

# THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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## THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #4/00

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2000

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

TORONTO ZOO

361A Old Finch Avenue, Scarborough

North Administration Building, Main Boardroom

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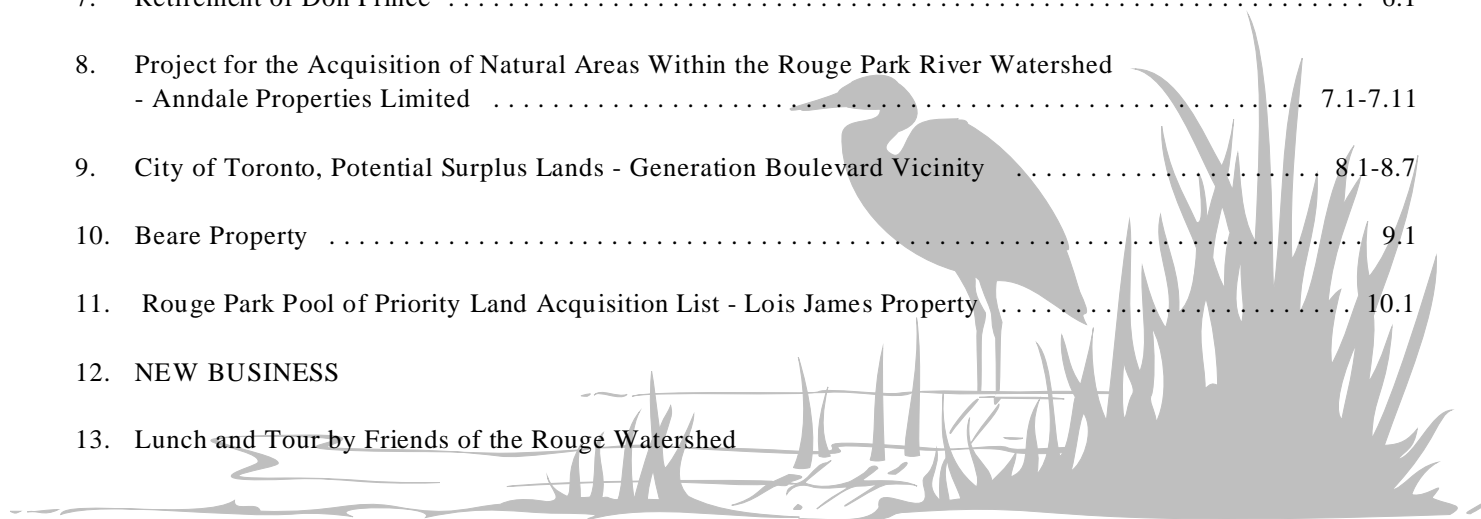
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## **THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE**

### **MINUTES #4/00 - June 16, 2000**

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Toronto Zoo, Scarborough on June 16, 2000. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and expressed appreciation to the Toronto Zoo for hosting the meeting.

#### **PRESENT**

##### **Members:**

Ron Christie, Chair  
Councillor Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto  
Councillor Raymond Cho, TRCA  
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System  
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario  
Regional Councillor Irvine Harrell, Region of Durham  
John McKay, MP, Federal Government  
Councillor Dick O'Brien, City of Toronto  
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York  
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

##### **Alternates:**

Brian Denney, TRCA  
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering  
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora

##### **Staff:**

Pam Fulford, Prog.Mgr., Natural & Cultural Heritage  
Samatha Mason, Prog.Mgr., Stewardship  
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Russell, Public Relations Coordinator  
Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park

##### **Observers:**

Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
David Crombie, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.  
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Vicky McGrath, City of Toronto  
Don Prince, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed  
Rocco Sgambelluri, Toronto & Region Conservation Auth.  
David Smith, Durham Mobility Study

#### **ABSENT**

##### **Members:**

Councillor Randy Barber, Town of Markham  
Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill  
Councillor Doug Dickerson, City of Pickering  
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government

##### **Alternates:**

Councillor David Allison, Town of Markham  
Jim Baird, Town of Markham  
Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham  
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York  
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora  
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo  
Bob Loptson, Federal Government  
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MINUTES FROM MEETING #3/00, MAY 5, 2000

First item on the agenda is the minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2000, which was faxed out to you.

