

# THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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## THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #5/99

MONDAY, October 4, 1999

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

### TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

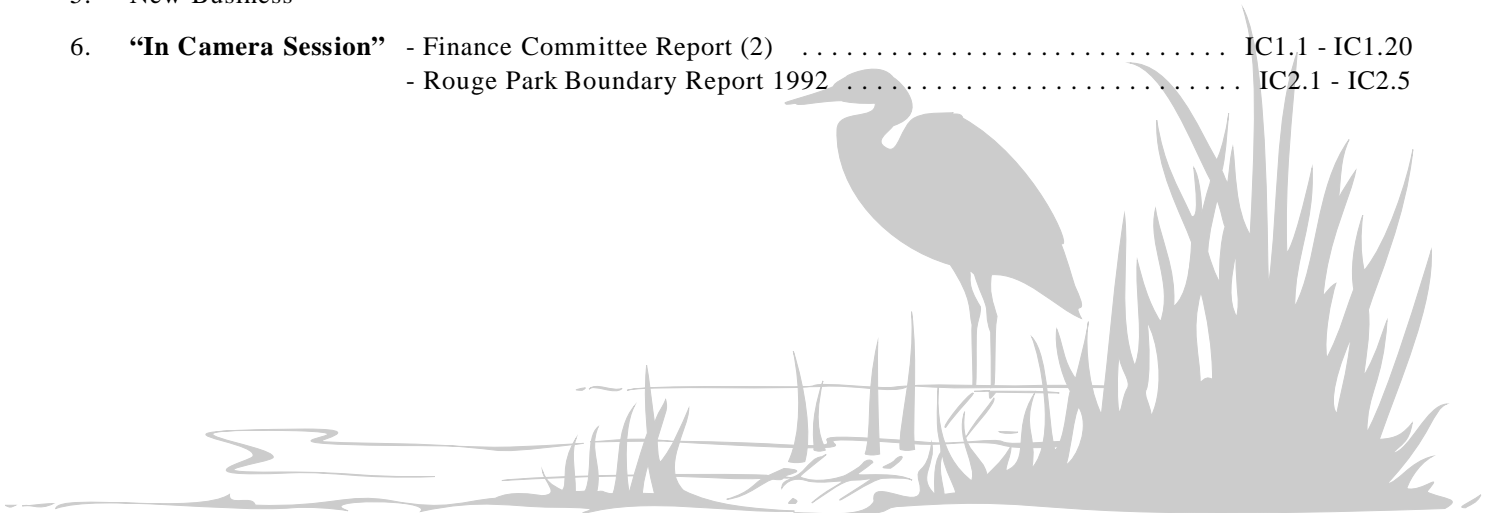
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**REVISED AS PER RES. #120/99, MEETING #6/99**

**THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE**

**MINUTES #5/99 - OCTOBER 4, 1999**

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Council Chambers, on October 4, 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 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  
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham  
Brian Denney, TRCA  
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo  
Tom Melymuk, Town of Pickering  
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora

Staff:

Pam Fulford, Natural & Cultural Heritage Program Manager  
Samantha Mason, Stewardship Program Manager  
Sue Russell, Public Relations Coordinator  
Chantal Savoie, Administrative Assistant  
Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park

Observers:

A List of Observers can be obtained at the Rouge Park Office.

**ABSENT**

Members:

Councillor Doug Dickerson, Town of Pickering  
Honourable Steve Gilchrist, Province of Ontario

Alternates:

Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora  
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo  
Councillor David Allison, Town of Markham  
Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York  
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System

**MOTION**      Moved by:      Dick O'Brien  
**Res. #93/99**      Seconded by:      Raymond Cho

**THAT all of the people who contacted the Rouge Park office to be a delegation be allowed to be heard.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**      Moved by:      Randy Barber  
**Res. #94/99**      Seconded by:      David Barrow

**THAT the minutes of Meeting #4/99 be approved with the following changes:**

- .      **On page 4, should appear as *Fraser Nelson* and not Frazer Nelson.**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

