

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

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THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #5/01

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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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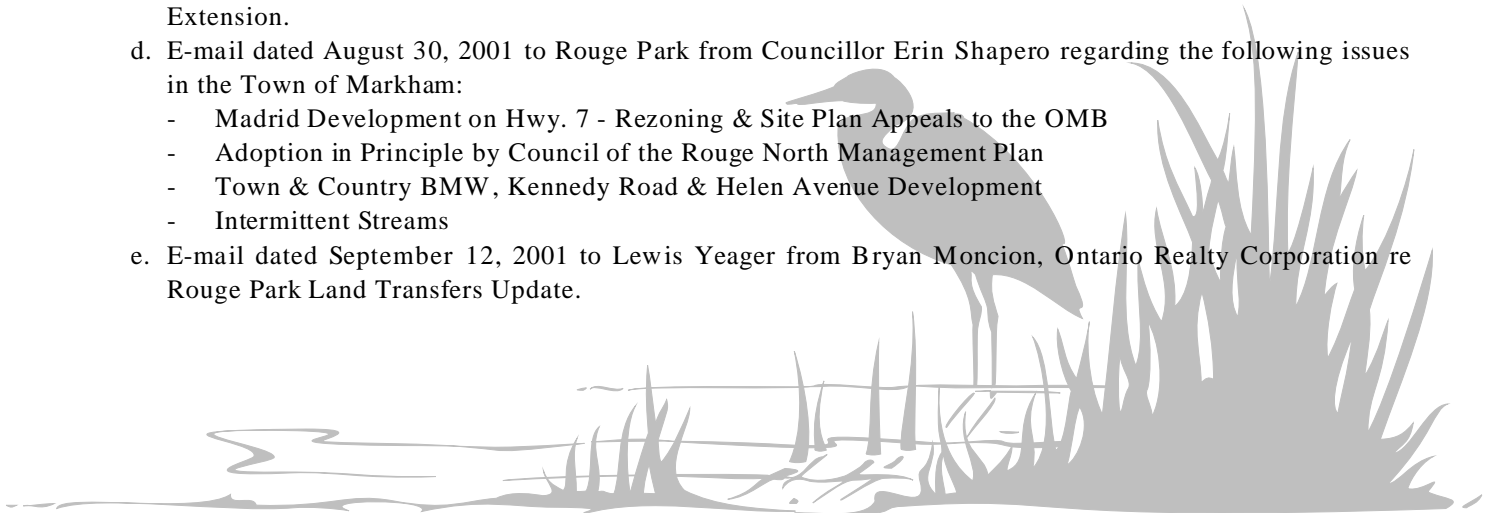
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MINUTES #5/01 - September 21, 2001

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Toronto Zoo, Main Boardroom, on September 21, 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.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
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
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Jane Clohecy, TRCA
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora

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:

Delores Anderson
David Beasley, City of Toronto, Planning
Irene Brooks
William Brooks
Paul Darlaston
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Herb Diller, Resident
Jim Dillane, TRCA

Observers: (Continued...)

Lois James, SRVS and Green Door Alliance
Maryanna Lewyckyj
Doreen Mount, Hillside
Calvin Reynolds
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Staff Sgt. Sine, York Regional Police
Bob Stephen, Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club
Laura Stephenson, TRCA
Vic Wilson, YRPSB

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
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
John McKay, MP, Federal Government
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

MINUTES FROM MEETING #4/01, June 15, 2001

First item on the agenda is the minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2001, which was included with the agenda package and sent to you.

MOTION **Moved by: Calvin White**
Res. #63/01 **Seconded by: Tom Melymuk**

THAT the minutes of Meeting #4/01, June 15, 2001, be approved.

..... **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were two delegations: Paul Darlaston and Jim Dillane.

Paul Darlaston:

Paul Darlaston submitted a two-page information document which requested that the Rouge Park Alliance consider the establishment of a memorial to Patricia Joy Brooks in the Rouge Park. The family and friends of Patricia would like to set up a trust, through the Conservation Foundation, and have the memorial established by October 27, 2001, when Patricia would have turned 40. Patricia Brooks was a past employee of the Rouge Park (before the Alliance was formed).