**MOTION**                      **Moved by: Calvin White**  
**Res. #48/00**                    **Seconded by: Irvine Harrell**

**THAT the minutes of Meeting #3/00 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park, showed a video of a flight over the Rouge Park, showing various sites of interest: Beare Road Landfill, Little Rouge Corridor, Mennonite Church, area planted this year by 10,000 Trees, etc.

1. The Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation

**KEY ISSUE**

The Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation.

**Verbal Report**

David Crombie:

Mr. Crombie mentioned he is here to discuss the relationship between the Rouge Park Alliance and the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation in light of the changes made to the Trust status, moving from a Crown corporation to a non-profit organization. Keith Laushway is a board member and the new chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation, and Pauline Browes is a board member. Mr. Crombie is no longer chair, or a board member of the new Trust, but from time to time advises the board.

Keith Laushway:

Background memo explains the changes that has taken place. The agency, which was a Crown corporation, was converted last fall to a registered charity. One of the things that has come up during the process of this transition is that a charity has a different legal obligation than a Crown corporation in respect of the funds it has. One of those obligations is imposed under the Income Tax Act. It provides basically that a charity devote resources to charity. It means that the charity has to use those funds in programs that it administers and carries on or it has to enter into a service agreement or

arrangement with another organization to carry out those activities on behalf of the charity. This obligation is in addition to the obligation that the funds be used for conservation of the Rouge. Basically, we have two outstanding obligations that we have to deal with as a registered charity:

1. that the funds be used for the conservation of the Rouge, which has been the case over the last several years since the agency received the funds; and
2. (under the Income Tax Act) to ensure that the funds are used in charitable activities which the charity carries on, or which someone carries out on behalf of the charity.

These obligations have to be settled this year, and over the next few months we hope to have these settled and carry on as we have carried on before.

David Crombie:

This is an opportunity to make whatever changes the Alliance has wanted to make and that it has seen required over the last five years.

Ron Christie:

The three main charges that the Alliance received from the Province when the Province created the Alliance was to make a review after three years where we were at, and where we felt we would like to go, and that was done. The report was submitted to the Province and it was supported strongly that the Alliance should continue as it has been, and get on with implementing the plans. There was no suggestion at that point there was a need for another review. In a year or two, we should look at where we have been, where we are at, and where we would like to go.

Glenn De Baeremaeker:

How much roughly does the Waterfront Regeneration Trust fund the Park Alliance per year?

Keith Laushway:

It has been around \$375,000 to \$400,000 per year.

Pauline Browes:

The Rouge Park Alliance has done a very good job in terms of their mandate and the programs and work that have been accomplished. Over the last many years there has been an evolution, since 1988 when the Rouge Park started. I see a change in operations and certainly the funding to the charity is another part of the evolution of the Rouge Park, and I see it as a very positive evolutionary opportunity.

Glenn De Baeremaeker:

In the review two years ago, there was a suggestion from the consultant of that report that the membership of the Alliance be changed, and last October we added the federal government. If the Park Alliance were to ask the Waterfront Regeneration Trust to sit on

the Alliance, would you be able to do that, to attend the meetings and whatever sitting on the board entails.

Keith Laushway:

Yes, we would be able to sit on the board.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #49/00**

**Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**  
**Seconded by: Irvine Harrell**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the verbal report from The Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation;**

**AND THAT this report be referred to staff for a report at the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to report at the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting.

**2. Election of Rouge Park Alliance Vice-Chair**

**KEY ISSUE**

At meeting #3/00, May 5, 2000, the Rouge Park Alliance passed a motion to receive nominations for the position of a Vice-Chair of the Alliance.

**For Election:**

Ron Christie, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance, relinquished his chair and handed over to Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park.

Gord Weeden told the Alliance that he received nominations from Glenn De Baeremaeker and Frank Scarpitti, both nominating Mr. Steve Gilchrist for Vice-Chair of the Rouge Park Alliance.

Gord Weeden continued with nomination procedures.

