

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #6/00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

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

CITY OF PICKERING COMMITTEE ROOM

One The Esplanade, Pickering

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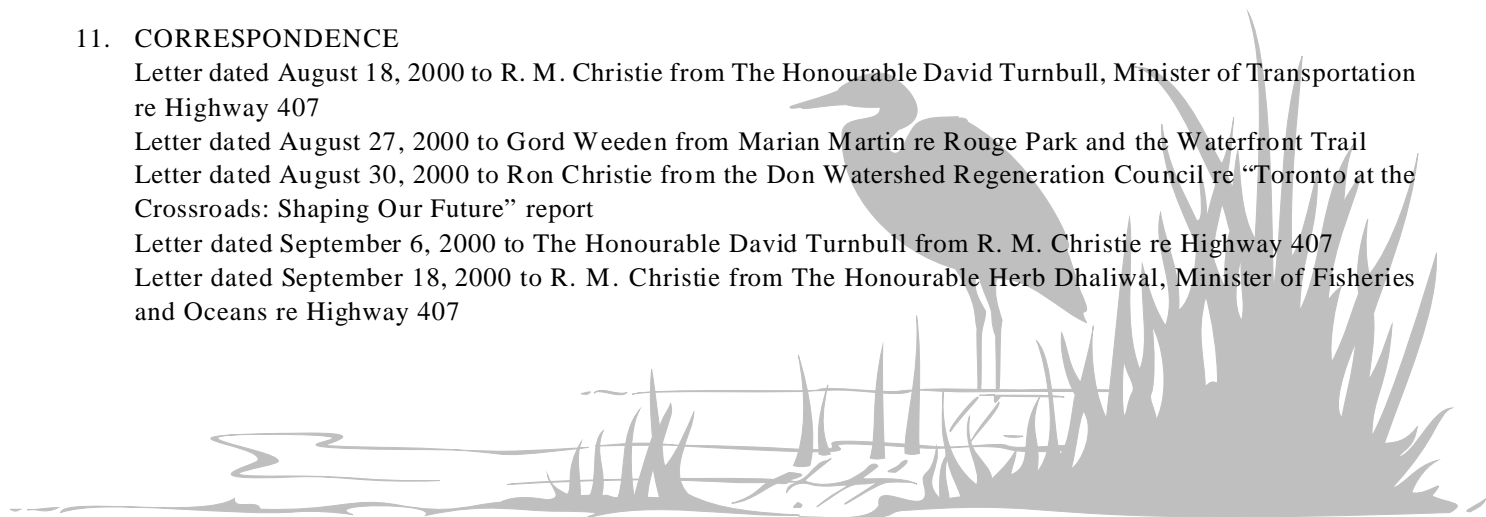
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MINUTES #6/00 - October 6, 2000

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the City of Pickering, Committee Room, on October 6, 2000. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., and expressed appreciation to the City of Pickering for hosting the meeting.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Councillor Randy Barber, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Raymond Cho, TRCA
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Doug Dickerson, City of Pickering
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Irvine Harrell, Region of Durham
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Councillor Dick O'Brien, City of Toronto
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Brian Denney, TRCA
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Tom Farrell, 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:

Jane Clohecy, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Jim Dillane, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
John McKay, MP, Federal Government
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

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
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Bob Loptson, Federal Government
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System

Before proceeding with the meeting:

1. Gord Weeden informed the Alliance that Sue Russell has left the Rouge Park to join the Ministry of Natural Resources, and introduced Maryam Nassar as the new part-time Communications and Public Relations Coordinator for the Rouge Park.
1. Ron Christie inserted into the agenda (below Business Arising from the Minutes), receipt of the package that was sent out for the September 8th meeting which was cancelled. Communications & Interpretation Committee Report will be presented verbally by Gord Weeden.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MINUTES FROM MEETING #4/00, JUNE 16, 2000

First item on the agenda is the minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2000, which was faxed out to you.

