

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #3/99

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1999

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

TORONTO ZOO

361A Old Finch Avenue, Scarborough

North Administration Building, Main Board Room

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

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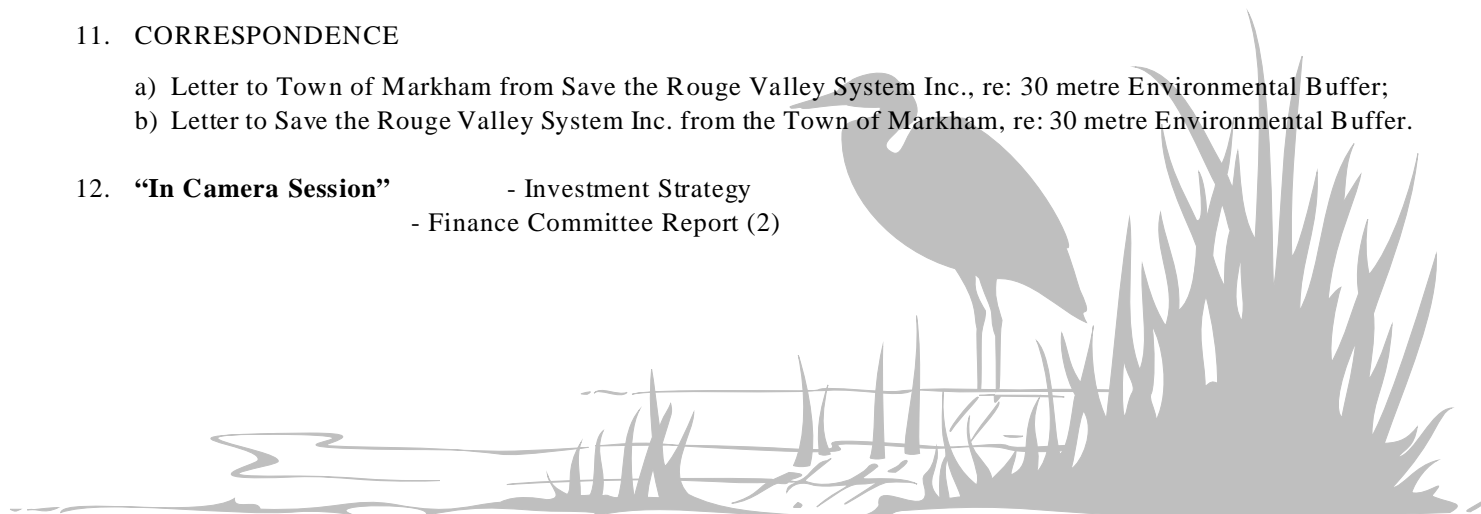
11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter to Town of Markham from Save the Rouge Valley System Inc., re: 30 metre Environmental Buffer;

b) Letter to Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. from the Town of Markham, re: 30 metre Environmental Buffer.

12. "In Camera Session" - Investment Strategy

- Finance Committee Report (2)



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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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- a) 30 Metre Rouge Park Boundary Report
- b. Wismer Commons Report
- c. Rouge Park Organizational Structure Review Committee Report
- d. Letter from Doreen Mount
- e. CORRESPONDENCE
 - Letter to Town of Markham from Milne Park Conservation Association, re: Proposed 30 metre ecological setback from top of bank.

**THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES #3/99 - JUNE 7, 1999**

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Toronto Zoo, Administration Building, Main Board Room, on June 7, 1999. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

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

Alternates:

Jim Baird, Town of Markham
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo (part)
Tom Melymuk, Town of Pickering
Rob Messervey, MNR - Aurora
Lynne Poole, Town of Richmond Hill (part)
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Staff:

Pam Fulford, Natural & Cultural Heritage Program Manager
Jennifer Koning, Education Assistant, Stewardship
Andrea Malone, Education Assistant, Rougemobile
Sue Russell, Public Relations Coordinator
Diana Saccone, Education Assistant, Education
Chantal Savoie, Administrative Assistant
Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park
Meghan Zakoor, Clerk, Rouge Park

Observers:

