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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #2/04
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2004
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
MAIN BOARDROOM, TORONTO ZOO
361A OLD FINCH AVENUE
SCARBOROUGH

A G E N D A

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MINUTES FROM MEETING #1/04, January 23, 2004 **Enclosed**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

- Federal Green Space Lands - Draft Green Space Master Plan - Patricia Short-Gallé Report Enclosed
- York-Durham Sewage System Project - Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

1. Heritage Committee Report 1.1-1.3

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4. Heritage Committee Report - Monitoring & Education Program Funding Application
(Amphibian Monitoring) 4.1-4.7

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6. NEW BUSINESS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter dated January 27, 2004 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Hon. Gerry Phillips, Chair, Management Board of Cabinet, re: Rouge Park. (Copy of December 4, 2003 letter to Hon. Gerry Phillips attached.)
- b. Letter dated January 30, 2004 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, re: Rouge Park. (Copy of November 26, 2003 letter to Hon. Dalton McGuinty attached.)

IN-CAMERA SESSION



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - MEETING #2/04 - MARCH 12, 2004

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom, Toronto Zoo, on March 12, 2004. Ron Christie, Chair, was unable to attend due to illness and Brian Denney, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, was nominated to act as Chair of the meeting. Mr. Denney called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He thanked Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting and welcomed everyone.

PRESENT

Members:

Brian Denney, Acting Chair
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Alternates:

Ron Dewell, TRCA
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Bob Loptson, Government of Canada
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Tracy Smith, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora

Staff:

Namir Ahmed, Communications & Education
Barb Davies, Manager, Natural & Cultural Heritage
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant

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

Observers:

Aileen Barclay, TRCA
Mark Carroll, Community Resource Centre
Bruce Cudmore, EDA Collaborative
Julie Iannetta, Transport Canada
John O'Gorman, MEA

Observers: (Continued...)

Kathi Oke, Transport Canada
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Patricia Short-Gallé, Transport Canada
Keith Thirgood, Capstone Communications Group
Helen Walter, Capstone Communications Group

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill
André Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Tom Farrell, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora
Paul Freeman, Town of Richmond Hill
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
John McKay, MP, Government of Canada

residential community and countryside within a management framework that can adapt to change. Stewardship principles and best management practices will guide the long term management of the Green Space Lands."

The goal for the Green Space Lands is "to establish a sustainable balance between the physical, social and economic environments that protects the countryside landscape and its ability to support human health for future generations."

Some of the objectives Mr. Cudmore discussed were: protect and restore natural systems, support agricultural uses, protect and enhance cultural heritage and community functions, incorporating smart and green transportation to allow an airport to function in the context of the community, maintaining a countryside character and ecological sustainability, opportunities for tourism and recreational development, public use, landscape protection and financial viability.

Mr. Cudmore talked about key strategies which emerged out of the Draft Master Plan and the 13 projects identified which would be involved in implementing the Plan.

In summary, Mr. Cudmore expressed that the planning of the Green Space Lands provides an opportunity to: complete a continuous natural open space system from Lake Ontario to the Oak Ridges Moraine; link the Duffins and Rouge watersheds; ensure the sustainability of the Duffins watershed; establish regional trail linkages with surrounding communities and countryside; enhance potential for economic development by creating tourism and recreation opportunities; protect the viability of agriculture; lead by example in sustainable planning and design for the 21st Century; inform the planning of adjacent lands including the balance of the Federal Pickering site. The study also identified some opportunities for coordinated planning with stakeholders and Transport Canada.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #27/04 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the presentation by Transport Canada regarding the report entitled "Federal Green Space Lands - Draft Master Plan and Implementation Strategy".

..... **CARRIED**

MOTION: Moved by: Frank Scarpitti
Res. #28/04 Seconded by: Sue Gunton

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to review Transport Canada's study entitled "Federal Green Space Lands - Draft Master Plan and Implementation Strategy", and to consider the idea of the Federal Government taking over a larger portion of the lands to have a national presence, and to report back to the Alliance with comprehensive recommendations.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to take appropriate action and report back to the Alliance

Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

Mr. Robb discussed issues dealing with the York-Durham Sewage System. He outlined his concerns about the design of the whole proposal and the impacts it will have on the environment. In his handout, Mr. Robb suggested that "the Rouge Park Alliance requests that the provincial Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and/or the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) refrain from issuing further permits

for the twinning and extension of the York-Durham sewer until a thorough Environmental Assessment (EA) is completed to examine and find alternatives that will better protect the environment and avoid the need for massive dewatering of Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) aquifers, wells, streams and wetlands.”

ACTION - Request from Pauline Browes that staff send a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans with copies to others as required and RPA members.