MOTION: **Moved by: Dick O'Brien**
Res.#64/01 **Seconded by: Calvin White**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the request to set up a memorial on October 27, 2001 in the Rouge Park for Patricia Joy Brooks.

..... **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to work with Paul Darlaston to set up memorial (tree planting and bench) and to notify the TRCA re Conservation Foundation - trust in Patricia Brooks' name.

Jim Dillane, TRCA - Re: Community Safety Village of York Region:

Jim Dillane introduced the proposal of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to create the Community Safety Village of York Region, at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. This is a partnership program which TRCA is working on with the York Region Police Services Board.

Staff Sgt. Sine, York Regional Police:

Staff Sgt. Sine gave a brief outline of the Community Safety Villages - the first started in Halton, Peel and then in Durham. York Region is the last of the regional GTA police forces to have one. Approximately 20,000 children go through these villages per year. They've learned everything from public safety to personal safety, and rules of the road in these villages. The Bruce's Mill safety village will also teach water safety, and safety to the blind, with the CNIB. Grade 1s are taught pedestrian safety, Grade 2s - bicycle safety, and Grade 3s actually drive the motorized cars and are taught the concept of what it is like to be a driver and the dangers and hazards of being one.

The Police Services Board will commit three full-time police officers to be on site daily. The firefighters are also going to be there.

The program is opened during the school hours/school year, and through partnership with the TRCA, during the summer months, if groups are brought in, the police officers will be there to go through the safety village.

The buildings will be opened for community use in the evenings and weekends.

Vic Wilson, York Region Police Services Board:

Vic Wilson discussed that the fire department is also involved. The program involves both street safety and fire safety. It's an all-round safety village.

The design of the safety village will be built to aesthetically fit in with the conservation area.

MOTION: **Moved by: David Barrow**
Res.#65/01 **Seconded by: Pauline Browes**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the report by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority regarding the creation of the York Region Community Safety Village at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area.

..... **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club

Bob Stephen:

Bob Stephen referred to a letter dated September 17, 2001, with attachments, sent to the Alliance. The letter outlines discussions held with Rouge Park staff related to Cedar Brae's proposal to expand onto the Runnymede property.

Mr. Stephen also summarized Cedar Brae's overall proposal. Cedar Brae was approached by Runnymede Corporation two years ago to purchase their 68 acre parcel, south of Steeles Avenue directly east of the golf course.

If the Runnymede property is purchased, Cedar Brae proposes:

- to seek rezoning from agricultural to golf use of the Runnymede property
- to sell surplus lands, northwest corner of present golf course - (5 acres, currently designated medium density residential - 60 units)
- to sell additional 15 acres (northeast corner of present property) - low density residential - 65 units
- to move present facilities and driving range, and build new club house, pro shop and golf cart storage onto the Runnymede property

Mr. Stephen also outlined other changes Cedar Brae is prepared to do:

- the use of well water and septic systems would be replaced with City water and sewage works in the new location;
- retree the Runnymede property to add hundreds of trees along the Steeles Avenue and Littles Road areas;
- lands inside the 30-metre stable top-of-bank, adjacent to all residential development will be given to the City or its designate;
- fencing on the bordering homes to prevent homeowners from expanding onto this corridor;
- plan of subdivision will include an additional 5% of parkland - this 5% is to be added to the 30-metre setback;
- no further residential development on the entire property (Runnymede property and existing golf course), other than buildings used in the operation of a golf course;
- have conservation easement on the approximately 10-acre natural area located on the Runnymede property and the approximately 4-acre adjoining natural area on Cedar Brae's existing property.

Mr. Stephen also agreed to give the Alliance a letter (which is to be attached to title if Cedar Brae decides to sell the entire property) that there will be no further residential development on the entire property, other than the 20-acre, 120 unit development presently proposed. Mr. Stephen did not want to commit to a conservation easement on the entire property because as he understands conservation easements, for every required change in the future (a green or minor golf facility), Cedar Brae would then have to come back to the Alliance.

