

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #1/99

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1999

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

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

50 Bloomington Road West, 4th Floor Boardroom, Aurora

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

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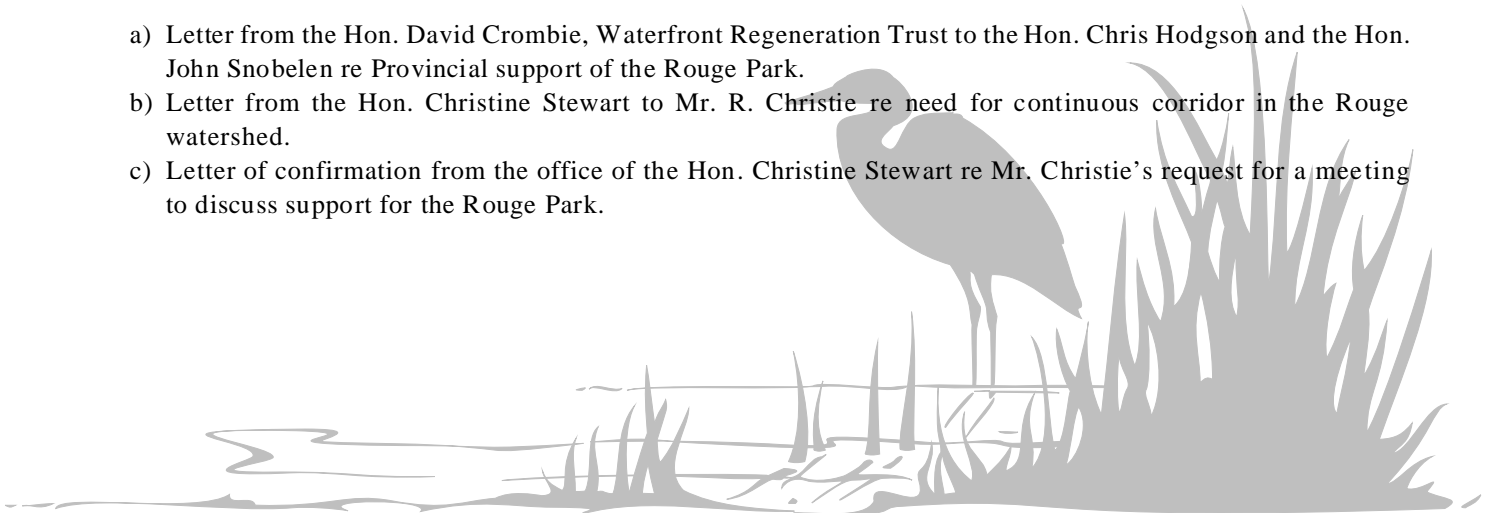
8. New Business

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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b) Letter from the Hon. Christine Stewart to Mr. R. Christie re need for continuous corridor in the Rouge watershed.

c) Letter of confirmation from the office of the Hon. Christine Stewart re Mr. Christie's request for a meeting to discuss support for the Rouge Park.



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MINUTES #1/99 - FEBRUARY 1, 1999

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Ministry of Natural Resources, 4th floor Boardroom in Aurora on February 1, 1999. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Councillor Randy Barber, Town of Markham
Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Councillor Raymond Cho, TRCA
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Steve Gilchrist, Province of Ontario, MPP
Councillor Dick O'Brien, City of Toronto (part)
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Staff:

Pam Fulford, Natural & Cultural Heritage Program Manager
Ada McGrath, Acting Administrative Assistant, Rouge Park
Sue Russell, Public Relations & Volunteer Co-ordinator
Sue Sirrs, Stewardship Program, Rouge Park
Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park

Observers:

Mike Adler, Markham Economist & Sun
Hon. Pauline Browes, Vice Chair, Env. Assessment Board
Ernie Cochrane, Ravine Property Owners Association Inc.
William Dempsey, Centennial Community & Rec. Assoc.
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Dino Grande, Rouge Valley Naturalists
Rob Johnson, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Linda Joseph, Save the Rouge Valley System
Kim Mandzy, Harrington&Hoyle, SRVS, Little Rouge River

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto
Councillor Doug Dickerson, Town of Pickering
Councillor Doug Mahood, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Brian Denney, TRCA
Tom Melymuk, Town of Pickering
Rob Messervey, MNR - Aurora
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

