

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #3/01

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 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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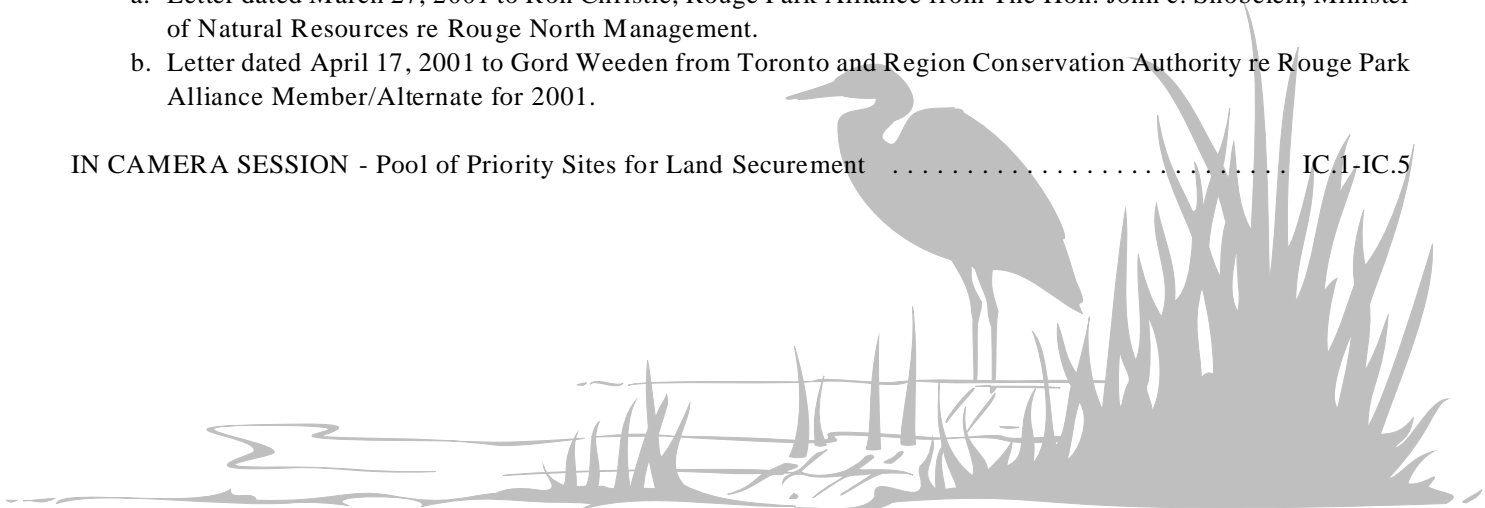
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MINUTES #3/01 - May 11, 2001

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Toronto Zoo, Main Boardroom, on May 11, 2001. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., and expressed appreciation to the Toronto Zoo for hosting the meeting.

Ron Christie formally introduced Lewis Yeager, General Manager of the Rouge Park. Lewis Yeager introduced Barb Casier, the new Natural and Cultural Heritage Program Manager, Rouge Park. Ron Christie also introduced Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham.

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 Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Brian Denney, TRCA
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources - Aurora
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
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:

Jane Clohecy, TRCA
Carol De Geer, Hillside
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Herb Diller
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Jack Gallagher, Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club

Observers: (Continued...)

Lois James, SRVS and Green Door Alliance
Patricia Lowe, TRCA
Doreen Mount, Hillside
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Patricia Short-Gallé, Transport Canada
Laura Stephenson, TRCA

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Councillor David Ryan, City of Pickering

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase, Region of York
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Bob Loptson, Federal Government
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
John McKay, MP, Federal Government

MINUTES FROM MEETING #2/01, March 9, 2001

First item on the agenda is the minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2001, which was sent to you.

MOTION **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**
Res. #30/01 **Seconded by: Pauline Browes**

THAT the minutes of Meeting #2/01, March 9, 2001, be approved, with one error on page 4, Res. #11/02 be corrected to read Res. #11/01.