30 metre Rouge Park Boundary Issue

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

The following is a list of people who made a delegation to the Rouge Park Alliance in relation to the 30 metre issue for the Rouge Park:

1. Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed;
2. John McKenzie, Save the Rouge Valley System;
3. Tom Lederer, Urban Development Institute;
4. John O'Gorman, Markham Conservation Committee;
5. Tupper Wheatley, Milne Conservation;
6. Councillor Jack Heath, Ward 5, Town of Markham;
7. Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System/Green Door Alliance;
8. Shelly Bourne, Boyington Heights Ratepayers;
9. Dorothy Izzard, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine;
10. Mike McQuaid, Lebovic Enterprises;
11. Lorne Smith, Markham Historian;
12. Linda Carscadden, Concerned Citizen; and
13. Gloria Marsh, Richmond Hill Naturalists.

The following is a list of people who made a presentation to the Rouge Park Alliance in relation to the 30 metre issue for the Rouge Park:

1. Don Cousens, Mayor, Town of Markham;
2. Mark Schollen, Schollen and Company;
3. Jane Clochey, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority;
4. Jim Baird, Director of Planning, Town of Markham; and
5. Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System.



1. Rouge North Boundary Report - cont'd

**MOTION**                      Moved by:              Frank Scarpitti  
**Res. #98/99**                      Seconded by:           Bas Balkissoon

**THAT the boundaries of the Rouge Park in the Emerging Development Areas shall be based on ecological criteria contained in the Rouge Park North Management Plan and that the Rouge Park Alliance request municipalities to apply the ecological criteria to those areas within their Emerging Development Areas where draft plan approvals or site plan approvals have not been granted or when existing approvals are renewed.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:              Frank Scarpitti  
**Res. #99/99**                      Seconded by:           Bas Balkissoon

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance requests that the Province consider issuing a Provincial Policy Statement identifying the Rouge Park as an area of Provincial Interest protecting the Rouge Park based on the ecological criteria and provide a response with its intent within 90 days.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:              Glenn De Baeremaeker  
**Res. #100/99**                      Seconded by:           Bas Balkissoon

**THAT with the park area located on the top of bank the primary purpose of the resulting corridor is to protect, restore and enhance the natural, scenic and cultural values of the park in an ecosystem context. Restorative works should be the main activity within this boundary and these works must sustain and restore the ecological function for the natural area. (e.g., species diversity, wildlife migration or passage, plant propagation, population response to environmental change, air or water purification, feeding, shelter habitat, maintenance of groundwater systems, etc.) With these goals in mind, the categories below have been created to inform decision-makers as to what activities will or will not be allowed within the Rouge Park boundary:**

**Compatible Uses Within the Rouge Park Boundary:**

- **Low impact trails and viewing areas in non-sensitive areas (low impact meaning permeable, natural construction materials use, minimal footprint)**
- **Areas to be naturally vegetated, with native species**
- **Composting, mulching**
- **Active management of the area to consist of removal of non-native, invasive species, planting of native vegetation compatible with the area**
- **Creation of wetlands, small offline wildlife ponds or fish pools**
- **Natural design stormwater facilities**
- **Construction of wildlife habitat structures – snake hibernacula, bird boxes and baths, brush bundles, etc.**

1. Rouge North Boundary Report - cont'd

**Non-Compatible Uses Within the Rouge Park Boundary:**

- Swimming pools or discharge areas for swimming pools
- Impervious surfaces
- Garbage dumping or loading of slope
- Hard engineered storm water management ponds or facilities
- Parking lots.