Mr. Stephen also outlined other concessions from their September 17th letter that Cedar Brae is prepared to make, such as:

- give Rouge Park first opportunity to purchase, should Cedar Brae decides to sell;
- work with Rouge Park staff to develop a water management plan;
- volunteer use of the golf course for Rouge Park to hold annual fund-raising tournaments;
- commit spending of \$250,000 to add native species trees to the two properties over 10 years;
- reduce pesticide use; and
- continue to expand the riparian zone along the Rouge and connections between the woodlots.

Mr. Stephen summarized that Cedar Brae is asking the Rouge Park Alliance to endorse the rezoning of the Runnymede property, (presently zoned agricultural), to golf course use, and the addition of a 15-acre development (northeast corner of present golf course) to the Morningside Heights secondary community plan, which will involve an increase of 65 homes over its current zoning - 20 acres combined (changed to low density residential from medium density), with a total of 125 units.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res.#66/01 **Seconded by: Jack Heath**

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

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res.#68/01 **Seconded by: Mark Carroll**

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

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolution #67/01, as a result of the In-Camera session, will be kept confidential and remain on file at the Rouge Park office.

Rouge Park staff report suggested that the Alliance work together and establish a joint working group with staff and Alliance partners, and also that Cedar Brae report to the Alliance, on an annual basis, progress and concerns, and exchange ideas.

Chair, Ron Christie, reported that the Rouge Park Alliance agreed with the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club proposal as outlined in their September 17, 2001 letter with some amendments.

Chair, Ron Christie, informed Bob Stephen of the suggested amendments to Cedar Brae’s commitment to the Rouge Park Alliance, as outlined in their letter of September 17, 2001:

- (item #6, page 3) - should Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club decide to sell their entire property, Cedar Brae would agree to give the Rouge Park Alliance the exclusive first opportunity for a period of one year (*changed from 120 days*) to purchase the property; and
- (item #8, page 3) - Cedar Brae would volunteer the use of their golf course and staff to the Alliance for annual charity tournaments for a minimum of seven years, and as long as the Alliance would like to continue, (*changed from seven years*).

Also, Mr. Christie informed Bob Stephen that further to their commitments, as amended, and as outlined in Cedar Brae’s letter of September 17, 2001, the Alliance would like to see a legal undertaking by Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club pertaining to no further residential zoning on the entire site.

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to followup with Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club.

MOTION: **Moved by: Pauline Browes**
Res. #69/01 **Seconded by: Raymond Cho**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance, through staff and partners, develop a good working stewardship-partnership arrangement with future homeowners immediately adjacent to the park area on the west side of Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance staff work with the City of Toronto at the site planning stage to ensure that those property owners will provide good stewardship on their lands and enhance the boundary of the Rouge Park.

..... **CARRIED**

Handout - Presentation - Jim Robb - Morningside Heights Development

MOTION: **Moved by: Dick O’Brien**
 Seconded by: Ron Moeser

Jim Robb:

Jim Robb handed out a package regarding the Morningside Heights development. He outlined some history of the site - one tributary is south of Steeles Avenue, part of it is near the Cedar Brae golf course and a section of the property is within the Rouge Park boundary even though it is privately owned through the Morningside Heights development group. Over several years, there has been a subwatershed study that was never completed. It went to phase 2 and stalled. The site was employment lands and through agreement with Save the Rouge Valley System and various people, it was switched to residential lands by the Ontario Municipal Board, which allowed the development to proceed.

Jim Robb discussed some of the recent actions taken by the developers such as clear cutting and stream diversion (which affect terrestrial and aquatic habitat, groundwater, stream flow, etc.).

Jane Clohery, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, stated that since the start of development at the site, TRCA enforcement staff have been at the site on a daily basis ensuring the work is done in accordance with the permit, and that an extensive monitoring program is in place to ensure that the long term benefits under this plan will be achieved.

Rob Messervey, Ministry of Natural Resources, suggested that the appropriate corporate agencies, (City of Toronto, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Natural Resources and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority), be asked to report back to the Alliance at the next meeting on the Morningside Heights development and the issues raised.

Pauline Browes, suggested that the Rouge Park Alliance look at the Provincial Policy Statement to see if some legislative policy status could be put into it to assist the Rouge Park at Ontario Municipal Board hearings.

