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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #3/03
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2003
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
MAIN BOARDROOM, TORONTO ZOO
361A OLD FINCH AVENUE
SCARBOROUGH

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IN-CAMERA

- Deposit of Topsoil on Future Rouge Park Lands
- Markham OPA-Rouge North



**ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES - MEETING #3/03 - JUNE 20, 2003**

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom, Toronto Zoo, on June 20, 2003. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., and thanked Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

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
Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Province of Ontario
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Brian Denney, TRCA
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo

Staff:

Barb Davies, Manager, Natural & Cultural Heritage
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant, Rouge Park

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

Observers:

Aileen Barclay, TRCA
Tom Boudreault, City of Toronto
Peter Boyes, SRVS
Gerry Brand, Government of Canada
Ross Bryant, City of Toronto
Mary Creighton, City of Toronto
Ron Dewell, TRCA

Observers: (Continued...)

Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Mike Fenning, TRCA
Don Haley, TRCA
Lois James, SRVS & Green Door Alliance
Sonya Meek, TRCA
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Jane Scarffe, City of Toronto

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Councillor Peter Dobrich, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Regional Councillor Mark Holland, Region of Durham
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Councillor David Ryan, City of Pickering
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Bob Loptson, Government of Canada
John McKay, MP, Government of Canada
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
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the Rouge Park Signage Subcommittee report.
..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to refer issue of font size and colour back to the Signage Subcommittee, then report back to the Alliance.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #35/03 Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

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

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res.#37/03 Seconded by: Paul Harpley

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

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolution #36/03, as a result of the In-Camera session, will be kept confidential and remain on file at the Rouge Park office.

Ron Christie, Chair, reported that the Rouge Park Alliance dealt with the issue regarding permanent placement of topsoil on lands managed for Rouge Park purposes.

MOTION: Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. #38/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance once again request the Town of Markham to support and incorporate the following clause into their Official Plan:

“Notwithstanding other policies in this Plan (being the Markham Official Plan), land use changes, and planning and infrastructure decisions, shall only be permitted if they conform to the Rouge North Management Plan and the Rouge North Implementation Manual, including the goals, objectives, principles, targets and boundary delineation criteria.”

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance engage Mr. Heisey to represent the Alliance at Development Services Committee up to and including Markham Council meeting and put forward the Alliance’s position that the “notwithstanding clause” be included in the Markham Official Plan Amendment-Rouge North.
..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to advise Mr. Heisey.

MOTION Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #39/03 Seconded by: Tom Farrell

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance retain Mr. Ketcheson to assist in the dialogue with the Town of Markham up to and including Markham Council meeting.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- After Markham meetings, staff to send summary to Alliance members.

MOTION:
Res.#40/03

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Town of Markham to support the spirit and intent of the Rouge North Management Plan by supporting the inclusion of the following policies within the Town of Markham’s Official Plan Amendment-Rouge North:

- **inclusion of Little Rouge Corridor policies found within the Rouge North Management Plan; and**
- **inclusion of the requirement to identify the ecological criteria within urban areas for all Rouge tributaries during development applications as outlined in the Rouge North Management Plan.**

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Staff to write to Markham.

KEY ISSUE

The Town of Markham has proceeded with a request for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act of land and buildings to be transferred from Ontario Realty Corporation to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Town of Markham for Rouge Park purposes.

Notice of objection must be received by the Town of Markham Clerk before 4:30 pm on July 3, 2003.

MOTION:
Res. #41/03

Moved by: Dick O’Brien
Seconded by: Tom Farrell

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to contact the Town of Markham to request the deferral or withdrawal until September, 2003 of the intention to designate land and buildings under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, until such time as the Natural and Cultural Heritage Committee of the Rouge Park Alliance has been provided with the necessary information to properly evaluate what has been designated and the implications and responsibilities to the Alliance related to the designations;

AND THAT, should the Town of Markham not defer or withdraw these designations prior to July 3, 2003, staff be directed to serve the Town of Markham a Notice of Objection to the designations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request that the Ontario Realty Corporation and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority submit a Notice of Objection with respect to the proposed designations, should the Town of Markham not defer or withdraw these designations.

MOTION AS AMENDED **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Staff to send Notice of Objection by July 3, 2003, if Markham does not defer.

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Heritage Committee at their next meeting with a detailed work program on the Phase 1 progress.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to take appropriate actions.