**MOTION**                      Moved by:              Dick O'Brien  
**Res. #101/99**                      Seconded by:              Irvine Harrell

**THAT Res. #100/99 be referred to the Rouge North Steering Committee for review and report back to the Rouge Park Alliance in December 1999.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:              Randy Barber  
**Res. #102/99**                      Seconded by:              Raymond Cho

**THAT in order to achieve the Rouge Park boundary and vision, the Rouge Park Alliance develops an acquisition strategy and implementation program to ensure that lands which are important to enhance the Rouge Park are brought into public ownership.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:              David Barrow  
**Res. #103/99**                      Seconded by:              Randy Barber

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance confirms its support of the Rouge Park boundary as outlined in the draft Rouge North Management Plan (Sept. 1997), which recommends that the Park boundary be delineated within the non-urbanized areas through a defensible approach using ecological criteria.**

**Upon a recorded vote:**

**YEA**

Rob Messervey  
Dick O'Brien  
Randy Barber  
Tom Melymuk  
David Barrow  
Peter Dobrich

**NEA**

Raymond Cho  
Bas Balkissoon  
Glenn De Baeremaeker  
Calvin White  
Irvine Harrell  
Frank Scarpitti

**Tie Vote**

**Ron Christie, Chair, voted YEA**

**THE MOTION ..... CARRIED**



Staff Reports

**MOTION**                      **Moved by:**              **Rob Messervey**  
**Res. #107/99**                      **Seconded by:**        **David Barrow**

**THAT the two staff reports be considered together.**

**CARRIED**

**Res. #108/99**                      **Moved by:**              **Rob Messervey**  
   **Seconded by:**        **David Barrow**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report on the Stewardship Recognition Program;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the General Manager's report be received.**

**CARRIED**

The Rouge Park Alliance members decided that the agenda items - Finance Committee Report - Budget Variance Report and the 2000 Budget and Work Plan for the Rouge Park Alliance would be considered in a public forum and not in a Closed Session.

3. Finance Committee Report - Budget Variance Report

**KEY ISSUE**

The Rouge Park Finance Committee report regarding the 1999 budget variance.

**Res. #109/99**                      **Moved by:**              **David Barrow**  
   **Seconded by:**        **Calvin White**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the withdrawal of up to \$35,000 from the Planning and Administration account to cover the 1999 Budget Variance.**

**CARRIED**

4. Finance Committee Report - 2000 Budget and Work Plan for the Rouge Park Alliance

**KEY ISSUE**

The Rouge Park Finance Committee report regarding the proposed 2000 Budget and Work Plan for the Rouge Park Alliance.

**Res. #110/99**                      **Moved by:**              **David Barrow**  
   **Seconded by:**        **Calvin White**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the Work Plan;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the following 2000 Budget.**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Calvin White  
**Res. #111/99**                Seconded by:        Irvine Harrell

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance not withdraw from the Reserve Fund in the year 2000.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Bas Balkissoon  
**Res. #112/99**                Seconded by:        Irvine Harrell

**THAT staff report back to the Rouge Park Alliance on the policy in relation to the spending of the investment revenues.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Glenn De Baeremaeker  
**Res. #113/99**                Seconded by:        Raymond Cho

**THAT a minimum of \$212,000 be set aside for Natural & Cultural Heritage Projects.**

**MOTION WAS DEFEATED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Bas Balkissoon  
**Res. #114/99**                Seconded by:        Rob Messervey

**THAT there be a minimum of \$102,000 for Natural & Cultural Heritage Projects.**

**THE MOTION WAS NOT VOTED ON**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Glenn De Baeremaeker  
**Res. #115/99**                Seconded by:        Bas Balkissoon

**THAT based on the discussions of the Rouge Park Alliance represented by Res. #110/99 through to Res. #114/99 the Rouge Park Finance Committee provide a report to the Rouge Park Alliance at its next meeting, being December 6, 1999.**

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Rob Messervey  
**Res. #117/99**                Seconded by:        Raymond Cho

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance enter into "In Camera" Session.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      Moved by:            Rob Messervey  
**Res. #118/99**                Seconded by:        Raymond Cho

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

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      **Moved by:        Bas Balkissoon**  
**Res. #119/99**                   **Seconded by:    Randy Barber**

**THAT item IC2 to be dealt with “In Camera” be deferred to the next Rouge Park Alliance being, December 6, 1999.**

**CARRIED**

**TERMINATION**

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 3:35 p.m., October 4, 1999.

Ron M. Christie  
Chair

Gord Weeden  
General Manager