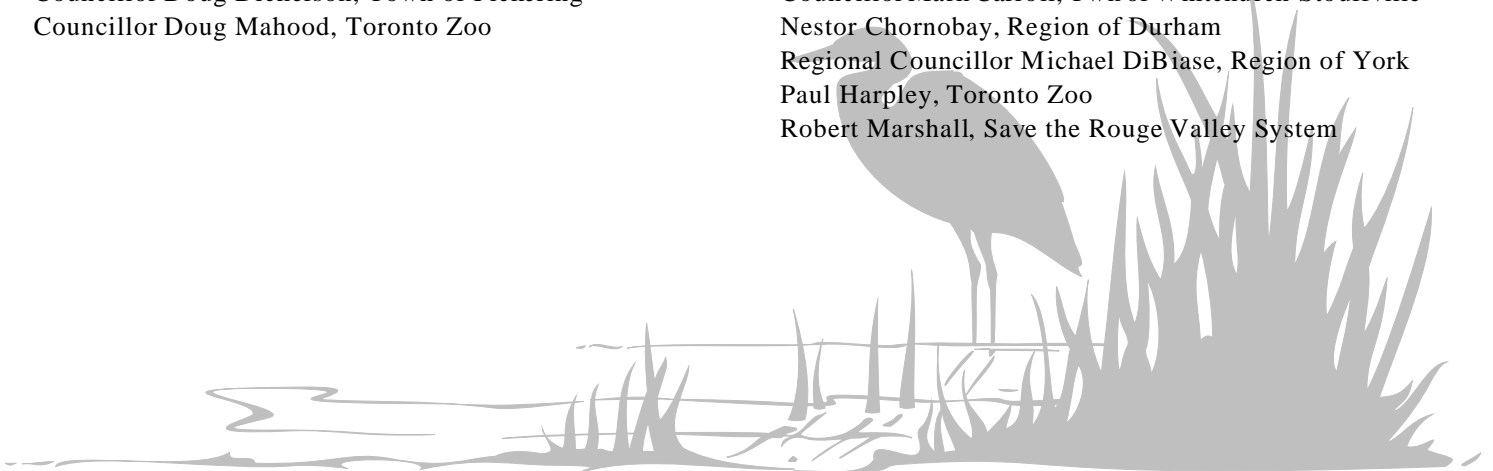
Observers (cont'd)

Heather Moeser, Scarborough, Save the Rouge
Ann Rexe, City of Toronto
Gary Stoner, City of Toronto, Parks & Recreation
Jay Todd, City of Toronto, Parks & Recreation
Ramona Wall, Save the Rouge Valley System
John Waller, Region of York

ABSENT

Alternates:

Councillor David Allison, Town of Markham
Councillor Mark Carroll, Twn of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System



MOTION
Res. #1/99

Moved by: Randy Barber
Seconded by: Raymond Cho

THAT the minutes of Meeting #6/98 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

John Waller, Director, Long Range Planning, Region of York gave an overhead and slide presentation on the York Region Report Card, including the process involved in obtaining input from the community.

1. Natural and Cultural Heritage Projects

KEY ISSUE

Projects recommended for funding through the Natural and Cultural Heritage Program.

Res. #2/99

Moved by: David Barrow
Seconded by: Tom Melymuk

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the following projects for funding in 1999;

THAT Rouge Park Alliance funding be subject to the agreement of participation and/or provision of funding from the other partners as outlined in their application;

AND FURTHER THAT all projects meet the cost criteria as described in the “Quality Standards/Cost Control” Report approved by the Rouge Park Alliance, August, 1998.

Project	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended for Funding
1. Morningside Aquatic Rehab. - Ontario Streams/MNR	\$36,269	\$9,900	\$9,900
2. Aerographic - Lou Wise	\$2,100	\$1,900	\$1,900
3. Rouge River Headwaters - Ontario Streams/MNR	\$55,750	\$14,900	\$14,900

Project	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended for Funding
4. 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley - 10,000 Trees	\$80,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
5. Rouge River Marshes - Ontario Streams/MNR	\$214,312	\$20,000	\$20,000
6. Beaver Creek Riparian Plantings - Richmond Hill	\$125,000	\$50,000	\$32,000
7. Peregrine Falcon Project - Can. Peregrine Foundation	\$72,695	\$12,000	\$12,000
8. Little Rouge Community Tree Planting - SRVS	\$153,250	\$43,675	\$25,500
9. Wildlife Habitat Structures - NEST	\$8,200	\$5,800	\$3,000
10. Earth Day Planting - Earth Day Scarborough	\$11,715	\$5,000	\$5,000
11. Beare Road Landfill - FRW	\$110,990	\$25,500	\$25,000
12. Reptile & Amphibian Survey - Toronto Zoo/SRVS	\$39,900	\$17,100	\$12,000
13. Little Rouge Wetland Planting - SRVS	\$61,245	\$26,100	\$7,000
TOTALS	\$971,426	\$248,375	\$185,200

