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**ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #3/04**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2004**  
**9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon**  
**MAIN BOARDROOM, TORONTO ZOO**  
**361A OLD FINCH AVENUE**  
**SCARBOROUGH**

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**AGENDA**

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a. Copy of letter dated March 22, 2004 to Keith West, Ministry of the Environment, Central Region, from Beth Williston, TRCA, re: 16th Avenue Trunk Sewer Phase 1, YDSS, Robinson Creek Dispersal Plan.	
b. E-mail dated April 8, 2004 to Rouge Park from Robin Persaud re: Traffic Along Twyn Rivers Drive.	
c. Letter dated April 6, 2004 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Barbara Jeffrey, York Region, re: Amendment No. 116 to the Official Plan for the Town of Markham Planning Area - Rouge North Management Area	



## ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE

### MINUTES - MEETING #3/04 - APRIL 23, 2004

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom, Toronto Zoo, on April 23, 2004. Ron Christie, Chair, was unable to attend due to illness and Tracy Smith, Ministry of Natural Resources, was nominated to act as Chair of the meeting. Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He thanked Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **PRESENT**

##### **Members:**

Tracy Smith, MNR, Acting Chair  
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill  
Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering  
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York  
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

##### **Alternates:**

Gerry Brand, Government of Canada  
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham  
Ron Dewell, TRCA  
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo  
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering  
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

##### **Staff:**

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

Maryam Nassar, Manager, Interpretation & Communications  
Lewis Yeager, General Manager

##### **Observers:**

Peter Brannan, Ravine Property Assoc. (West Rouge) Inc.  
Jon Clayton, TRCA  
Ernie Cochrane, Ravine Property Assoc. (West Rouge) Inc.  
Tim Dobson, Conservative Party - Federal Candidate  
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham  
John O'Gorman, MEA

##### **Observers: (Continued...)**

Laura McDowell, York Region  
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed  
Patricia Short-Gallé, Transport Canada  
Lorne Smith, Markham Resident  
Nitti Subramaniam, York Region  
Nancy Vosylius, York Region  
Lee Weiss, York Region

#### **ABSENT**

##### **Members:**

Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto  
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto  
André Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System  
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham  
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada  
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

##### **Alternates:**

Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora  
Paul Freeman, Town of Richmond Hill  
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Bob Loptson, Government of Canada  
John McKay, MP, Government of Canada



broader issues of the whole York-Durham Sewage System. This committee meets every two months, and more frequently if needed.

**Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed**

Mr. Robb outlined his serious concerns regarding the design of the whole York-Durham Sewage System project, and how the project has been fragmented into different sections. He talked about the effects of the dewatering, the impacts it has had and will have on wells, fish, fish habitat, aquatic life, and other various environmental effects. He would like York Region to look at other alternatives and have a full Environmental Assessment done on the whole project.

1. Lampricide Application by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in the Rouge River Watershed

**KEY ISSUE**

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) wishes to inform the Rouge Park Alliance of a resolution from the April 16, 2004 Watershed Management Advisory Board regarding permission for the application of lampricide (TFM) by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) at select locations on both the main Rouge River and Little Rouge River (south of Steeles Avenue) between June 9 and June 11, 2004.

**MOTION:**

**Res. #46/04**

**Moved by: Tom Melymuk**

**Seconded by: Nestor Chornobay**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive, for information, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Watershed Management Advisory Board recommendation regarding the Lampricide Application by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.**

..... **CARRIED**

2. Heritage Committee Minutes from February 4, 2002 Meeting

**KEY ISSUE**

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Heritage Committee meeting on February 4, 2004.

