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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #1/03
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
CANADA ROOM , TOWN OF MARKHAM
101 TOWN CENTRE BOULEVARD
MARKHAM

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- Barb Davies, Rouge Park - Overview of Heritage Project Review Process

1. Rouge North Implementation Manual - Schollen & Company 1.1-1.83
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5. NEW BUSINESS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Fax dated December 17, 2002 to Lewis Yeager and Barb Davies, Rouge Park, from Ann Rexe, City of Toronto, Works and Emergency Services - Works Committee Meeting, December 10, 2002 - page 17, item 20 - York Durham Sewage System.
- b. Letter dated December 17 2002 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, re: Morningside Storm Water Management Pilot Project - Performance Assessment
- c. Copy of Letter dated December 4, 2002 to Durham Region Chair and Regional Councillors from Jim Robb, Rouge Duffins Greenspace Coalition (Link the Lake to the Moraine) re: Duffin Rouge Agricultural Preserve lands in Durham Region.
- d. Fax dated January 5, 2003 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Mike Price, City of Toronto, re: Town of Markham meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 2003 - Special Policy Areas.
- e. Letter dated January 13, 2003 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Katrien Darling, Planner, City of Toronto, re: Zoning Amendment Application TF ZBL 2002 0020 - Plan of Subdivision Application TF SUB 2002 0008 - 1841 Neilson Road, Part of Lot 14, Conc. 4 (former City of Scarborough) - 1360734 Ontario Inc. - Morningside Heights Community - Ward 42.



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES - MEETING #1/03 - JANUARY 31, 2003

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Canada Room, Town of Markham, on January 31, 2002. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., and thanked Markham for hosting the meeting. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

PRESENT

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
Derek Lee, MP, Federal Government
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Brian Denney, TRCA
Ron Dewell, TRCA
Terri Fancy, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

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
Tanya Carinci, Urban Development Institute
Lionel Normand, TRCA

Observers: (Continued...)

John O’Gorman, MEA
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Mark Schollen, Schollen & Co. Inc.

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
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
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
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
Tracy Smith, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora

MINUTES FROM MEETING #8/02, December 20, 2002

First item on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 20, 2002, which were sent to you.

MOTION: Moved by: Calvin White
Res. #1/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the minutes of Meeting #8/02, December 20, 2002, be approved
..... CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Maryam Nassar, Rouge Park

Maryam Nassar introduced the Rouge Park Alliance to an initiative by the Town of Richmond Hill for the Don, Humber and Rouge River watersheds. For the Rouge watershed, the Town is planning on placing signs, with the name of the tributary and the Rouge Park logo, at all crossings where a watercourse meets the road, throughout the municipality. Similar signs indicating the Don and Humber River watercourses will raise the profile of the Rouge, the Don and the Humber watersheds in the Town of Richmond Hill.

Lionel Normand, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Lionel Normand discussed TRCA's new approach to terrestrial natural heritage within their jurisdiction. He explained some applications specifically on the Rouge, including data being collected, landscape mapping, and compatibility with the Rouge North Implementation Manual. He talked about the decrease in quality and quantity of natural cover - the average forest patch size and shape - the issues of connectivity, land uses, and landscaping challenges. Instead of looking at just rare species and significant features, TRCA has shifted in emphasis to look at the overall picture, long term, and analyzing each individual habitat fragment by measuring the size, shape and matrix influences, and setting targets for the TRCA jurisdiction.

In the Rouge watershed today, Lionel observed that the overall matrix is good. However, he suggested for the long term, it should be ensured that, as urbanization occurs, the system is able to withstand the pressures and remains resilient. There is a need to increase the natural system if there is to be an increase in development pressures on it. The TRCA would model the watershed in a future urbanized state to take a look at these conditions and the effect on the natural system. For the Little Rouge River subwatershed today, the overall matrix - the total score - is fair. The size of patches is sufficient across the subwatershed, for the current land uses (matrix), and well distributed throughout. It's not the corridor between the significant patches, but having a corridor that supports function along the entire Little Rouge River subwatershed that is important. In the long term, the Little Rouge corridor could be improved.

Lionel discussed TRCA's role in the Rouge North Implementation Manual and where it's new approach, specific to the terrestrial corridor habitat function, may have a significant influence. The methodology includes the analysis of the health and function of individual habitat patches, which then can be combined for each site, such as Bruce's Mill, by subwatershed or for the entire Rouge watershed. The methodology, once the urban expansions have been modelled, would determine the appropriate patch size and corridor width required to achieve functional targets in the context of land use studies. The corridor width would depend on its average

conditions and the land uses. Lionel reported that TRCA is in the process of determining targets for cover and quality using the landscape methodology. The corridor width will vary depending on existing conditions and on the proposed matrix, but the targets and the methodology to achieve them will be standard and predictable.

To manage biodiversity, TRCA is working towards a targeted system, which facilitates the prediction of the results of land use decisions (i.e., the impacts of land use change as opposed to only features in today's matrix). TRCA hopes to have this targeted system in place by spring 2003.

MOTION: Moved by: Mark Carroll
Res. #2/03 Seconded by: Calvin White

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the presentation, commend the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority work on the Terrestrial Natural Heritage Study, and support the concept and methodology for setting the natural system targets, as presented by the TRCA.

..... CARRIED

Barb Davies, Rouge Park

(Note: It was requested at the last Rouge Park Alliance meeting in December, 2002 that staff make a presentation on the Natural Heritage Project review process, and the effectiveness of the programme to date.)