AMENDMENT Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
 Res. #3/99 Seconded by: Calvin White

THAT the recommended funding amount of \$12,000 for project #12, Reptile and Amphibian Survey - Toronto Zoo, be split \$6,000 each, between the Toronto Zoo and the Rouge River Restoration Committee.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED



1. Natural and Cultural Heritage Projects - cont'd

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #4/99 Seconded by: Calvin White

THAT in the future, submissions for Natural & Cultural Heritage Program funding include a summary of each project with an explanation of what the project will accomplish.

CARRIED

MOTION Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. # 5/99 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT Project #28, Unionville/Kennedy Road Rehabilitation as submitted to the Natural and Cultural Heritage Program, be reconsidered at the next Natural and Cultural Heritage Committee meeting.

CARRIED

ACTION Nick Saccone, TRCA will deliver a presentation to the Natural and Cultural Heritage Committee.

Note: In future, the Natural & Cultural Program Manager will inform candidates on which projects are being brought forward for recommendation to the Alliance meeting. Groups will be informed that if they want to appeal the Natural & Cultural Subcommittee's decision, they may apply directly to the Rouge Park Alliance.

2. Land Acquisition Memorandum of Understanding - Province/TRCA

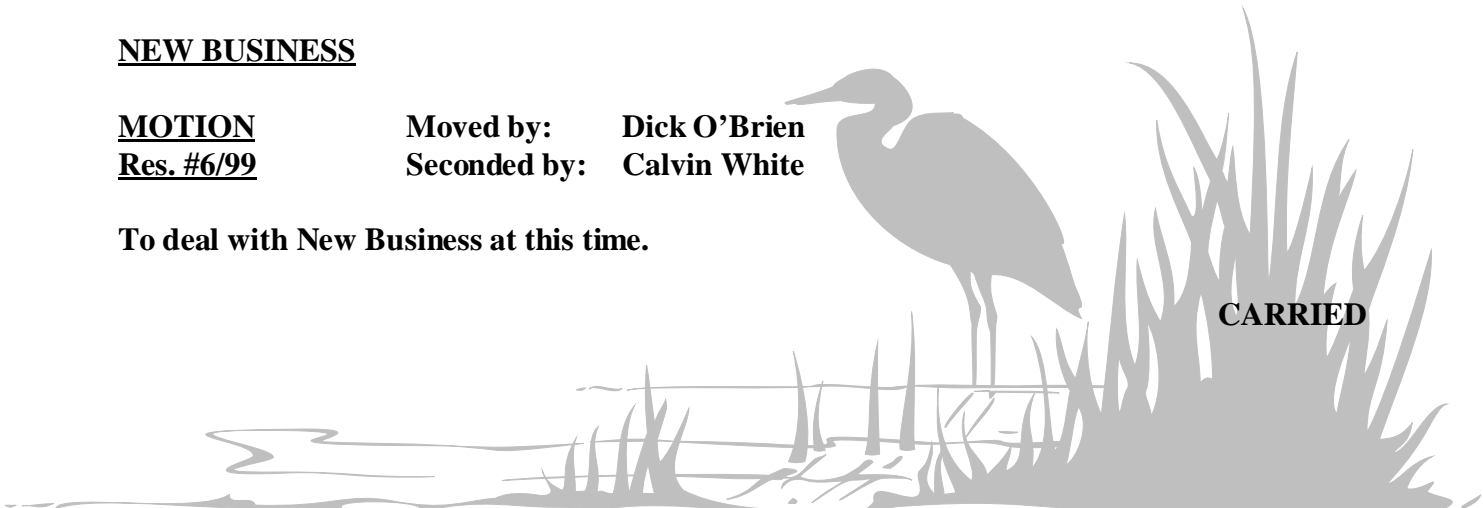
All were in favour of forwarding the Land Acquisition Memorandum of Understanding to the partner organizations for their information, once it has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #6/99 Seconded by: Calvin White

To deal with New Business at this time.