KEY ISSUE

Informing all Rouge Park partners and aboriginal organizations having jurisdiction within the Rouge River watershed of the initiation of the Rouge River watershed strategy process.

MOTION Moved by: Paul Harpley
Res. #46/03 Seconded by: Tom Farrell

THAT the Rouge Park Heritage Committee act as the Steering Committee for the Watershed Strategy, until Task Force membership has been confirmed;

AND THAT staff working on the technical studies consult with the Rouge Park Heritage Committee until the Task Force membership has been confirmed;

AND THAT a joint letter from the Rouge Park Alliance and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) be sent to all Rouge Park partners and aboriginal organizations having jurisdiction within the Rouge River watershed to inform them of the initiation of the process and request them to be prepared to provide a representative and alternate member to participate on the Task Force;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be prepared to invite local citizens and citizen groups to participate in the watershed planning process in the autumn.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

ACTION - Staff and TRCA to take appropriate actions.

KEY ISSUE

It is time to initiate work on developing a comprehensive plan for the Little Rouge Corridor. We seek Rouge Park Alliance approval to establish a Steering Committee and Chair to shape the process and define the resources needed to undertake this study over the next year.

MOTION Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. #47/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance establish a Steering Committee comprising membership drawn from all Rouge Park partners, and the Chair of the Rouge Park Alliance;

AND THAT Carolyn Woodland, Manager of Development Services, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be appointed to Chair the Steering Committee;

AND THAT staff be directed to provide support for the planning process;

AND FURTHER THAT this Steering Committee develop a strategy and scope for undertaking the Little Rouge planning process, and identify additional expertise and resources needed to complete this initiative.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

ACTION - Staff and TRCA to take appropriate actions.

KEY ISSUE

Present the recommended format for the Heritage Funding Programme 2004 application.

MOTION Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #48/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance adopt the recommended Heritage Funding Programme 2004 application format as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park staff proceed with posting the Heritage Funding Programme 2004 application format as presented.

..... CARRIED

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Heritage Committee meetings held on January 15, 2003, February 19, 2003, and May 21, 2003.

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #49/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the January 15, 2003, February 19, 2003, and May 21, 2003 Heritage Committee meetings.

..... CARRIED

KEY ISSUE

Summary of the progress made towards meeting the Rouge Park Stewardship Program deliverables, from October 1st - December 31, 2002 and January 1st - March 31, 2003.

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #50/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive this summary of the progress made towards meeting the Rouge Park Stewardship deliverables.

..... CARRIED

KEY ISSUE

Update on progress of Glen Eagles Steering Committee.

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #51/03 Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the Glen Eagles Steering Committee report.

..... **CARRIED**

KEY ISSUE

Update on City of Toronto support for Rouge Park

MOTION

Moved by: Dick O'Brien

Res. #52/03

Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the following report.

..... **CARRIED**

BACKGROUND

A number of initiatives were undertaken recently by staff of the City of Toronto - Parks, Recreation and Culture division, from the Urban Forestry, East District-North Region and Capital Projects and Environment and Horticulture sections.

Since the Rouge Park Alliance relies on a partnership structure to achieve the goal and objectives set forth in our management plans, it is important to have regular participation from the staff of our member organizations for on-the-ground maintenance of Rouge Park, in addition to long-term planning and special projects.

City of Toronto staff has recently raised the standard for support and contributions to various Rouge Park objectives by working with Rouge Park staff regarding trail maintenance, park signage initiatives and efforts aimed at improving the visitor experience in Rouge Park south of Steeles Avenue.

The following is a brief summary of recent accomplishments:

Urban Forestry Services

Toronto staff: Beth McEwen, Forestry Coordinator - Ravines, and Chris Hope, Urban Forestry Specialist

There has been much work completed by Urban Forestry Services in Rouge Park during the last 12 months, including the following major projects:

- Date: Spring 2002
Location: Finch Meander (Old Finch at Sewells Road)
Nature of work: restoration of a steep slope that was restored once around 1998 but most of the vegetation had died.
Cost : \$5000 plus 3 days of staff time
- Date: Fall/winter 2002/2003
Location: Glen Rouge Campground, main trails and Glen Eagles Vista
Nature of work: removal of approximately 40 hazardous trees and stumping; pruning of approximately 55 trees for safety purposes.
Cost: \$20,000 (9 days staff time for 2 crews to remove hazardous trees);
\$18,000 (11 days staff time for 2 crews to prune dangerous trees)
- Date: Fall/winter 2002/03
Location: Glen Eagles Vista
Nature of work: pruning of trees plus removal of one large Norway Maple
Cost: \$4000 (4 to 5 days staff time for 1 crew)

