

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #7/00

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2000

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

MAIN BOARDROOM, TORONTO ZOO

361A Old Finch Avenue, Scarborough

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NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES #7/00 - December 8, 2000

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Toronto Zoo, Main Boardroom, on December 8, 2000. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m., and expressed appreciation to the Toronto Zoo for hosting the meeting.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Councillor Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Raymond Cho, TRCA
Mayor Don Cousens, Town of Markham
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Doug Dickerson, City of Pickering
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Councillor Dick O'Brien, City of Toronto
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Jim Baird, Town of Markham
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Brian Denney, TRCA
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora

Staff:

Pam Fulford, Prog.Mgr., Natural & Cultural Heritage
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant
Maryam Nassar, Public Relations Coordinator
Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park

Observers:

Aileen Barclay, SRVS
Lila Deer, Green Door
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Jim Dillane, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
David Donnelly, Canadian Environmental Defence Fund
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.

Observers: (Continued...)

Linda Joseph, SRVS
Tom Mohr, Pickering Township Historical Society
Gerry Phillips, MPP
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Mark Schollen, Schollen & Company Inc.
Paula Tenuta, UDI
Jarah West, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

ABSENT

Members:

Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Bob Loptson, Federal Government
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System
John McKay, MP, Federal Government

Before proceeding with the meeting:

1. Ron Christie, Chair, welcomed everyone, new members, and outgoing members, and also Gerry Phillips, MPP (observer). Mr. Christie congratulated everyone who had just gone through an election, both municipally and federally.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MINUTES FROM MEETING #6/00, OCTOBER 6, 2000

First item on the agenda is the minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 2000, which was sent to you.

MOTION **Moved by: Sue Gunton**
Res. #83/00 **Seconded by: Derek Lee**

THAT the minutes of Meeting #6/00, OCTOBER 6, 2000, be approved, with two changes:
(1) Page 6, Res. #72/00 - the words "THAT the Alliance receives the report" be added;
2. Page 7, Res. #74/00 - the word "AMENDMENT" be removed from the recommendations.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

MOTION **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #84/00 **Seconded by: Doug Dickerson**

THAT item 6 on the agenda regarding the cemetery land be deferred until the next meeting when ORC staff can be present;

AND THAT the deputations be deferred until the next meeting.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff, in communication with ORC regarding their letter, to request that there will be no final decisions made until further meetings are held between ORC and Rouge Park staff.

Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed:

Jim Robb made a presentation regarding the Ontario Municipal Board Decision on the McAsphalt property. He highlighted a few points: Toronto OPA 1022; Toronto OPA 990; Bylaw 25278; clean up of toxic chemicals at the industrial site for future residential community; 30-metre buffer between the development and the Rouge Park; and additional clean up of the McAsphalt property (see Attachment #1).

Jim Robb also briefly discussed the Catholic cemetery issue (see Attachment #2). He mentioned the information re Class EA developed on the ORC website.

Tom Mohr, President, Pickering Township Historical Society:

Tom Mohr presented to the Chair, Rouge Park Alliance, a copy of a new book "Time Present and Time Past - A Pictorial History of Pickering" which contains information on the Rouge. He spoke about Gandatsetiagon and Pickering's Millennial Waterfront, which is outlined in his handout (see Attachment #3).

MOTION: **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #85/00 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance endorses in principle the vision of Gandatsetiagon and the Pickering waterfront project, subject to further details being reviewed and endorsed by the Heritage Committee.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to arrange for a presentation by Tom Mohr, Pickering Township Historical Society, at the next Heritage Committee meeting.

MOTION: **Moved by: Don Cousens**
Res. #86/00 **Seconded by: Pauline Browes**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance expresses appreciation for Tom Mohr's presentation and efforts that have been put into the book "Time Present and Time Past - A Pictorial History of Pickering".

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to write a letter to Mr. Mohr.

1A - Rouge North Management Plan - Revisions to May 2000 Version

Ron Christie, Chair, brought members' attention to a new Page 1A.1.

MOTION
Res. #87/00

Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Seconded by: Derek Lee

KEY ISSUE

Revisions to the Rouge North Management Plan, as requested by partners.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report and presentation from Schollen and Company on revisions to the Rouge North Management Plan as per comments received;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance directs staff to review the consultant's recommended revisions of the Rouge North Management Plan, and staff to report back to the Alliance by January 19, 2001.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to review the Draft Rouge North Management Plan, May 2000 version, with consultant's recommended revisions and report back to the Alliance on January 19, 2001, outlining the original wording, recommended changes and final recommendation from staff.