MOTION **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #65/00 **Seconded by: David Barrow**

THAT the minutes of Meeting #4/00 be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION **Moved: Irvine Harrell**
Res. #66/00 **Seconded by: Dick O'Brien**

THAT the package mailed out for the September 8, 2000 meeting, which was postponed, be received.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Jim Robb made a presentation regarding the Upper Rouge Secondary Plan (attachment #1), which is now law and in effect for the northeast Scarborough area of the Rouge Park (January 1999, after the provincial government removed the declaration of provincial interest to this matter). Jim Robb referred specifically to section 4.51.2.1 - Objectives, #2: "To protect, link, expand and enhance woodlots, environmentally significant areas and associated areas of diverse flora and fauna, and to promote the goals, objectives and principles of the Rouge Park". He wanted to show that this tool adds more force to the implementation of the Rouge Park Management Plan. Although the Rouge Park Management Plan has been adopted by the province, it has no status other than a strong guideline under land use planning. With the

adoption of this secondary plan into Scarborough's Official Plan, it gives the municipality an added tool to enforce the Rouge Park Management Plan. Jim Robb also expressed that he would like to see other municipalities adopt similar secondary plans into their official plans.

1. Letter from Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation (scheduled item #8 on the agenda)
Ron Christie, Chair, requested that item #8, Letter from Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation, be moved forward.

MOTION **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #67/00 **Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

KEY ISSUE
Membership on the Rouge Park Alliance.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the letter from Keith Laushway, Chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommends that the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation be invited to be a member of the Rouge Park Alliance and that that member be Pauline Browes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair and General Manager of the Rouge Park Alliance continue discussions with the Chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation on the relationship between the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation and the Rouge Park Alliance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Rouge North Management Plan

MOTION **Moved by: David Barrow**
Res. #68/00 **Seconded by: Doug Dickerson**

KEY ISSUE
Comments received on the Rouge North Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the comments received from partners on the Rouge North Management Plan;

AND THAT staff be directed to review these recommendations and, in consultation with the consultant, incorporate appropriate recommendations in the final Rouge North Management Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT the final Rouge North Management Plan, as amended, be presented to the Rouge Park Alliance in December 2000 for final approval.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to arrange a special meeting of the Alliance in November to give anyone (partners) the opportunity to speak to the Alliance regarding their comments on the Rouge North Management Plan.

3. Rouge Park Alliance 2001 Budget

MOTION
Res. #69/00

Moved by: David Barrow
Seconded by: Derek Lee

KEY ISSUE

The 2001 work plan and budget for the Rouge Park Alliance.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following report on the Rouge Park Alliance 2001 work plan and a budget of \$566,594 be approved.

AMENDMENT

Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Seconded by: Raymond Cho

THAT the budget, except for the \$202,421 for projects, be referred back to staff and the Finance Committee to study, based on discussions that have taken place, and report back to the Alliance with recommendations, alternatives, options and impacts.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park Alliance staff and Finance Committee members to report back to the Alliance with recommendations and alternatives on how the Alliance delivers its program.

MOTION
Res. #70/00

Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Seconded by: David Barrow

KEY ISSUE

Report on the revenues and expenditures for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to manage and administer the rental properties in the Rouge Park.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the revenues and expenditures for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to manage and administer the rental properties in the Rouge Park acquired through the transfer of ORC lands to the TRCA for Rouge Park purposes be received and approved.

AMENDMENT

THAT the report be received, and await a report prior to the transfer of the lands.

CARRIED

ACTION

- TRCA to report back to the Alliance prior to the transfer of the lands. Rental information and differentiation between residential and agricultural rents were requested.

4. Natural Heritage Committee Report

MOTION
Res.#71/00

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Pauline Browes

KEY ISSUE

Proposal from Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. (SRVS) to operate an organic apple cider business on the Anndale property.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves in principle the proposal for SRVS to operate an organic apple cider business on the Anndale property under the conditions listed in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT a small working committee, led by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, be set up to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for this project that would include, but not be restricted to, terms and conditions outlined in this report.

CARRIED

5. Communications & Interpretation Committee Report

MOTION **Moved by: Randy Barber**
Res. #72/00 **Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti**

Gord Weeden, General Manager, Rouge Park gave a verbal report. He drew special attention to the *Connections* (handed out), which outlined all the activities of Rouge Park Week. He encouraged everyone to attend any one or all the activities. Specific references were made to Monday, October 16th, when the Honourable John Snobelen would be at the Anndale property, to make an official announcement of the acquisition under the Natural Areas Protection Program; and to Friday, October 20th, at the Glen Eagles site where, thanks to Derek Lee and his office staff, the Honourable Sheila Copps has been invited for the official kick off of the Glen Eagles Management Plan.

