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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #8/02
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
CANADA ROOM , TOWN OF MARKHAM
101 TOWN CENTRE BOULEVARD
MARKHAM

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7. CORRESPONDENCE	
a. Letter dated November 14, 2002 to the Honourable David H. Tsubouchi, Chair, Management Board of Cabinet, from Ron Christie, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance re: Duffin-Rouge Agricultural Preserve lands.	
b. Copy of Letter dated November 19, 2002 to Rouge Park, from Bruce Taylor, City Clerk, City of Pickering, re: Official Plan Amendment Application OPA 02-001/P - City-Initiated Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study Implementation.	
c. Letter dated November 20, 2002 to the Honourable Jerry J. Ouellette, Minister of Natural Resources, from Ron Christie, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Request for Legislation for the Rouge Park Management Plans.	
d. Letter dated November 21, 2002 from Region of York re: Notice of Adoption of an Official Plan Amendment - Expansion of Urban Area - Town of Markham.	
e. Copy of Letter dated November 21, 2002 from Karen Whitney, Region of York, to Sheila Birrell, Clerk, Town of Markham, re: Amendment No. 92 to the Official Plan for the Town of Markham Planning Area.	
f. Fax dated November 25, 2002 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Laurie Wheeler, Town of Markham, re: Excerpt from Development Services Committee Minutes (November 19, 2002) - Eastern Markham Strategic Review.	
g. Letter dated December 11, 2002 to Mr. Jeffrey L. Davies, Davies-Howe Partners, from Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, re: Alliance Meeting on December 20, 2002 - Box Grove Ecological Criteria Agenda Item.	



**THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES #8/02 - DECEMBER 20, 2002**

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Canada Room, Town of Markham, on December 20, 2002. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He also introduced Gerry Phillips, MPP, Scarborough-Agincourt.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Brian Denney, TRCA
Tracy Smith, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora

Staff:

Barb Davies, Natural & Cultural Heritage Prog. Mgr.
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant, Rouge Park

Maryam Nassar, Communications & Education Prog. Mgr.
Lewis Yeager, General Manager, Rouge Park

Observers:

Aileen Barclay, TRCA
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Mike Fenning, TRCA

Observers: (Continued...)

Heather Moeser, Resident
Gerry Phillips, MPP, Scarborough-Agincourt

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Councillor David Ryan, City of Pickering

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Ron Dwell, TRCA
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Bob Loptson, Federal Government
John McKay, MP, Federal Government
Robert Marshall, Save the Rouge Valley System, Inc.
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Mike Price, City of Toronto
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, City of Vaughan
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #111/02 Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the October 16, 2002 meeting.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to look into Carlton Creek project to see if a portion of the project could be done.

4. Natural and Cultural Heritage Program - Rouge Park Project Recommendations

KEY ISSUE

The Natural and Cultural Heritage Committee has reviewed the projects for Year 2003 and provides project funding recommendations.

MOTION: Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #112/02 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve funding to the natural heritage 2003 restoration projects reviewed by the Heritage Committee, as outlined in Table 1;

AND THAT Rouge Park staff be directed to maintain contact with organizations which are not recommended for funding to assist in improving their projects so that they may resubmit;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park Alliance funding to each project be subject to the following:
verification of agreement of participation and/or provision of funding from the other partners as outlined in their application;
the submission of final reports from projects completed in and before 2002;
the submission of a detailed work plan with phasing details prior to commencement of the project;
the submission of proof of liability insurance;
the submission of landowner and/or tenant agreement forms, containing: address of landowner, address of project, map indicating the location of the project (signed by the landowner), a brief description of the activities to take place on the project site, timing of proposed activity, indication of which organization will be implementing the project, indication of who is responsible for follow up maintenance, permission to hold a public event (if required), and permission to place a sign on site; and,
the submission of required permits and approvals from other agencies.

MOTION AS AMENDED **CARRIED**

ACTION - Heritage Committee to report back on the effectiveness of the program (cost per ha to restore an area, % of trees living, comparisons, etc.).

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #113/02 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance thank Derek Lee and Pauline Browes for establishing the endowment fund for the Rouge Park.

..... **CARRIED**

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #114/02 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to contact the Ontario Trillium Foundation and discuss the matter of keeping the money (\$195,500, balance of previous grant to Save the Rouge Valley System, which was rescinded), for rehabilitation work in the Rouge watershed.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to contact the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

5. High-Impact Activities on Rouge Park Public Use Areas

KEY ISSUE

At Rouge Park Alliance Meeting #5/02, on September 20, 2002, staff were requested to report on policies regarding horseback riding and motorized vehicle use in the park. Other high-impact activities are also of concern.

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #115/02 Seconded by: Steve Gilchrist

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive this report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to establish a subcommittee of the Policy and Administration Committee to review existing Enforcement and Emergency Response Plans and to consider current enforcement and public safety issues related to the public use areas of the Rouge Park.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to establish subcommittee.

6. New Business

Councillor Ron Moeser thanked all participants who attended the Glen Eagles Steering Committee meeting to discuss the issue of a plaque being installed at the Glen Eagles site. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2003.

Councillor Jack Heath updated the Alliance on the issue of adding a line item on Markham's budget to provide revenue for the Rouge Park on an ongoing basis. Councillor Heath explained that since he was advised by

Re: correspondence “b : Councillor Mark Carroll discussed the Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Corridor in Pickering. He wanted to know if the Alliance had any further concerns as the plan will be approved in January 2003.

Mr. De Baeremaeker suggested that staff send a letter to the City of Pickering regarding the Alliance’s concerns on zoning issues, etc., and a reminder of the Alliance’s past resolution with regard to keeping publicly owned lands in the Rouge-Duffins Corridor in public ownership.

Councillor Carroll suggested staff meet with the Ontario Realty Corporation and the City of Pickering to discuss the continuity between the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study and the Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Corridor to ensure an east-west linkage with little fragmentation.

Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti asked Mr. Gilchrist to look into the matter, for clarification, with respect to a signed letter from Minister Tsubouchi to some tenants regarding the tenant-purchase program.

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 11:30 a.m., December 20, 2002.

Ron M. Christie
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager
General Manager, Rouge Park