Shelley Bourne, Boyington Heights Ratepayers
Daniel Casselman, Little Rouge River Restoration Committee
Jane Clohecy, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Norman Collier, Last Green Door Co-op Inc.
Audrey Daga, Rouge Fairways Residents Association
Robin Hale, Toronto Zoo
Dorothy Izzard, Save the Oakridges Moraine
Elizabeth Jackson, Rouge Valley Naturalists
Lois James, Green Door Alliance & SRVS
Rob Johnson, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Linda Joseph, Save the Rouge Valley System
Madeleine Landry, Boyington Heights Ratepayers
Kim Mandzy, Little Rouge River Restoration Project, SRVS

S. MacDonald, Grandview Area Residents Association
John MacKenzie, Save the Rouge Valley System
Craig Mather, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Ross McMahon, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Eric Morris, Toronto Zoo
John O'Gorman, Markham Conservation Committee
Ann Rexe, City of Toronto (Works & Emergency Services)
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
John Sguigna, 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley
Jonathan Vander Boom, Little Rouge Restoration Comm.
Jesse Watt, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Tupper Wheatley, Milne Park Conservation Association

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto
Councillor Randy Barber, Town of Markham
Councillor Doug Dickerson, Town of Pickering
Councillor Doug Mahood, Toronto Zoo
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

ABSENT

Alternates:

Councillor David Allison, Town of Markham
Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Brian Denney, TRCA
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #41/99 Seconded by: Irvine Harrell

THAT the Agenda for Meeting #3/99 be changed as follows:

After agenda item #1, that item A (from Supplementary Agenda) and #4 be dealt with, followed by the In Camera Session. Once the In Camera items are dealt with the Agenda will be followed as sent out. The remaining supplementary agenda items C and D will be dealt with under New Business.

CARRIED

MOTION Moved by: Rob Messervey
Res. #42/99 Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT the minutes of Meeting #2/99 be brought forward for discussion.

CARRIED

The following are amendments to the Minutes of Meeting #2/99:

The Chair declared that Res. #23/99 and Res. #24/99 are out of Order and are to be removed from the minutes.

Res. #22/99 does not show that it was "*Carried*". It should be noted that Res. #22/99 was *Carried*.

MOTION Moved By: Dick O'Brien
Res. #43/99 Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT Res. #25/99 be amended to read as follows:

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #25/99 Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon

THAT subject to a legal opinion by the TRCA lawyers in consultation with the affected municipalities *a report be prepared for the Rouge Park Alliance* as to the benefits and liabilities of adding the planning criteria of a 30m minimum setback, including the examination of Res. #85/98 and Res. #86/98.

CARRIED

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #44/99 Seconded by: Irvine Harrell

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance adopt the Minutes from meeting #2/99 as amended and corrected.

CARRIED

NOTE TO THE MINUTES

The intent of Res. #85/98 and Res. #86/98, as stated in the background information for these motions, is that they would apply to ill-defined valley areas in the Rouge Park South of Steeles Avenue and are a clarification to the approved 1994 Rouge Park Management Plan. That Plan is silent on the matter of ill-defined valleys.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

30 metre Rouge Park Boundary Issue - Deferred to Agenda item
Development Proposal, Wismer Commons, Town of Markham - Deferred to Agenda item

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Presentation - Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

Jim Robb provided an update to the Rouge Park Alliance of the work done by Friends of the Rouge Watershed at the Beare Road Landfill site (Tree the Beare), Morningside Tributary, Hydro Corridor, etc.

Delegation - Tupper Wheatley, Milne Conservation Association and Markham 30 Metre Buffer Committee

Tupper Wheatley spoke about the 30 metre issue within the Rouge Park North of Steeles Avenue, east of Highway 48 and south of 14th Avenue. Support letters from 20 ratepayers groups to the Town of Markham were handed out to the Alliance. Tupper Wheatley asked that the Alliance support a 30 metre minimum for buffers in the Rouge.

Tupper Wheatley requested some assistance in the process and approach on how to proceed with the possible acquisition of a piece of property on the northwest corner of Highway 8 and 7. This property is located on #40 Sarah Jane Court located within a Townhouse complex. It is a 1.74 acre vacant lot at the top of bank overlooking the Rouge in Milne Park. Gord Weeden agreed to advise Mr. Wheatley and his organization the steps that they could take.

ACTION - Rouge Park Staff

2. Toronto Zoo, New Zoo Mobile Route

Robin Hale, Executive Director of Administrative and Site Services at the Toronto Zoo, made a presentation on the physical assessment component of the Revenue and Visitor Experience Enhancement Study completed in 1998.