**MOTION**

**Moved by: Irvine Harrell**  
**Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon**

**THAT nominations be closed.**

**Mr. Steve Gilchrist was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.**

Steve Gilchrist, as Vice-Chair, Rouge Park Alliance, rose and addressed the Alliance. He expressed his strong and continued support for the Park, and future augmentation to the Park. He mentioned that, although the government has done a lot of good things in the last five years for the Park, he will take every opportunity to emphasize the importance of this initiative.

**MOTION**                      **Moved by: Dick O'Brien**  
**Res. #50/00**                    **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**THAT the nomination of Steve Gilchrist as the Vice-Chair of the Rouge Park Alliance be received;**

**AND THAT the Province of Ontario be so informed of the decision of the Alliance**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to advise Province of elected Vice-Chair.

3. Ontario Municipal Board Hearings

**KEY ISSUE**

Rouge Park Alliance participation at Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings.

**MOTION**                      **Moved by: Dick O'Brien**  
**Res. #51/00**                    **Seconded by: Tom Melymuk**

**THAT the recommendations be split.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**                      **Moved by: Bas Balkissoon**  
**Res. #52/00**                    **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**The first recommendation: “*THAT the members of the Rouge Park Alliance not seek standing at Ontario Municipal Board hearings*” be referred back to staff with the direction to capture all the discussion and clarify.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to reword and clarify and report back to the Alliance.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #53/00**

**Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**  
**Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**THAT the second recommendation: “AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance staff support partner’s participation at Ontario Municipal Board hearings, but staff will only participate at the hearings when directed by the Rouge Park Alliance” be referred back to staff with the direction to capture discussion and clarify.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to reword and clarify and report back to the Alliance.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #54/00**

**Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**  
**Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist**

**THAT the third recommendation: “AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance not financially support partners’ participation at OMB hearings” be referred back to staff for rewording.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to clarify and reword and report back to the Alliance.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #55/00**

**Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**  
**Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist**

**THAT we support the request for \$5,000 to assist the Rouge River Restoration Committee in its case at the Ontario Municipal Board per letter of May 25, 2000.**

**DEFEATED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to notify Rouge River Restoration Committee of this resolution.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #56/00**

**Moved by: Irvine Harrell**  
**Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

**RECOMMEND THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Provincial Government seek party status at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding the Beare Estate property, to protect the provincially significant wetland complex.**

**CARRIED**

***ACTION***

- Rouge Park staff to take appropriate action in notifying the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #57/00**

**Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**  
**Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist**

**THAT further to the resolution of the Rouge Park Alliance in support of the Rouge Duffins Wildlife Corridor that the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to support the spirit and intent of the goals and objectives of the Rouge Park Management Plan in preparing evidence for the OMB, and to testify in support of protecting the goals and objectives of the Rouge Park Management Plan.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Rouge Park Heritage Report - June 2000**

**KEY ISSUE**

The Committee recommends funding for approved Year 2000 Natural and Cultural Heritage projects.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #58/00**

**Moved by: Brian Denney**  
**Seconded by: Bas Balkissoon**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves the expenditure of the recently acquired provincial funding of \$115,000 on projects and activities undertaken by the Alliance between January 1 and March 31, 2000;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a report on the natural and cultural significance of the Village Securities site and report back.**

**CARRIED**

***ACTION***

- Rouge Park staff to prepare report and report back to the Alliance.

5. General Manager's Report

**KEY ISSUE**

General Manager's Report for May 1 to May 31, 2000.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #59/00**

**Moved by: Tom Melymuk**  
**Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the General Manager's report.**

**CARRIED**

6. Retirement of Don Prince

**KEY ISSUE**

Recognition of Don Prince for contribution to the Rouge Park Alliance.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #60/00**

**Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**  
**Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance extend its appreciation to Don Prince for his support and guidance.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ron Christie, Chair of the Rouge Park Alliance, presented Don Prince with a framed Rouge Park print as an expression of appreciation.