1B - Rouge North Management Plan - Revision to Compatible Uses

MOTION
Res. #88/00

Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Seconded by: Peter Dobrich

KEY ISSUE

Revision to the Rouge North Management Plan relating to compatible uses.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance revises Resolution #38/00 (formerly Res.#100/99) by removing "Natural design stormwater facilities" from the list of Compatible Uses Within the Rouge Park Boundary;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance directs staff to review the final edited version of the Rouge North Management Plan to ensure that this resolution is consistent throughout the final plan.

CARRIED

1C. - Implementation of Rouge North Management Plan

MOTION **Moved by: Derek Lee**
Res. #89/00 **Seconded by: David Barrow**

KEY ISSUE

Requests from partners for assistance in implementing the Rouge North Management Plan.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance, in consultation with Partners, commit to:

- **prepare a Comprehensive Implementation Strategy for the Rouge North Management Plan that would address the short and long term priorities, Partner obligations and responsibilities, legislation and financial support;**
- **immediately prepare an overall Land Acquisition Strategy and Funding program specifically aimed at implementing the Rouge North Management Plan;**
- **establish a Technical Review Committee to make recommendations to the Rouge Park Alliance on the technical application of the Ecological Criteria and associated process requirements for the implementation of the Rouge North Management Plan;**
- **commence preparation of the “Executive Summary” of the Rouge North Management Plan;**

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance directs staff to develop terms of reference for these strategies and report to the Alliance.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to start the process of the implementation of the Rouge North Management Plan, as outlined above.

2. Finance Committee Report

MOTION **Moved by: Sue Gunton**
Res. #90/00 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

KEY ISSUE

Rouge Park Alliance proposed budget for 2001.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the 2001 business case, including alternatives and impacts, as requested;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves the budget of \$566,594 for 2001.

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT

MOTION

Res. #91/00

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

Seconded by: Pauline Browes

THAT \$50,000 be taken from Communications/Interpretation/Stewardship Programs and put towards Projects.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

3. Natural Heritage 2001 Proposed Rouge Park Projects

DEPUTATION

Aileen Barclay of Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. (SRVS) made a presentation regarding the Anndale property. SRVS is proposing to restore the apple orchard and asks that the Alliance over-ride the Heritage Committee’s decision to not fund the proposal because there wasn’t a business plan. SRVS are presently in negotiation to obtain technical expertise in apple orchard restoration. It will take 5 years before getting any apples from the trees, so it is imperative that funding is received as soon as possible, to get the process started.

MOTION

Res. #92/00

Moved by: Nestor Chornobay

Seconded by: Dick O’Brien

KEY ISSUE

The Natural and Cultural Heritage Committee has reviewed the projects for Year 2001 and provides project funding recommendations.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report from the Heritage Committee on the Rouge Park 2001 restoration project recommendations;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves funding to the natural heritage projects reviewed by the Heritage Committee, as outlined in Table 1;

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

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #92A/00: Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

THAT the Alliance funds or increase funding to two projects:

- 1. for the apple orchard project (#18 on the list, Table 1) by Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. (SRVS) for \$15,000, and**
- 2. increase funding to the land securement project (#2 on the list, Table 1) for an additional \$10,000;**

AND THAT approximately 10% be prorated from all the projects recommended to fund the above two projects, and project #18 would be subject to the successful execution of a Memorandum of Understanding.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to inform those who were funded.

4. Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club Proposal
Ron Christie, Chair, informed the members/alternates of a new Page 4.1

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #93/00: Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

KEY ISSUE

Proposal for leasing Rouge Park lands by Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report on the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club lease proposal;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance opposes leasing 40 acres to Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club for golf use as proposed in the letter dated September 1, 2000;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance supports the current zoning of Agricultural Heritage Reserve and High Priority Restoration on the lands located south of Steeles Avenue, adjacent to the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance opposes Cedar Brae’s residential development proposal as an extension of the Morningside Heights project;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance advises the City of Toronto of these resolutions;

AND FURTHER THAT the Runnymede Property be investigated as a candidate site for the pool of priority sites for land acquisition.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to inform Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club and the City of Toronto of this resolution.

