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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #2/02
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2002
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CANADA ROOM, TOWN OF MARKHAM
101 TOWN CENTRE BOULEVARD
MARKHAM

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MINUTES FROM MEETING #1/02, January 18, 2002 **ENCLOSED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

- Rick Gerber, TRCA - Ground Water Report
- Councillor Mark Carroll - Support for the Naming of Little Rouge River Tributary

1. Natural Heritage Committee Report 1.1-1.18
2. Rouge Park Invasive Plant Management Plan Subcommittee 2.1-2.2
3. Recommended Revision to Rouge Park Management Plan and Vegetation Management Plan 3.1-3.4
4. Rouge North Management Plan - (Verbal Report by Lewis Yeager)
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Copy of Letter dated January 9, 2002 to Mayor Don Cousens from Hon. Chris Hodgson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re Minister's Zoning Order - Catholic Cemeteries, Reesor Road and Steeles Avenue.
 - b. Letter dated January 15, 2002 to Ron Christie, from Carl Olsen, Director, Spectrum Management, Ontario Region, Industry Canada re Telecommunications Towers Proposed within the Rouge Park Boundaries.
 - c. Copy of Town of Markham, agenda item #14, Development Services Committee Report, to Council dated January 22, 2002 re Markham By-pass Cross Section.
 - d. Copy of Letter dated January 28, 2002 to Hon David Anderson, Minister of the Environment, from Lois Griffin, Chair, Humber Watershed Alliance, TRCA, re Designation of Road Salt as a Toxic Substance.
 - e. Letter dated February 5, 2002 to Mr. Dick O'Brien from R. M. Christie re Res. #09/02 - TRCA Staff Participation in OMB Hearing - Cachet Creek Project.
 - f. Letter dated February 11, 2002 to R. M. Christie from John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Markham re Rouge Park letter of January 9, 2002 - Town of Markham Allocate 2002 Budget Funding for Rouge Park Restoration and Capital Projects.
 - g. Letter dated February 12, 2002 to Mr. Lewis Yeager, from Vicki Barron, Executive Director, Waterfront Regeneration Trust, re Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2001. (To be presented at the next Rouge Park Finance Committee meeting.)
 - h. Letter dated February 12, 2002 to Ron Christie from Village Securities Ltd. re Land Acquisition.

IN-CAMERA

- ORC Land Transfer - Rouge Park

THE ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

MINUTES #2/02 - March 1, 2002

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Town of Markham, Canada Room, on March 1, 2002. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He welcomed everyone and introduced Gerry Phillips, MPP for Scarborough-Agincourt.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville
Brian Denney, TRCA
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo
Bob Loptson, Federal Government
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Mike Price, City of Toronto

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:

Kyle Barber, Willowgrove Farms
Aileen Barclay, TRCA
Katherine Cruz, UDI
Ron Dewell, TRCA
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Mike Fenning, TRCA

Observers: (Continued...)

John O’Gorman, Markham Env. Alliance
Gerry Phillips, MPP, Scarborough-Agincourt
Don Prince, Consultant (for RPA/TRCA)
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Dick O’Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Councillor David Ryan, City of Pickering
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

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

Presentation by Rick Gerber, TRCA:

Rick Gerber gave an overview on ongoing hydrogeological studies related to the Moraine, different watersheds (Duffins, Rouge, Don, Humber, Etobicoke, Mimico, etc.), and municipal groundwater study requirements related to wellhead protection. He discussed: baseflow; baseflow surveys and the importance of these databases in order to calibrate groundwater flow models, which are important tools to understand where groundwater is discharging, how much is discharging, and the water levels in the different aquifers; what has been done already in the Rouge; what's being planned for the Rouge; and the purpose of doing all this work. He stated that the coalition of York, Durham and Peel Regions, and the conservation authorities within those regions, have pooled resources, funds, etc. and are completing groundwater studies for the whole area and are expected to complete these studies within the next year and a half. The partnership was formed to work more efficiently, assist each other, and avoid duplication.

These tools will enable you to assess potential impacts from a land use change, and what the accumulative impacts are. These tools will allow the regions, conservation authorities to formulate consistent groundwater policies, and watershed management strategies, which eventually are included in official plans.

These tools and databases will be available on the web site eventually, for everyone to use.

ACTION - Rouge Park and TRCA staff to prepare report with a motion for next meeting.

MINUTES FROM MEETING #1/02, January 18, 2002

First item on the agenda is to review the minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2002, which were sent to you.

MOTION: Moved by: Mark Carroll
Res. #18/02 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the minutes of Meeting #1/02, January 18, 2002, be approved.
..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - General Manager to continue to follow-up on Res. #14/02, to make presentations to partner municipalities re budget allocation for projects and capital funding for land acquisition.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Glenn De Baeremaeker discussed the ongoing issue of trying to acquire the Village Securities properties. It went to Toronto Council on February 13th and it has been referred to the Commissioner of Corporate Services for further review - options to facilitate the acquisition; meet with the owners of Village Securities to discuss options; and address funds remaining in the Beare Road Account - and to report back to the City Administration Committee on March 26, 2002.

MOTION: Moved by: Mark Carroll
Res. #19/02 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the City of Toronto to ensure that the original spirit and intent of the Beare Road Account be maintained and that funds from that account be used within the Rouge Watershed.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park Alliance staff to write to the City of Toronto.

Glenn De Baeremaeker also mentioned the Cachet Creek project in Markham regarding Toronto and Region Conservation Authority staff participation at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing. Brian Denney informed the Rouge Park Alliance that the TRCA will be participating at the hearing.

Discussions also led to different opinions and interpretations of policies in the York Region Official Plan, municipal official plans, and the Rouge North Management Plan regarding the Rouge boundary.

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to clarify these issues, relationship between York Region OP, Municipal OP and the RNMP at the next meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATION/PRESENTATION

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, would like the support of the Rouge Park Alliance in the naming of a small tributary in the Towns of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham. The proposed name is to be Willowgrove Creek. The naming comes from The Willowgrove Farm Day Camp, an existing day camp.

Kyle Barber:

Mr. Barber informed the Alliance that the Willowgrove community organization was formed in 1968. It's a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Mennonite Church. Their mandate is to preserve the environment and to use that as a key theme to its educational enterprises. The land was purchased and farmed in 1814 by the Grove family. The name Willow comes from the native trees found along the rivers edge throughout the area of the creek and other parts of the subwatershed - thus the name Willowgrove.

MOTION:
Res. #20/02

Moved by: Mark Carroll
Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance supports that a small tributary in the Towns of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham be named Willowgrove Creek.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park Alliance to write a letter of support to the GTA Wetland Watch Committee.

