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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #4/03
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2003
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
MAIN BOARDROOM, TORONTO ZOO
361A OLD FINCH AVENUE
SCARBOROUGH

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- David "Grey Eagle" Sanford	
- Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed	
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9. NEW BUSINESS	
10. CORRESPONDENCE	
a. Copies of documents received from Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed: "Comments by FRW on Draft Rouge North OPA, Adapted from Presentation to Markham Council Community July 7, 2003"; "Devastation of the Morningside Tributary of the Rouge Park, November 9, 2001 Presentation to Rouge Park Alliance ; and Copy of Letter dated August 6, 2003 to Hon. Robert Thibault, Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, from Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed.	
b. Copy of Article on Corporate Markham web site June 6, 2003, re: "The Rouge: Concept and Contiguity" by Bob Fisher.	
c. Letter dated June 18, 2003 to R. M. Christie, Rouge Park Alliance, from Hon. Jerry J. Ouellette, Minister of Natural Resources, re: Provincial Funding - Delay of Transfer of Lands from ORC to TRCA for Rouge Park Purposes.	
d. Copy of Letter dated June 23, 2003 presented to Markham Town Council from Joe Ricci, Resident-Ward 5, re: Leash Free Facilities for Dogs in Markham.	

- e. Letter dated June 24, 2003 from Michael R. Stephenson, Civil Aviation, Ontario Region, Transport Canada, re: Pickering Airport Site Zoning Regulations.
- f. Letter dated June 27, 2003 to R. M. Christie, Rouge Park Alliance, from Bruce C. Ketcheson, Ritchie, Green & Ketcheson LLP, re: Markham Official Plan Amendment/Rouge North.
- g. Letter dated July 21, 2003 to Ron Christie, Rouge Park Alliance, from Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, re: Eastern Markham Strategic Review - Final Report.
- h. Letter dated July 22, 2003 to Ron Christie, Rouge Park Alliance, from Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, re: Federal Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee.
- i. Copy of e-mail dated July 29, 2003 to Rouge Park, from Rosemary and Jonathan Oliver, re: Concerns Regarding Rouge Marsh.
- j. Letter dated September 9, 2003 to Valerie Shuttleworth, Town of Markham, from Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, re: Rouge Park Staff Reporting Processes. (Response to Attached Letter dated July 25, 2003 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Valerie Shuttleworth, Director of Planning and Design, Town of Markham.)



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MINUTES - MEETING #4/03 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom, Toronto Zoo, on September 19, 2003. Ron Christie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 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
Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Councillor Mark Carroll, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Tracy Smith, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora

Staff:

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

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

Observers:

Aileen Barclay, TRCA
Peter Boyes, SRVS
Ron Dewell, TRCA
Julie Hardowick, TRCA
Lois James, SRVS & Green Door Alliance

Observers: (Continued...)

Jim McKeon, Observer
Patricia Mohr, TRCA
John O'Gorman, MEA
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Val Shuttleworth, Town of Markham

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Town of Richmond Hill
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
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
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Brian Denney, TRCA
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
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

widenings and the extension of the Markham Bypass (pending the Environmental Assessment for the preferred alignment).

MOTION: Moved by: Jack Heath
Res. #55/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT Rouge Park staff proceed with the distribution of the funding for restoration efforts;

AND THAT restoration efforts be designed in such a way as to minimize the risk of removal which may be necessary to implement the final alignment of the Markham Bypass following its Environmental Assessment and other road widenings;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance write to the Town of Markham to indicate that, should the final alignment go through any of the areas proposed for restoration, the Alliance will not object to the removal or relocation of any of the restoration materials.

..... CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION - Staff to write to Town of Markham.

2. Spring Fire in the Park - Update

KEY ISSUE

On April 28, 2003 fire occurred on property owned by the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) which is scheduled to be transferred for Rouge Park purposes. Previously reforested areas within the burn site received significant damage.

MOTION: Moved by: Jack Heath
Res. #56/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive this update as information;

AND THAT Rouge Park staff continue to provide the Rouge Park Alliance with updates regarding the fire investigation;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance support the Ontario Realty Corporation in their pursuit for compensation, pending the outcome of the fire investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to continue to update the Alliance.

3. Rouge Park Celebration Forest (formerly Memorial Grove)

KEY ISSUE

Status of Celebration Forest site.

MOTION: Moved by: Pauline Browes
Res. #57/03 Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the report;

AMENDMENT

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to formalize the process;
AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to include this project as a high priority
for funding for year 2004 out of the funding we distribute for projects.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to take appropriate action.

4. Official Names for Watercourses in Town of Markham

KEY ISSUE

The Town of Markham has solicited Rouge Park's support for the official naming of four watercourses in
the municipality.

MOTION: Moved by: Mark Carroll
Res. #58/03 Seconded by: Sue Gunton

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance support the initiative of the Town of Markham to pursue the official
naming of watercourses within the municipality;

AND THAT the Rouge Park Alliance advise the Town of Markham of its endorsement and encourage
the municipality to direct staff to continue identifying and assigning appropriate names to other,
currently unnamed, small streams;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request an update from all municipal partners
regarding the official naming, in accordance with the Ontario Geographical Names Board, of all
Rouge River tributaries within their respective jurisdictions.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to write to the Town of Markham and other municipal partners in Rouge Park.

5. Stewardship Program in the Rouge Watershed - Update

KEY ISSUE

Summary of the progress made towards meeting the Rouge Park Stewardship Program deliverables, from
April 1st - June 30, 2003.

MOTION: Moved by: Mark Carroll
Res. #59/03 Seconded by: Pauline Browes

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

..... CARRIED

6. Rouge North Implementation Manual

KEY ISSUE

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

MOTION: Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. #60/03 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the Rouge North Implementation Manual;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance thank all members of the Rouge North Implementation Committee, staff of all the respective municipalities, other agencies and individuals who assisted in the completion of this document.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

7. Factual Updates to Rouge North Management Plan

KEY ISSUE

The advent of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act* and the refinement of the ecological criteria require minor changes to the text of the Rouge North Management Plan.

MOTION Moved by: Dick O'Brien
Res. #61/03 Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

THAT Rouge Park staff meet with Mark Schollen to identify the changes needed to make the Rouge North Management Plan consistent with the requirements of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act* and the Rouge North Implementation Manual;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park staff provide the Alliance with a draft corrected Rouge North Management Plan for its approval at a subsequent meeting.

..... CARRIED

ACTION

- Staff to take appropriate action. Staff to meet with Councillor Carroll and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff to initiate the incorporation of the RNMP into the Town's OP.

8. Town of Markham - Draft Rouge North Official Plan Amendment

KEY ISSUE

In moving towards implementation of the Rouge North Management Plan, the Town of Markham has prepared a draft amendment to its Official Plan. A motion to endorse it was deferred at the March 21, 2003 Rouge Park Alliance meeting.

MOTION: Moved by: Jack Heath
Res.#62/03 Seconded by: Ron Moeser

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance endorse Markham's draft Rouge North Official Plan Amendment and encourage the Town of Markham to quickly move forward with its implementation of the Rouge North Management Plan on that basis.

..... CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Moved by: Pauline Browes
Res. #63/03 Seconded by: Mark Carroll