- Date: Winter/spring 2003
Location: Main trails-hazardous trees at various locations along designated trails
Nature of work: removal of 71 hazardous trees along the designated trail alignments
Cost: \$6200 (8 days staff time for 1 crew)
- Date: Spring 2003
Location: Glen Rouge Campground
Nature of work: Planting of 40 caliper native trees (part of the Tree Advocacy Program)
Cost: \$16,000 (plant stock plus staff time)

*Note*** An additional ±20 trees may be planted in June 2003 (15 more at Glen Rouge Campground and 6 near the Twyn Rivers Parking Area).

Approximate total cost of recent work done by Urban Forestry: \$69,200

Other initiatives for 2003:

- Coordinating with Rouge Park staff and City of Toronto Promotions and Communications staff, Ross Bryant, Winnie Li and Jane Scarffe, for trail signage initiative to be completed in 2003. Financial details to follow.

Parks & Recreation East District - North Region, Rouge Park

Toronto staff: Mary Creighton, Manager, East District - North Region; Tom Boudreault, Foreman, East District - North Region, Rouge Park

Toronto staff has been making many efforts to improve the visitor experience for Rouge Park users. Much work has also gone into streamlining the coordination of tasks between City of Toronto and Rouge Park staff.

- Promote team work and involvement from various Toronto sections: forestry, works, transportation, camp ground operation, etc. on issues as required.
- Coordinate Toronto staff from Parks and Recreation, Works and Transportation to ensure regular garbage pick-up and monitor illegal dumping at roadsides, and in natural areas of Rouge Park.
- Help to improve public safety measures by monitoring life saving equipment and re-stocking when needed.
- Coordinating commercial filming requests with Rouge Park staff (restrictions and requirements, information exchange and keeping partners aware of current filming projects, environment issues, timing, promoting compensation to Rouge Park for impacts on natural features).
- Involvement in the landscape construction at Glen Eagles Vista, assisting with new/replacement signage at various public use areas: Glen Rouge Campground, Rouge Beach, Woodlands Area, etc.
- Monitoring Rouge Park on a daily basis, providing on-the-ground presence in Rouge Park to increase visibility of park staff to the public.
- Provide staff resources for Rouge Park committees (Heritage Committee, Glen Eagles Steering Committee, Signage Subcommittee, Communications and Interpretation Committee).

- Provide on-going support for Rouge Park staff by assisting with access to City of Toronto resources and regular updates on maintenance and public use issues.

It is difficult to provide a cost estimate to the above work since the resources are drawn from a variety of sources and are utilized on a daily basis. The staff time of not only East District crews, but the regular contributions from other contingents of Toronto staff, are fundamental to the successful operation of Rouge Park.

Capital Projects

Staff: Bruce Tisdale, Project Coordinator

Further to the City of Toronto's commitment to site planning for Glen Eagles Vista, the Capital Projects section has been key in accessing resources and providing staff support for the final stages of completion of the site plan. This includes coordinating contracted work for the plantings and earthworks on site, as well as assisting Rouge Park staff with the first ever interpretive signage program in the Park.

Again, the utilization of resources is difficult to estimate in dollars and hours of staff time, but it has been instrumental in helping us to realize the goals of creating a welcoming, accessible public vista point at Glen Eagles.

Environment and Horticulture

Staff: Teresa Bosco, Natural Environment Specialist

City of Toronto staff have developed a restoration site plan for a property within the Rouge Park boundary. The City of Toronto has also allocated the funding required to complete the restoration planned for the site and commenced with the organization of volunteer plantings to implement the restoration plan.

This relationship is welcomed by Rouge Park staff and we anticipate further joint projects within the Park boundaries in the City of Toronto.

Approximate total cost: \$15,000 (materials and staff time)

Report prepared by: Maryam Nassar, Manager, Communications & Education, Rouge Park

For information contact: Maryam Nassar, 905-713-6007

Date: April 27, 2004

Correspondence:

MOTION:

Res. #53/03

Moved by: Mark Carroll

Seconded by: Paul Harpley

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ACTION

- Staff to report back to the Alliance on correspondence “p .

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:20 p.m., June 20, 2003.

Ron M. Christie
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager
General Manager, Rouge Park