Today, Barb Davies, Natural and Cultural Heritage Programme Manager, Rouge Park, presented the Heritage Project review process, and at a future date, will talk about the effectiveness of the programme.

Barb referred to the history of how we got to the point at which the programme is today. Barb provided a step-by-step review of the process. Steps included: program promotion; applicant submission; Programme Manager review; request for additional information as required; Review Subcommittee ranking and funding allocation; Heritage Committee review; and, Rouge Park Alliance approval.

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Councillor Carroll updated the Alliance on the completed functional servicing studies for the northwest and the southwest quadrants for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, which encompasses the tributaries of the Little Rouge River. He discussed the Town's Secondary Plan (from 1995), which deals with phases of development throughout the Stouffville area - the functional servicing studies, urban design guidelines, future growth, types of housing, type of streetscape, etc.

Councillor Carroll displayed a draft functional servicing map which showed roads at the south end of the Town, dead-ending at the Town's proposed natural buffer zone. Concerns were expressed from Alliance members regarding the proposed streets, and Councillor Carroll agreed to take these concerns back to his Council to ask that these streets be removed from the map, because they are creating development pressures in Markham.

MOTION: Moved by: Jack Heath
Res. #3/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to come to the June 20, 2003 Alliance meeting and make a presentation relating to the implementation of this Official Plan, as per Alliance Resolution #62/02.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to invite the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to the June 20th Alliance meeting.

MOTION: Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. #4/03 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has incorporated a 30-metre buffer along the southern portion of the Community of Stouffville on their site plan, and whereas the Federal Government has already committed publicly-owned lands to be incorporated into Rouge Park and protected as green space, the Rouge Park Alliance request the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to delete any north-south roads leading into the 30-metre buffer;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recommend the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to work with the Town of Markham to establish an east-west wildlife corridor along the municipal boundary within the Rouge watershed.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Town of Markham.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #5/03 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to ensure that the Rouge Park boundary is identified using the ecological criteria identified in the Rouge North Management Plan and the Rouge North Implementation Manual, in order to identify opportunities for the protection of environmentally important lands within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #6/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to create a land securement fund using a per unit levy on new housing construction within the Town.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

1. Rouge North Implementation Manual - Final Draft

KEY ISSUE

To approve the final version of the Rouge North Implementation Manual.

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #7/03 Seconded by: Mark Holland

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the Rouge North Implementation Manual.

MOTION: Moved by: Mark Carroll
Res. #9/03 Seconded by: Mark Holland

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance write to the Province of Ontario to request funding in the amount of \$225,000 per annum for each of the four years (1999 to 2003) when neither Provincial funds nor net proceeds from transferred lands were available for vital Rouge Park programmes and restoration projects.
..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to the Province.

4. Heritage Committee Report - (Meeting November 27, 2002)

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Heritage Committee meeting on November 27, 2002.

MOTION: Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #10/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the November 27, 2002 meeting.
..... CARRIED

ACTION - Re BMP North Pond Demonstration Project, staff and TRCA to report back on base flow, including next steps required to improve the existing situation.
- Staff/TRCA to discuss with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the design for their proposed storm water management ponds.

5. New Business

Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti introduced two new business issues: The Toronto Catholic Cemetery, and Rouge Park letter dated December 17, 2002 to the Regional Municipality of York regarding Infrastructure in Rouge Park (Res. #95/02).

Regional Councillor Scarpitti informed the Alliance that the Toronto Catholic Cemetery Board has filed an application with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), that they have to meet the condition of the purchase of sale agreement. In that agreement, the Ontario Realty Corporation had put in a condition that the Cemetery Board must have site plan approval by a certain deadline, it is now a year past that date. To avoid going to the OMB on issues that are not within the control of the Town of Markham, a meeting was arranged, and some provisions were negotiated and agreed to. These provisions will be included in the site plan agreement which will be registered on title.

MOTION: Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. #11/03 Seconded by: Brian Denney

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance forward to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority its agreement with the inclusion of the provisions outlined in the attached (Attachment #1) into the Catholic Cemetery's site plan agreement.

RECORDED VOTE

Mark Carroll Yea
Glenn De Baeremaeker Nay
Brian Denney Yea
Theresa Fancy Yea
Jack Heath Nay
Mark Holland Yea
Derek Lee Yea
Frank Scarpitti Yea
Calvin White Yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #12/03 Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Provincial Government to intervene on this site to ensure greater protection of all archaeological artifacts on site, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Rouge North Management Plan.

RECORDED VOTE

Mark Carroll Yea
Glenn De Baeremaeker Yea
Brian Denney Yea
Theresa Fancy Abstained
Jack Heath Yea
Mark Holland Yea
Derek Lee Yea
Frank Scarpitti Yea
Calvin White Yea

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to the Province.
- Councillor Jack Heath would like staff to discuss with Bob Bugar on how to proceed on finding out where the Native cemetery is.

Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti referred to Res. #95/02, which deals with infrastructure in the Rouge Park. Certain conditions were agreed to in the Region of York's financial participation in the purchase of the Tompion property. The Region of York would like clarification of this resolution and letter.

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #13/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance specifically authorize the Chair to acknowledge in a letter to Mr. Bill Fisch, Chair, Regional Municipality of York, the Alliance's previous agreement in relation to the acquisition of the property and York Region's participation.

. CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to Mr. Bill Fisch.