..... **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ron Christie, Chair, gave the following updates:

On Page 3 of 14 of the Minutes, the Alliance was asked to submit an update and summary of the details of lands being sold and presently owned by the Ontario Realty Corporation in the former Duffin-Rouge Agricultural Preserve, and that the Alliance pursue the issue of Doreen Mount's property. The update is not ready. Bryan Moncion from the Ontario Realty Corporation will be making a presentation regarding this at a later date, and there are more follow-ups required with respect to Doreen Mount's property.

On Page 7 of 14 of the Minutes, in relation to the Village Securities property and the request that we move forward for a report for the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada requesting that the site be considered for designation of national historic significance - in order to have that happen, we need the permission of the owner to go on the property to do the necessary work and also we need the owner's permission to submit the report required to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, and that permission has been denied.

Ron Christie was subpoenaed to appear at the OMB hearing on Monday, May 7, 2001 at which time he was asked to present the Alliance's position on this matter. He informed the Board that the Alliance's primary concern was the protection of the 30 metres, and that although public ownership was the top priority, it was not necessary for it to be in public ownership.

On Page 8 of 14 of the Minutes, Res. #18/01, Rouge Park staff was asked to rank the priorities of the top five properties in order of priority for acquisition. This will be presented later in-camera.

On Page 9 of 14 of the Minutes, Res. #20/01, staff was directed to seek public input of the proposed zoning change of the Rouge Park Management Plan and Rouge Park Vegetation Management Plan. There was a public meeting held on April 19, 2001. Written comments are still being received and a report will be submitted to the Alliance at the next meeting.

On Page 11 of 14 of the Minutes, Res. #24/01, staff was directed to reconvene the Rouge Park Planning Committee. A meeting was scheduled but was cancelled because of lack of response for participation at the time. Therefore, the meeting will be rescheduled.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res.#31/01 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request that our partner municipalities, once they have received the final approved Rouge North Management Plan, move forward to amend their official plans and incorporate the Rouge North Management Plan into their official plans.

..... **DEFERRED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to bring this back to the Alliance on June 15, 2001.

1. Roads Committee Report

MOTION: **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**
Res. #32/01 **Seconded by: Brian Denney**

KEY ISSUE

Report from the Rouge Park Roads Committee.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the report from the Rouge Park Roads Committee.

..... **CARRIED**

2. Rouge Park Policy and Administration Advisory Committee

MOTION: **Moved by: Jack Heath**
Res. #33/01 **Seconded by: Tom Melymuk**

KEY ISSUE

Mandate, objectives and membership of the Rouge Park Policy and Administration Advisory Committee.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive and approve the attached report outlining the mandate, objectives and membership of the Rouge Park Policy and Administration Advisory Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT all members of the Rouge Park Alliance be informed of the meetings.

Friendly amendments are included in the above motion.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

3. Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club Proposal

**MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res.#34/01 Seconded by: Mark Holland**

KEY ISSUE

A submission from Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club outlining their revised proposal for the Runnymede lands and their Morningside development.

THAT this item be moved In-Camera.

..... CARRIED

4. Milne Park Master Plan

**MOTION: Moved by: Steve Gilchrist
Res.#35/01 Seconded by: Jack Heath**

KEY ISSUE

Letter from the Town of Markham requesting funding for the development of a Master Plan for Milne Park.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the letter from the Town of Markham requesting funding for the development of a Master Plan for Milne Park;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommends that up to 10% of the allocation to projects, to a maximum of \$20,000, be considered for requests for planning and master plan development, consistent with the Rouge Park Management Plans, and serve to implement the Rouge Park Management Plans;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Heritage Committee receives external application for planning and master plans and apply their criteria and review process for approving projects;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommends to the Heritage Committee that a maximum of \$5,000 could be allocated to any specific planning application;

AND FURTHER THAT partners be informed of this direction so they may apply through the Natural and Cultural Heritage Program for funding.

Friendly amendments are included in the original motion.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: **Moved by: Calvin White**
Res. #38/01 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

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

MOTION: **Moved by: Steve Gilchrist**
Res. #42/01 **Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti**

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

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolutions #39/01, #40/01, #41/01, which were 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 voted to add two properties to the Pool of Priority Sites for Acquisition, and to defer the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club proposal, pending additional meetings between the Alliance’s Chair, Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and Save the Rouge Valley System (SRVS).