CARRIED

6. Margaret Buchinger Report (Natural Environment - Urban Development)

MOTION **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**
Res. #73/00 **Seconded by: Derek Lee**

KEY ISSUE

Report on the Natural Environment - Urban Development - entitled "Urban Growth and Protection of the Natural Environment in the GTA Watersheds" - An Open Letter to the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments, prepared by Margaret Buchinger.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report titled "Urban Growth and Protection of the Natural Environment in the GTA Watersheds: An Open Letter to the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments" be endorsed;

AND THAT the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be encouraged to join with the other Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Authorities to develop a program strategy and to foster a process/alliance to advocate for Oak Ridges Moraine activities that includes watershed community involvement;

AND THAT circulation of this paper to the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments be coordinated with the efforts of the Rouge Park Alliance, Don Regeneration Council, and Humber Watershed Alliance;

AND FURTHER THAT the Don Regeneration Council and, in particular, Margaret Buchinger, be commended for their work in initiating and coordinating this important effort in urban and environmental planning.

CARRIED

7. Little Rouge Corridor

MOTION
Res. #74/00

Moved by: Derek Lee
Seconded by: Irvine Harrell

KEY ISSUE

The Provincial Government's intention to dispose of surplus land in and adjacent to the Little Rouge Corridor.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance commences discussions with the Province of Ontario to consider dedication of all surplus lands in the area adjacent to the Little Rouge Corridor, as outlined on the attached map (attachment #2), as Rouge Park Lands, to be held by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for Rouge Park purposes:

- 1. to ensure the preservation of the agricultural heritage of the area as outlined in the Duffin Rouge Agricultural Preserve Strategy 1995,**
- 2. to provide opportunities for agricultural reserves as outlined in section 4.1.1.1e in the proposed Rouge North Management Plan,**
- 3. to provide opportunities to expand and connect natural heritage areas within the agricultural areas;**

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance informs the Province of this proposed action;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance establishes a technical committee to pursue discussions.

AMENDMENT

The map be redefined as directed.

AND FURTHER THAT the Alliance requests the Province to ensure that an agricultural easement is applied to any land transferred in the core areas or elsewhere in the Markham and Pickering area.

CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to redefine map as directed.

8. Proposal from Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club

MOTION **Moved by: Doug Dickerson**
Res. #75/00 **Seconded by: Derek Lee**

KEY ISSUE

A proposal by Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club to expand their golf course and a request to obtain some of the Rouge Park lands adjacent to their property.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the proposal from Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club;

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

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to prepare a report for the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting.

9. Development of the Glen Eagles Site

MOTION **Moved by: Pauline Browes**
Res. #76/00 **Seconded by: Irvine Harrell**

KEY ISSUE

City of Toronto proposal to commence implementation of the Management Plan for the Glen Eagles site.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves the Management Plan for the Glen Eagles site as outlined on the attached map (attachment #3);

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approves the proposal from the City of Toronto to begin implementation of the Glen Eagles Management Plan in the fall of 2000.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION **Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**
Res. #77/00 **Seconded by: Derek Lee**

KEY ISSUE

Addition of 55 Main Street to the pool of Priority sites.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on the property at 55 Main Street;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommends that the site be added to the pool of priority sites for acquisition in the Rouge Park;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance directs the TRCA to forward a request to the Natural Areas Protection Program for funding.

CARRIED

ACTION - TRCA to forward request to NAPP for funding for the acquisition of this property (55 Main Street).

MOTION **Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**
Res. #78/00 **Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist**

THAT staff be directed to immediately pursue to negotiate for the acquisition of Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32 as outlined in the attached map (attachment #4).

CARRIED

ACTION - TRCA to immediately pursue to negotiate for the acquisition of Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32, Town of Markham.

MOTION
Res. #79/00

Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist

KEY ISSUE

Policies in the Rouge Park Management Plan that address animal control or management.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report on animal control in the Rouge Park;

AND THAT Alliance partners be informed of any activity in or adjacent to the Rouge Park involving wild animal control.

CARRIED

MOTION
Res. #80/00

Moved by: Steve Gilchrist
Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance confirms to the Minister of Natural Resources that there are no environmentally significant features, warranting an environmental assessment process, on the proposed land the Catholic Cemetery is buying.

DEFERRED

MOTION
Res. #81/00

Moved by: Irvine Harrell
Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Motion (Res. #80/00) be deferred to the next earliest Rouge Park Alliance meeting in November, to allow staff to study the issue and report back to the Alliance.

CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to prepare report.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION
Res. #82/00

Moved by: Doug Dickerson
Seconded by: Sue Gunton

THAT the following correspondence be received:

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CARRIED

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:45 p.m., October 6, 2000.

Ron M. Christie
Chair

Gord Weeden
General Manager