7. Project for the Acquisition of Natural Areas Within the Rouge River Watershed - Anndale Properties Limited

**KEY ISSUE**

Purchase of property owned by Anndale Properties Limited, located on the south side of Old Finch Avenue west of Sewells Road, in the City of Toronto, in the Rouge River Watershed.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #61/00**

**Moved by: Raymond Cho**  
**Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

**THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority complete the purchase of the Anndale Properties Limited site on the basis outlined in the accompanying report;**

**AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Province to provide up to \$1.1 million or 50% of the acquisition costs;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve \$500,000 from NAPP to be used as part of the Provincial contribution.**

**AMENDMENT**            **Moved by: Brian Denney**  
   **Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

**AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance extends its appreciation to the City of Toronto for providing the \$1.1 million.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**            - Rouge Park staff to take appropriate action and report back to the Alliance.

8. City of Toronto, Potential Surplus Lands - Generation Boulevard Vicinity

**KEY ISSUE**

Report on the status of the surplus lands process related to the City of Toronto land in the vicinity of Generation Boulevard, in the former City of Scarborough, located east of Meadowvale Road, south of Sheppard Avenue.

**MOTION**                    **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**  
**Res. #62/00**                **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**THAT the report on the status of the surplus lands process related to the City of Toronto lands in the vicinity of Generation Boulevard be received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority report back to the Alliance following the City's review of the matter.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**            - TRCA staff to take appropriate action and report back to the Alliance.

**AMENDMENT**            **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**  
   **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**THAT the City of Toronto be formally asked to be committed to protect this woodlot and that it be designated for Rouge Park purposes.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**            - Rouge Park staff to follow up and report back to the Alliance.

9. Rouge Park Pool of Priority Land Acquisition List - Beare Property

**KEY ISSUE**

The addition of the Beare property, located north of Finch Avenue between the City of Toronto/ City of Pickering town line and Altona Road, in the City of Pickering, to the Pool of Priority Land Acquisition List.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #62/00**

**Moved by: Tom Melymuk**  
**Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

**THAT the Beare property, located north of Finch Avenue between the City of Toronto/ City of Pickering town line and Altona Road, in the City of Pickering, be added to the Pool of Priority Land Acquisition List;**

**AND THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be so advised.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to take appropriate action and report back to the Alliance.

10. Rouge Park Pool of Priority Land Acquisition List - Lois James Property

**KEY ISSUE**

The addition of the Lois James property, located on the west side of Meadowvale Road, north of Old Finch Avenue to the Pool of Priority Land Acquisition List.

**MOTION**  
**Res. #63/00**

**Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**  
**Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

**THAT the Lois James property, located on the west side of Meadowvale Road, north of Old Finch Avenue be added to the Pool of Priority Land Acquisition List;**

**AND THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be requested to arrange for an appraisal of the subject property estimated to cost approximately \$4,500;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be so advised.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to advise Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Miller McAsphalt Site - OMB Pre-hearing, June 30, 2000**

**MOTION**  
**Res. #64/00**

**Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**  
**Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance advise the City of Toronto that Section 37 be used to meet the goals and objectives of the Rouge Park Management Plan, that is, the park boundary of 30 metres.**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Rouge Park staff to send a letter to Mayor Lastman and members of City Council regarding the priority of the park boundary of 30 metres as set out in the Rouge Park Management Plan.

Gord Weeden showed two flags with the Rouge Logo, one with the words "Rouge Park" and one without any words. The one with the words "Rouge Park" and logo was unanimously received.

Gord Weeden displayed picture boards and maps regarding presentations for the Rouge Park North Management Plan that he and Ron Christie are making to some Councils. Gord and Ron were invited by Regional Councillor Scarpitti to the York Region Council - Planning on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Gord Weeden expressed appreciation to the Town of Markham for a certificate that was given to the Rouge Park Alliance for participation in environmental stewardship and funding of several projects in the Town of Markham. The Alliance was honoured on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Gord Weeden, on behalf of the Alliance, thanked Markham for this recognition.

Gord Weeden announced the resignation of Samantha Mason. She leaves the Rouge Park to work with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora District. Gord Weeden, on behalf of the Alliance, presented Samantha with a small gift in appreciation for all her help.

**TERMINATION**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting terminated at 11:36 a.m., June 16, 2000.

Ron M. Christie  
Chair

Gord Weeden  
General Manager