CARRIED



MOTION Moved by: Steve Gilchrist
Res. #7/99 Seconded by: Raymond Cho

THAT in light of the commitment from the Province of Ontario to dedicate an additional \$2.5 million under the Natural Areas Protection Program to the acquisition of additional lands for the Rouge Park and subject to the conditions of the Natural Areas Protection Program (NAPP) and on the advice that the land known as the “Glen Eagles” site is available for purchase, at a price not to exceed \$6.5 million,

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve, subject to the appropriate staff report, the request that the full \$2.5 million go towards the acquisition of this site;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair and General Manager will, prior to the next meeting, arrange for that detailed staff report, which shall include an appraisal, a list of alternative sites, and details on the necessary partners who are prepared to fund the balance of the purchase price.

CARRIED

MOTION Moved by: Dick O’Brien
Res. #8/99 Seconded by: Tom Melymuk

THAT the above motion be deferred. That a special meeting be held and report back to Rouge Park Alliance.

DEFEATED

3. Process for Formal Amendments to the Rouge Park Management Plans

KEY ISSUE

Procedure for proposing amendments to the Rouge Park Management Plans.

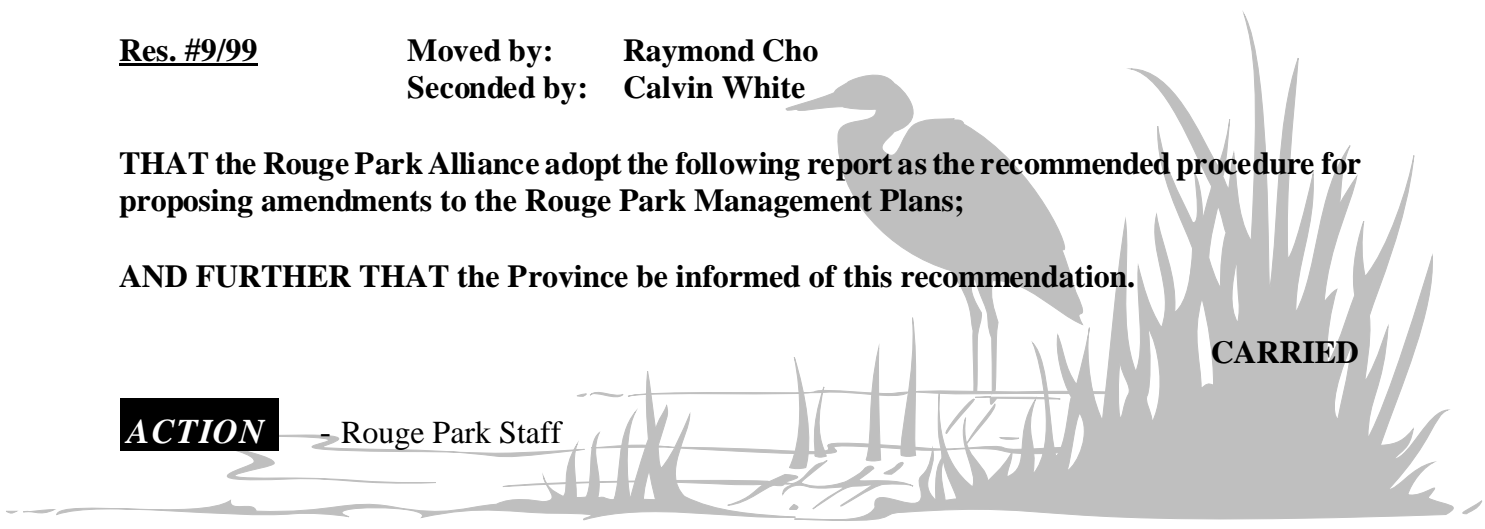
Res. #9/99 Moved by: Raymond Cho
 Seconded by: Calvin White

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance adopt the following report as the recommended procedure for proposing amendments to the Rouge Park Management Plans;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be informed of this recommendation.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park Staff



4. Staff Report on Development Proposal - Wismer Commons

Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park presented a verbal report on the Wismer Commons development proposal.

5. Report on Morningside OMB Hearing

Ann Rexe, City of Toronto, presented an update on the Morningside OMB hearing.

MOTION **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #10/99 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance urge the City of Toronto to create a forested corridor between the Morningside Stream and the main Rouge River in the Morningside Heights area north of Finch Avenue up to the Village Securities property.

CARRIED

6. Provincial Report (verbal report)

Steve Gilchrist reported that within the next two weeks Cabinet will be dealing with the issue of the Rouge North Management Plan; they have asked staff for more information. Cabinet dealt with the NAPP issues, however, full discussion of the other Rouge issues will take place within the next two weeks.

7. Staff Reports - General Manager's Report

KEY ISSUE

General Manager's Report - February 1, 1999.

Res. #11/99 **Moved by: Randy Barber**
 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the General Manager's Report be received.