ACTION

- Rouge Park staff to followup with DFO (through Derek Lee), MNR and TRCA, City of Toronto re issues raised on the Morningside Heights development and Exhibition Creek (Town of Markham) projects and report back.
- Rouge Park staff to look into Provincial Policy Statement to give Rouge Park Management Plans legislative power, to assist at OMB hearings

2. Heritage Committee Report

MOTION: **Moved by: Ron Moeser**
Res. #70/01 **Seconded by: Mark Carroll**

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Heritage Committee meeting on September 5, 2001.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the September 5, 2001 Heritage Committee meeting.

AMENDMENT

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance allocate an additional \$9,000 to the amphibian monitoring program.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED
MAIN MOTION CARRIED

3. Endangered Species in the Rouge Park

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #71/01 **Seconded by: Rob Messervey**

KEY ISSUE

Identifying and recovering endangered species in the Rouge Park.

THAT, based upon the recommendation of the Heritage Committee, the Rouge Park Alliance direct the Heritage Committee to make the recovery of the nationally endangered Shy Bullrush, and American Ginseng in the Rouge Park a priority;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park staff pursue the recovery of Shy Bullrush and American Ginseng in the Rouge Park.

..... **CARRIED**

4. Progress Report - 2001 Rouge Park Heritage Projects

MOTION: **Moved by: Rob Messervey**
Res. #72/01 **Seconded by: Calvin White**

KEY ISSUE

An update on 2001 Rouge Park Heritage Projects.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the update of Rouge Park Heritage Projects for 2001.

..... **CARRIED**

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #73/01 **Seconded by: Pauline Browes**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance authorize the expenditure to a maximum of \$10,000 from the Land Securement project allocation for 2001 by Don Prince to meet with members of the City of Toronto Administration Committee, Etobicoke Councillors, City of Toronto staff and any others he feels appropriate, in an effort to secure the Village Securities property.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to advise Don Prince.

5. Communications & Interpretation Committee Report

MOTION: **Moved by: Jack Heath**
Res.#74/01 **Seconded by: Mark Carroll**

KEY ISSUE

Minutes of Communications and Interpretation Committee meeting of September 6, 2001.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the September 6, 2001 Communications and Interpretation Committee meeting.

..... **CARRIED**

Maryam Nassar introduced Kristine Knowles, who joined the Rouge Park staff as an intern for the period September 2001 to February 2002. Kristine came to the Rouge Park through a youth job creation program by the Cultural Human Resources Council, which is 100% federally funded.

Maryam also mentioned the federal funds received this summer, which enabled the Rouge Park to hire two students to run the education outreach program - the Rougemobile. A short clip of the Rougemobile, which appeared on CITY TV's Breakfast Television, was also shown.

6. Stewardship Program in the Rouge Watershed - Update

MOTION: **Moved by: Mark Carroll**
Res. #75/01 **Seconded by: Jack Heath**

KEY ISSUE:

Summary of progress made towards meeting the Rouge Park Stewardship Program deliverables for 2001 from February 1 to August 31, 2001.

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the summary of the progress made towards meeting the Rouge Park Stewardship Program deliverables for 2001, from February 1 to August 31, 2001.

..... **CARRIED**

7. TRCA - Natural Heritage Lands Protection & Acquisition Project 2001-2005 - Judy Woods Property

MOTION: **Moved by: Tom Melymuk**
Res. #76/01 **Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**

KEY ISSUE:

Acquisition through donation of a parcel of land, located on the north side of Twyn Rivers Drive and west side of Pine Grove Avenue, City of Pickering, under the "Natural Heritage Lands Protection & Acquisition Project 2001-2005", floodplain and conservation component, Rouge River.

THAT the TRCA Executive Committee Meeting #7/01 report on the Judy Woods property be received and supported by the Rouge Park Alliance.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff and TRCA to extend their appreciation and thanks to Judy Woods and arrange for an appropriate recognition event.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. Correspondence

MOTION: **Moved by: Rob Messervey**
Res.#77/01 **Seconded by: Calvin White**

THAT the following correspondence be received:

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