Barrow**

THAT a special meeting be held in September, subject to the availability of all Rouge Park Alliance Members and Alternates, in order to deal with the Rouge North Boundary Report.

AMENDMENT **Moved by:** **Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #72/99 **Seconded by:** **Sue Gunton**

THAT if a special Rouge Park Alliance meeting can be scheduled in September, subject to availability of the Rouge Park Alliance Members and Alternates, that the meeting be held in the evening.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED
THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED

Request to include the following when dealing with the Rouge Boundary issue: That the Conservation Authority provide the Rouge Park Alliance with a rationale for the 10 metre buffer.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed, due to the deferral of Agenda item #1, chose to defer his delegation until the next Rouge Park Alliance Meeting which would deal with the Rouge North Boundary Report.

Gloria Marsh, Richmond Hill Naturalists - Spoke to the Rouge Park Alliance in relation to the Protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine and in particular the Kettle Lakes Coalition. Gloria Marsh provided additional information for the Rouge Park Alliance relating to the Kettle Lakes Park and its attributes (please see attached correspondence). The purpose of the delegation to the Rouge Park Alliance was to have the support of the Rouge Park Alliance to provide protection to the Kettle Lakes Park and recognize it as part of the Rouge Park. As a result of the delegation by Gloria Marsh the following resolution was passed:

MOTION **Moved by:** **Randy Barber**
Res. #73/99 **Seconded by:** **David Barrow**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance thank Gloria Marsh from the Richmond Hill Naturalists for her presentation and receive the report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park staff, working with the Town of Richmond Hill staff, provide a report to the Rouge Park Alliance the possibility of including the entire “Kettle Lakes Park” as part of the Rouge Park.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff

John McKenzie, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. due to the deferral of Agenda item #1, chose to defer his delegation until the next Rouge Park Alliance Meeting which would deal with the Rouge North Boundary Report.

Frazer Nelson, Urban Development Institute - A letter was received by the Rouge Park Alliance stating that the Urban Development Institute would not be making a delegation to the Alliance and that there would be staff at the Rouge Park Alliance meeting for observation.

1. Draft Rouge North Boundary Report

Deferred until a special meeting of the Rouge Park Alliance or Meeting #5/99.

2. Wismer Commons Development Proposal Report

KEY ISSUE

Rouge Park Alliance request for a review of the development proposal for Wismer Commons.

Res. #74/99

Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon

THAT the Planning and Land Use Committee Report on Wismer Commons Development Proposal be received for information and approved.

CARRIED

3. Protection of Amos Pond and Rouge-Duffins Corridor

KEY ISSUE

A residential development has been proposed on land that is part of the Rouge-Duffins Corridor, adjacent to the Rouge Park and appears to be part of a Provincially Significant Wetland Complex.

Res. #75/99 **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance supports the Town of Pickering in its study for the protection of the form and function of the Townline Swamp Provincially Significant Wetland Complex as part of the Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Corridor;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommends that the Region of Durham suggests to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that the Ministry of Natural Resources staff be asked to comment on the proposal as part of the “One Window Approach”, since the proposal may affect a Provincially Significant Wetland.

CARRIED

MOTION **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #76/99 **Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon**

THAT the Rouge Park staff report back to the Alliance, at its next meeting, regarding the original park boundary recommendations contained in the 1992 Preliminary Park Management Plan as they relate to the Rouge Duffins Corridor.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff

4. Highway 407 Update/Report

KEY ISSUE

Rouge Park staff report on Highway 407 extension east of Markham Road.

Res. #77/99 **Moved by: Randy Barber**
 Seconded by: Doug Dickerson

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the staff report on Highway 407 extension east of Markham Road;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park staff are directed to continue negotiations with 407 ETR Concession Company Limited.

CARRIED

m) Morningside Tributary Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation Project

KEY ISSUE

In June, Rouge Park staff learned that The City of Toronto Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has contributed \$25,000 to the Rouge Park Alliance for funding environmental projects in the RAP area of the Rouge watershed.

Res. #81/99

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the allocation of \$5,000 toward additional work on the Morningside Tributary Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation Project from 1999 Remedial Action Plan funds, conditional on permission by the appropriate agencies and municipalities.

CARRIED

n) Rare Plant Management at Mouth of Rouge River - Pilot Study

KEY ISSUE

In June, Rouge Park staff learned that The City of Toronto Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has contributed \$25,000 to the Rouge Park Alliance for funding environmental projects in the RAP area of the Rouge watershed.

Res. #82/99

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the allocation of up to \$15,000 for the Rare Plant Management At the Mouth of the Rouge River from 1999 Remedial Action Plan funds, conditional on the permission of the appropriate agencies.

CARRIED

o) Community Tree Planting Project

KEY ISSUE

In June, Rouge Park staff learned that The City of Toronto Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has contributed \$25,000 to the Rouge Park Alliance for funding environmental projects in the RAP area of the Rouge watershed.

Res. #83/99

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the allocation of \$5,000 for the Community Tree Planting Project by the Little Rouge River Restoration Project with 1999 Remedial Action Plan funds.

CARRIED

8. Staff Reports

MOTION Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Res. #84/99 Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon

THAT the following Staff reports be received:

- S Public Relations Report
- S Rouge Park Teaching Manual
- S General Manager's Report

CARRIED

9. Glenn De Baeremaeker, Park Boundary Motions to be Considered by Rouge Park Alliance

MOTION Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #85/99 Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon

THAT this item be deferred until the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting in which the Rouge Boundary will be dealt with.

CARRIED

Correspondence

MOTION Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Res. #86/99 Seconded by: Randy Barber

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- k) Ministry of Natural Resources, re: 30 metre park boundary issue;
- l) City of Toronto, Councillor Raymond Cho, re: Glen Eagles Announcement, June 22, 1999;
- m) Toronto Zoo, re: appointment of a Rouge Park Alliance Member and Alternate;
- n) Christine S. Stewart, Minister of the Environment, Glen Eagles Announcement, June 22, 1999;
- o) Urban Development Institute / Ontario, re: 30 m Setback/Buffer Legal Opinion (2);
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- q) Ministry of Natural Resources, re: West Hill Properties, City of Toronto;
- r) Ministry of Natural Resources, re: Provincial Representation on Rouge Park, Second Alternate;
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- t) Updated Rouge Park Alliance Members and Alternates Listing

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION

MOTION Moved by: **Doug Dickerson**
Res. #87/99 Seconded by: **Glenn De Baeremaeker**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance enter into “In Camera” session.

CARRIED

MOTION Moved by: **Randy Barber**
Res. #91/99 Seconded by: **Steve Gilchrist**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance rise from “In Camera” and report.

CARRIED

MOTION Moved by: **Bas Balkissoon**
Res. #92/99 Seconded by: **Randy Barber**

THAT the items dealt with “In Camera” were received and approved.

CARRIED

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 10:30 a.m., August 9, 1999.

Ron M. Christie
Chair

Gord Weeden
General Manager