Mr. Hale highlighted the Physical Plan Improvement Recommendations that have been approved by the Zoo Board of Management, including: the creation of a single main pedestrian circulation loop through the existing pathways in the Core Woods, connecting all five zoogeographic zones and the Children's Area on one short loop; the relocation of the Canadian Domain out of the valley to the Americas Zoogeographic zone; the creation of a Zoomobile route as a complete loop starting at the old Monorail Station at the Front Entrance and running counter clockwise through the site. It would act primarily as a transportation device with some entertainment and education aspects. In order to make a continuous loop, one section of the Monorail guide way is to be used as the roadbed for the zoomobile and a vehicular bridge is to be added crossing a tributary of the Rouge River between the Indomalayan Pavilion and the Malayan Woods Pavilion.

A final recommendation of the Study dealt with the decommissioning of the Monorail due primarily to the high cost of refurbishment and operation of a ride which does not meet the transportation requirements of the visitors.

MOTION **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #45/99 **Seconded by: Tom Melymuk**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the verbal report from Robin Hale of the Toronto Zoo.

CARRIED

3. 30 Metre Rouge Park Boundary Report

KEY ISSUE

The Rouge Park Alliance has requested a legal opinion on the inclusion of a minimum of 30 metres from stable top of bank as the Rouge Park boundary in the Rouge North Management Plan.

Res. #46/99 **Moved by: Dick O'Brien**
Seconded by: Rob Messervey

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the attached report from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the TRCA to approach their lawyers with these questions for a legal opinion as stated in the report.

CARRIED

It was noted that the following question/opinion should be included in the list being submitted to the TRCA Lawyers:

Would it be appropriate to set a boundary of 30 metres and have that minimum adjusted up or down as a result of an environmental study?

General catch all question, is there anything that we have not asked that should be?

Definitions of buffers, set backs and boundary.

ACTION

- Report from TRCA Lawyers in consultation with affected municipalities

4. Notice of Motion, Letter from Glenn De Baeremaeker, SRVS

MOTION
Res. #47/99

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Raymond Cho

THAT in undeveloped areas (any area where houses are not yet built), the Rouge Park boundary will be a minimum of 30 metres from stable top of bank;

THAT where there is an ill-defined valley and the upstream drainage area is greater than 125 hectares, the park boundary will be a minimum of 30 metres from the regulatory flood line;

THAT where there is an ill-defined valley and the upstream drainage area is less than 125 hectares, the park boundary will be a minimum of 30 metres from the meander belt;

THAT in already developed areas (where residents own land in and adjacent to the valley), the park boundary will be the landowner's rear property line;

AND FURTHER THAT the above noted points be incorporated into the Rouge North Management Plan.

TABLED TO THE NEXT ALLIANCE MEETING

MOTION
Res. #48/99

Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Seconded by: David Barrow

THAT Res. #47/99 be tabled until Meeting #4/99, August 9, 1999 of the Rouge Park Alliance. This will allow for all background reports to be presented to the Rouge Park Alliance regarding the 30-metre issue.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Reports from TRCA and Rouge Park 30 Metre Boundary Committee

IN CAMERA SESSION

MOTION **Moved by:** **Dick O'Brien**
Res. #49/99 **Seconded by:** **Calvin White**

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

CARRIED

MOTION **Moved by:** **Calvin White**
Res. # 53/99 **Seconded by:** **Tom Melymuk**

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

CARRIED

The following resolutions were carried by the Rouge Park Alliance in its In Camera Session:

Res. #50/99 **Moved by:** **Irvine Harrell**
 Seconded by: **Calvin White**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance not withdraw from the principle in the Investment Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res. #51/99 **Moved by:** **Rob Messervey**
 Seconded by: **Peter Dobrich**

THAT the \$590,000 of Rouge Park funds being held by the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) remain in a separate account with the TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT the TRCA continues to retain the interest earned on this account to cover the costs of providing administrative and accounting support for the Rouge Park.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence

MOTION **Moved by: Raymond Cho**
Res. #67/99 **Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist**

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- a) **Letter to Town of Markham from Save the Rouge Valley System Inc., re: 30 metre Environmental Buffer;**
- b) **Letter to Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. from the Town of Markham, re: 30 metre Environmental Buffer.**
- c) **Letter to Town of Markham from Milne Park Conservation Association, re: Proposed 30 metre ecological setback from top of bank.**

CARRIED

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:15 p.m., June 7, 1999.

Ron M. Christie
Chair

Gord Weeden
General Manager