

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #4/01

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2001

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

TORONTO ZOO

361A Old Finch Avenue, Scarborough

North Administration Building, Main Boardroom

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 - Letter dated May 22, 2001 to Lewis Yeager from Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville re Councillor Mark Carroll as Rouge Park Alternate Member.



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MINUTES #4/01 - June 15, 2001

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Toronto Zoo, Main Boardroom, on June 15, 2001. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., and expressed appreciation to Calvin White, Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting.

Ron Christie formally introduced John McKay, MP, Scarborough East, to the new members/alternates of the Rouge Park Alliance.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Ron Dewell, TRCA
John McKay, MP, Federal Government
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

Staff:

Barb Casier, Natural & Cultural Heritage Program Manager
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant
Maryam Nassar, Communications & Education Prog. Mgr.
Lewis Yeager, General Manager, Rouge Park

Observers:

Jim Davis, Resident
Wally Davis, Resident
Carol De Geer, Hillside
Dipak Dhrona, City of Toronto, UDS

Observers: (Continued...)

Lois James, SRVS and Green Door Alliance
Doreen Mount, Hillside
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Bob Stephen, Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club
Mike Whittamore, Local Resident

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Councillor David Ryan, City of Pickering
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Brian Denney, TRCA
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

MINUTES FROM MEETING #3/01, May 11, 2001

First item on the agenda is the minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2001, which was sent to you.

MOTION **Moved by: Tom Melymuk**
Res. #53/01 **Seconded by: Mark Carroll**

THAT the minutes of Meeting #3/01, May 11, 2001, be approved.

..... **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were three delegations: Jim and Wally Davis; Mike Whittamore and Lois James.

Before the delegates spoke, Ron Christie advised them that they were being taped.

Jim Davis:

Mr. Davis thanked the Alliance for the opportunity to express his and his brother's, Wally Davis, concerns regarding their mother's property at 362 Old Finch Avenue, across from the Zoo. He expressed his disappointment that his property was not acquired by the City of Toronto or the Rouge Park Alliance, because of the lack of funds. Please see the attached (Attachment #1).

Mike Whittamore:

Mr. Whittamore referred to Res. #44/01 (Minutes of May 11, 2001), in which staff were directed to release a notarized copy of the taped record and a copy of the notarized transcript of his presentation on March 9, 2001 to Save the Rouge Valley System and himself.

Mr. Whittamore expressed his concern that the request was probably made because in his March presentation, while discussing easements with Mr. De Baeremaeker, he used the word "speculator". Mr. Whittamore explained that although in today's age the word "speculator" may be synonymous with "developer", he was in no way suggesting that he wanted to buy the land back to develop it. Mr. Whittamore expressed his commitment to agriculture in the future, and that his family has been farming the area for six generations. He apologized to the Alliance if his comments offended anyone.

Lois James:

Ms James brought to the attention of the Alliance some environmental issues and activities that are happening - the World Environment Week poster; the Toronto Food Charter, which was signed June 14, 2001; the Green Door Alliance poster; the Earth Summit Charter that began in Rio in 1992; and the Bradford bypass.

1. Rouge North Management Plan

MOTION: **Moved by: Mark Carroll**
Res.#54/01 **Seconded by: Ron Moeser**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request that all our partners endorse the Rouge Park Alliance approved final Rouge North Management Plan.

AMENDMENT

MOTION: **Moved by: Mark Holland**
 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request that our partner municipalities move forward to amend their official plans and incorporate the Rouge North Management Plan into their official plans.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MAIN MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to notify partner municipalities of resolution.

MOTION: **Moved by: Jack Heath**
Res.#55/01 **Seconded by: Ron Moeser**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the expenditure of up to \$70,000 from the planning fund to pay for professional services requested and approved by the Rouge North Implementation Committee in order to provide expertise needed to effectively develop the implementation strategy.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to notify Mark Schollen of approval of proposal.

2. Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club - (Order of Agenda Changed)

Presentation by Bob Stephen was given to the public and the Alliance then moved in-camera for discussions.

Mr. Stephen presented Cedar Brae’s new proposal and updated the Alliance on the history of Cedar Brae (membership, etc.). He outlined their proposed changes to the fairways, clubhouse, operations buildings and maintenance facilities and the proposed low density housing development, if Cedar Brae were to acquire the Runnymede property. He discussed concessions Cedar Brae was prepared to make, and addressed some Rouge Park concerns such as zoning, easements, natural environment designation, the development of a water management plan, restoration program, use of pesticides, etc.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res.#56/01 **Seconded by: Ron Moeser**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance enter into “In-Camera” session.
..... **CARRIED**

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res.#58/01 **Seconded by: Rob Messervey**

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

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolution #57/01, as a result of the In-Camera session, will be kept confidential and remain on file at the Rouge Park office.

Chair, Ron Christie, reported that the Rouge Park Alliance deferred the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club proposal to the next Alliance meeting in September, at which time a final decision will be made, and that there are a number of actions to be taken before the next meeting, including discussions with the City of Toronto and Cedar Brae. The Alliance also requested that Cedar Brae dialogue with the City of Toronto.

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to discuss issues with City of Toronto and Cedar Brae.
Cedar Brae to dialogue with City of Toronto Planning re proximity of golf holes to Steeles Ave. in relation to widening of Steeles Ave.