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to meet with Ron Christie, Cedar Brae, TRCA and SRVS.

6. TRCA Stewardship Programs for Private Landowners in the Rouge - Draft Report

MOTION: **Moved by: Frank Scarpitti**
Res.#43/01 **Seconded by: Mark Holland**

KEY ISSUE

Provide an update on current and future Stewardship Programs in the Rouge.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receives the Stewardship Report as an information item for discussion and development of the program for 2001;

AND FURTHER THAT this draft report be forwarded to all the Alliance’s municipal partners for their information.

MOTION AS AMENDED **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to send this draft report to all Alliance's municipal partners (through the clerk's office).

7. SRVS - Request for Taped Record of March 9, 2001 Rouge Park Alliance Meeting

MOTION:
Res. #44/01

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Erin Shapero

KEY ISSUE

Letter dated April 25, 2001 received from Glenn De Baeremaeker, President, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. regarding the above.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance instruct its staff to release a notarized copy of the taped record and a copy of the notarized transcript of Mr. Whittamore's presentation and the questions and discussions that followed his presentation at the March 9, 2001 Rouge Park Alliance meeting to Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.;

AND THAT a notarized copy of this taped record and a copy of the notarized transcript also be sent to Mr. Whittamore;

AND FURTHER THAT the original taped record of the meeting of March 9, 2001 be kept on file.

Friendly amendments are included in the above motion.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to send notarized copy of taped record and copy of notarized transcript to Glenn De Baeremaeker and Mike Whittamore as soon as they become available.

8. SRVS - Request for Support to Protect 40 Acres of ORC Lands in Box Grove as Rouge Park Lands

MOTION:
Res. #45/01

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Erin Shapero

KEY ISSUE

Letters dated April 25, 2001 received from Glenn De Baeremaeker, President, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. regarding the above.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommend that the government of Ontario protect the 40-acre parcel of land that contains a Rouge River tributary, as part of the Rouge Park;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance oppose the conveyance of the land to Box Grove Hill Developments Inc.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to send letter to the Province and Markham re the above resolution.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #46/01 Seconded by: Erin Shapero

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Town of Markham to support the conveyance of this 40-acre parcel of land to the Rouge Park from the Ontario Realty Corporation for park purposes.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to send letter to Markham re the above resolution with a copy to ORC.

MOTION: Moved by: Pauline Browes
Res. #47/01 Seconded by: Erin Shapero

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request staff to begin the process of gathering information and determining what is required in order to start delineating the park boundary;

AND THAT this be referred to all the Alliance’s partners and the Rouge North Implementation Committee.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to work with all Alliance partners to begin the process of gathering information, etc. and refer report to the Rouge North Implementation Committee.

9. SRVS - Proposed Piping of Rouge Tributaries in the Town of Markham

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res.#48/01 Seconded by: Erin Shapero

KEY ISSUE

Letter dated April 25, 2001 received from Glenn De Baeremaeker, President, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. regarding the above.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance object to the piping of the three Rouge tributaries on both sides of Kennedy Road and Helen Avenue;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Town of Markham work with the applicant to protect the stream.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to request TRCA and Markham to work with applicant to protect the stream.

MOTION: Moved by: Erin Shapero
Res. #49/01 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

AND FURTHER THAT the 1994 study be revisited and updated to reflect the current conditions and the current community standards.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to ask TRCA and Markham to revisit and update the 1994 study to reflect current conditions and standards.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Pauline Browes complimented Rouge Park staff on organizing an excellent retirement party for Gord Weeden, and Rob Messervey on his great job of emceeing the event.

Pauline Browes expressed how pleased she was on hearing the Rouge mentioned in the provincial budget and made the following motion.

MOTION: Moved by: Pauline Browes
Res. #50/01 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance write a letter to the Minister of Finance, with a copy to appropriate Members of Parliament, thanking him for including the Rouge into the budget, and that the Alliance looks forward to making a proposal to spend the money.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to write to the Minister of Finance re the above.

Pauline Browes also requested that Rouge Park staff prepare an update on the status of the projects that were approved for funding for 2001 by the Heritage Committee.

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to prepare an update on the status of the projects being funded for 2001 by the Alliance.