**MOTION:**

**Res. #47/04**

**Moved by: Erin Shapero**

**Seconded by: Tom Melymuk**

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the Heritage Committee February 4, 2004 meeting.**

..... **CARRIED**

3. Orienteering in Rouge Park

**KEY ISSUE**

Rouge Park staff have been advised of a request from the Toronto Orienteering Club for permission to hold an orienteering event in Rouge Park south of Steeles Avenue at the end of April 2004. In previous years, this event involved approximately 40 to 50 people participating in an off-trail foot race located in the Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) within Rouge Park. Staff advised the Toronto Orienteering Club that given such short notice, it would not be possible to grant permission. Staff will review their request in consideration of the natural heritage features and ecological sensitivities of the area where they are proposing to conduct the orienteering race in preparation for future requests.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Nestor Chornobay  
**Res. #48/04** Seconded by: Sue Gunton

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to advise the Toronto Orienteering Club that, although orienteering is an activity that the Rouge Park Alliance may accommodate, no annual orienteering event will be permitted within the Area of Natural Scientific Interest identified within Rouge Park boundaries;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park staff consider alternative areas which would support the Toronto Orienteering Club’s workshop and youth activities, while ensuring the protection of the significant natural features.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION** - Staff to take appropriate action.

4. Celebration Forest Location

**KEY ISSUE**

At the September 19, 2003 Rouge Park Alliance meeting, Rouge Park staff were directed to include implementation of the work outlined in the Celebration Forest Site Plan as a high priority for 2004 project funding.

Since that time, staff developed a Terms of Reference for this work for review by the Heritage Committee. Heritage Committee members were not supportive of funding the implementation of ecological restoration for the purpose of a Celebration Forest on this site due to constraints such as the instability of the adjacent bluff and poor soils. The Heritage Committee has requested that Rouge Park staff contact the families and friends of the individuals honoured at the site to discuss moving the current Celebration Forest to a more ecologically appropriate site. If there are no objections to the relocation of the Celebration Forest, Rouge Park staff should review alternate locations which would provide similar benefits to the original site and be suitable for this use and then report back to the Heritage Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Sue Gunton  
**Res. #49/04** Seconded by: Tom Melymuk

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to contact the friends and families of those honoured at the current Celebration Forest to discuss relocation of the site;**

**AND THAT if there are no objections from the friends and family members, that Rouge Park staff review any potential relocation sites within Rouge Park and report back to the Heritage Committee;**

**AND FURTHER THAT if an appropriate alternate location is identified by the Heritage Committee, that it report back to the Rouge Park Alliance prior to proceeding with the development of a site plan.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION** - Staff to take appropriate action.



Councillor Elio Di Iorio informed the Alliance that a group (Riotrin Properties Inc.) would like to de-consolidate from the Bayview East Landowners Group, which falls under the Provincial *Greenbelt Protection Act*. Riotrin Properties Inc.'s property (also known as Trinity Development) is located on the northeast corner of Leslie Street and Elgin Mills Road East in Richmond Hill. The group feels it has a good case to de-consolidate and that it is ready to start submitting draft plans for development which would provide no more than a 10-metre riparian buffer to a tributary of the Rouge River.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Elio Di Iorio  
**Res. #52/04** Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to write a letter requesting the Province, with regard to this particular property (Trinity Development on the northeast corner of Leslie Street and Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill), to apply all the objectives in the Rouge North Management Plan and if possible, the ecological criteria. If the ecological criteria cannot be applied, all the approval planning agencies, including the Town of Richmond Hill and York Region, should ensure that there is a proper riparian buffer within the development plan.**

..... CARRIED

**ACTION** - Staff to write letter to the Province with copies to RPA members/alternates.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Erin Shapero  
**Res. #53/04** Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to write a letter asking the Province to look at the issue of environmental buffers, to consider the ecological criteria model across Ontario, to make the necessary provincial changes, and to give the Rouge North Management Plan special status under the Planning Act.**

..... CARRIED

**ACTION** - Staff to write letter to the Province.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Erin Shapero  
**Res. #54/04** Seconded by: Sue Gunton

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to write a letter to remind affected partner municipalities (York Region, Town of Richmond Hill, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville) to amend their Official Plans to incorporate the Rouge North Management Plan into their Official Plans, as recently completed by the Town of Markham.**

..... CARRIED

**ACTION** - Staff to write letters to affected partner municipalities.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Ron Dewell  
**Res. #55/04** Seconded by: Frank Scarpitti

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to write a letter to the Province, officially thanking them for the lands recently transferred to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for Rouge Park purposes.**

..... CARRIED

**ACTION** - Staff to write letter to the Province.