CARRIED

MOTION **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #12/99 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request that the Rouge Park North Steering Committee support a minimum boundary in the Rouge Park North Management plan that's similar to Res. #85/98 and Res. #86/98;

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance urge the Rouge North Steering Committee to adopt a minimum park boundary which will be a minimum of 30 metres from stable top-of-bank except in existing single family residential areas where the boundary will be the rear property line.

DEFEATED

8. Public Relations Report

KEY ISSUE

Public Relations Report for February 1, 1999.

Res. # 13/99 **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**
 Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT the Public Relations Report be received.

CARRIED

9. New Business

(See item #2)

10. Correspondence

MOTION **Moved by: Calvin White**
Res. #14/99 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- d) Letter from the Hon. David Crombie, Waterfront Regeneration Trust to the Hon. Chris Hodgson and the Hon. John Snobelen, with respect to Provincial support of the Rouge Park.
- e) Letter from the Hon. Christine Stewart to Mr. R. Christie, with respect to the need for continuous corridor in the Rouge watershed.
- f) Letter of confirmation from the office of the Hon. Christine Stewart, with respect to Mr. Christie's request for a meeting to discuss support for the Rouge Park.

CARRIED

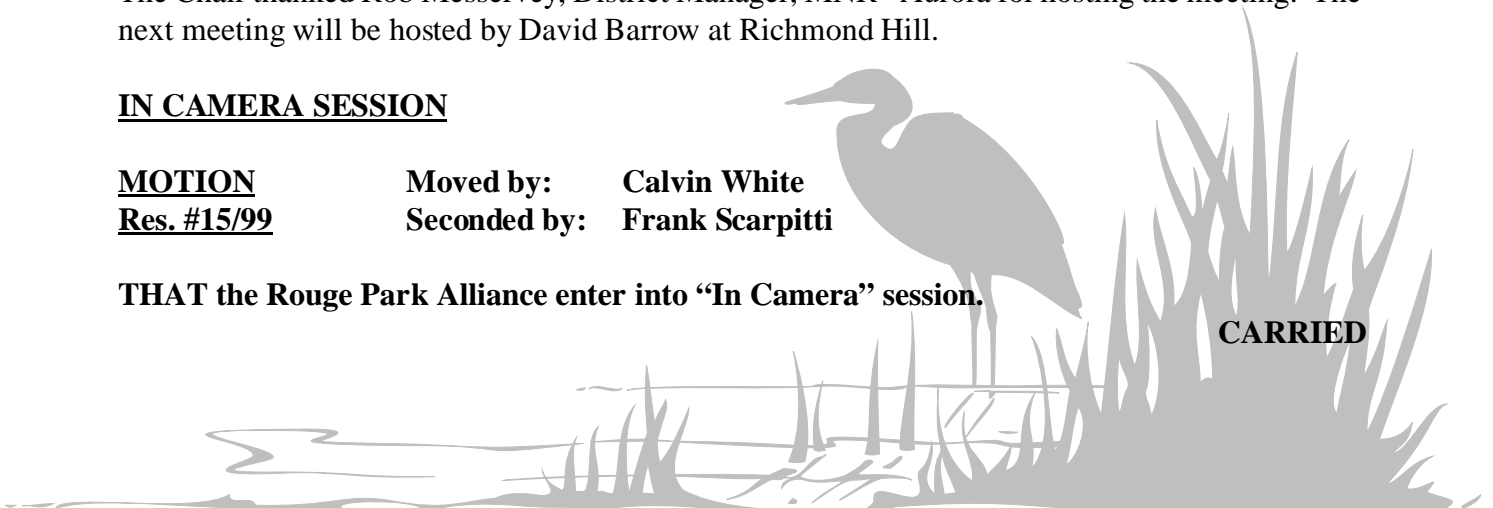
The Chair thanked Rob Messervey, District Manager, MNR - Aurora for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will be hosted by David Barrow at Richmond Hill.

IN CAMERA SESSION

MOTION **Moved by: Calvin White**
Res. #15/99 **Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance enter into "In Camera" session.

CARRIED



MOTION
Res. #18/99

Moved by: Randy Barber
Seconded by: Glen DeBaeremaeker

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

CARRIED

The Chair reported that he was directed to prepare a policy regarding the use of Rouge Park equipment and property. Furthermore, Res. #16/99 and Res. #17/99 which were a result of the In Camera discussions will be kept confidential and remain on file at the Rouge Park office.

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:45 p.m., February 1, 1999.

Ron M. Christie
Chair

Gord Weeden
General Manager