5. Natural & Cultural Heritage Significance of the Village Securities Property

MOTION
Res. #94/00

Moved by: Steve Gilchrist
Seconded by: Derek Lee

KEY ISSUE

The natural and cultural heritage significance of the Village Securities Property, issues to be considered for land acquisition.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report on the natural and cultural heritage significance of the Village Securities Property;

AND FURTHER THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) be requested to investigate the opportunities to acquire this site as it is on the list of priorities for acquisition.

AND FURTHER THAT this be referred to the historic sites and monuments board of the federal government and request our federal representative, Derek Lee, MP, to pursue this with the historic sites and monuments board.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to request TRCA to investigate opportunities to acquire this site as this property is already on our list of priority sites.

- Rouge Park staff to followup with Derek Lee on the next steps.

6. Environmental Significance of the Proposed Cemetery Site at Reesor Road and Steeles Avenue, Town of Markham

Deferred by Res. #84/00, earlier in the meeting under delegations/presentations.

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff report to address the issue of the environmentally significant features, or lack thereof, on the lands between 30 m and 300 m (request from Steve Gilchrist).
- Rouge Park staff to elaborate on Rouge Duffins Draft Natural Heritage System (request from Glenn De Baeremaeker).

7. Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Sale of Provincially Owned Lands to Private Interests

MOTION

Moved by: Derek Lee

Res. #95/00

Seconded by: Doug Dickerson

KEY ISSUE

Sale of provincially owned lands to private interests.

THAT this item be deferred to the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting, when a representative from Ontario Realty Corporation is present.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to invite representative from ORC to the next meeting.

8. Review of Projects for Natural Areas Protection Program (NAPP)

MOTION

Moved by: Steve Gilchrist

Res. #96/00

Seconded by: Derek Lee

KEY ISSUE

Request by Natural Areas Protection Program (NAPP) staff to review natural heritage projects.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report on the Natural Areas Protection Program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance endorses the first four prioritized projects for NAPP funding for 2001 projects in the Rouge watershed, and the other two projects (#5 and #6) , subject to the approval of the Rouge Park Natural Heritage Committee.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to try and process these two applications to meet NAPP deadlines.

9. Communications & Interpretation Committee Report

MOTION **Moved by: Don Cousens**
Res. #97/00 **Seconded by: David Barrow**

KEY ISSUE

Communications & Interpretation Committee Report for November 14, 2000 meeting.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report on highlights of Rouge Park Week 2000;

AND THAT the Alliance receives the Communications and Interpretation Committee report and endorse the use of "2001 - A Greenspace Odyssey" as a slogan for Rouge Park Week 2001.

CARRIED

Gord Weeden expressed thanks and appreciation to all the municipalities and other partners that had agreed to fly the Rouge Park Flag during Rouge Park Week (Markham, Richmond Hill, Toronto Zoo, Rouge Valley Foundation). Ron Christie stated that Rouge Park staff will try harder next year to get more municipalities and other partners involved during Rouge Park Week.

10. Proposed Schedule of Alliance Meetings for 2001

MOTION **Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**
Res. #98/00 **Seconded by: Derek Lee**

KEY ISSUE

Schedule of Rouge Park Alliance meetings for 2001.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves the following dates for meetings for 2001:

- Friday, January 19, 2001**
- Friday, March 9, 2001**
- Friday, May 11, 2001**
- Friday, June 15, 2001**
- Friday, September 21, 2001**
- Friday, December 7, 2001**

All the meetings will start at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

11. General Manager's Report

MOTION **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**
Res. #99/00 **Seconded by: Doug Dickerson**

KEY ISSUE

General Manager's Report for June 1 to November 30, 2000.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the General Manager's report.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to ask TRCA to followup on the property (lots 29, 30, 31 and 32 - 55 Main Street, Town of Markham), to see if the property has been sold.

MOTION **Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**
Res. #100/00 **Seconded by: Don Cousens**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the correspondence from Box Grove Community Association to be brought forward for discussion at the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to prepare a report responding to the Box Grove Community Association letter dated December 5, 2000 and report to the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #101/00 **Seconded by: David Barrow**

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CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to refer letter from Town of Markham re Milne Park Master Plan to appropriate Rouge Park Committee for action.

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:15 p.m., December 8, 2000.

Ron M. Christie
Chair

Gord Weeden
General Manager