MOTION: Moved by: **Raymond Cho**
Res. #29/04 Seconded by: **Pauline Browes**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct Lewis Yeager, General Manager, to convey to the Community Liaison Committee, set up by York Region, Rouge Park concerns regarding the York-Durham Sewage System proposal and the proposed monitoring program.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Lewis Yeager to take appropriate action.

MOTION: Moved by: **Frank Scarpitti**
Res. #30/04 Seconded by: **Jack Heath**

THAT Rouge Park Alliance ask the Region of York to come to the next Alliance meeting on April 23, 2004 to make a presentation on the 16th Avenue sewer and the whole York-Durham Sewage System.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to arrange with Region of York.

MOTION: Moved by: **Pauline Browes**
Res. #31/04 Seconded by: **Glenn De Baeremaeker**

THAT Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans expressing the concerns of the Rouge Park Alliance with respect to York Region’s 16th Avenue project.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to write letter asking the federal government to review technical concerns and if necessary do an EA.

MOTION: Moved by: **Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #32/04 Seconded by: **Pauline Browes**

THAT Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to write a letter to the federal Minister of the Environment requesting a full Canadian Environmental Assessment Act review due to the harmful alteration of fish habitat that the Alliance believes will occur from the construction of the whole York-Durham Sewage System.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to write letter to federal Minister of the Environment.

MOTION: Moved by: Pauline Browes
Res. #33/04 Seconded by: Erin Shapero

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to circulate a press release to the media reflecting the issues and concerns of the Alliance relating to the construction of the whole York-Durham Sewage System.

ACTION - Staff to prepare and circulate press release.

1. Heritage Committee Report

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Heritage Committee meeting on December 10, 2003.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #34/04 Seconded by: Raymond Cho

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the December 10, 2003 Heritage Committee meeting.

..... CARRIED

2. Signage Subcommittee Report

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcome from the Signage Subcommittee meeting on February 12, 2004.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #35/04 Seconded by: Raymond Cho

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the February 12, 2004 Signage Subcommittee meeting.

..... CARRIED

3. Stewardship Program in the Rouge Watershed Report - Update

KEY ISSUE

Summary of the progress made during the Rouge Park Stewardship Program in 2003.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #36/04 Seconded by: Raymond Cho

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

..... CARRIED

Councillor De Baeremaeker requested that agenda item #5 be moved up.

4. Heritage Committee Report - Monitoring & Education Program Funding Application

KEY ISSUE

The Rouge Park Alliance has asked that project #5, as recommended by the Heritage Committee for funding, be revisited in light of a letter presented at the January 23, 2004 Rouge Park Alliance meeting. The work proposed in the submission from the Community Resource Centre is the same as the work for which GTA Wetland Watch has received funding support from the Rouge Park Alliance in previous years. Additionally, there appears to be some ambiguity regarding the timing of the resignation of the GTA Wetland Watch staff compared with the deadline for proposals and questions regarding the appropriateness of staff requesting funding for an alternate organization while perhaps employed with the former.

MOTION:
Res. #40/04

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Rick Johnson

THAT neither GTA Wetland Watch nor Community Resource Centre be awarded 2004 funding for implementation of the work in relationship to the Frogwatch Program;

AND THAT GTA Wetland Watch and Community Resource Centre be requested to meet and work out their issues for the sake of the future project and forward joint confirmation that they have done so and stating how issues have been resolved;

AND THAT GTA Wetland Watch and Community Resource Centre be encouraged to submit projects for Rouge Park Heritage Funding for work in 2005;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources be requested to bring together the organizations which met in March of 1999 to determine how the amphibian monitoring should be delivered throughout the Rouge River watershed;

AND THAT GTA Wetland Watch submit both the 2002 and 2003 project final reports by April 30, 2004 for the following outstanding projects:

- 2002 - Frogwatch Program (Rouge Park Alliance Funding \$10,500)**
- 2002 - Yellow Fish Road Program (Rouge Park Alliance Funding \$6,500)**
- 2003 - Frogwatch Program (Rouge Park Alliance Funding \$10,500)**

AND FURTHER THAT GTA Wetland Watch return to the Rouge Park office all equipment purchased for this program (including all froglogger equipment) as required by the Heritage Committee. *'The committee recommends that all scientific equipment purchased with Rouge Park funds (frogloggers) should be returned to the Rouge Park when the study is completed. This equipment can then be shared among the groups and agencies when necessary.'* 2001.

AMENDMENT 1:

Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Seconded by: Rick Johnson

THAT the 3rd clause be removed - "AND THAT GTA Wetland Watch and Community Resource Centre be encouraged to submit projects for Rouge Park Heritage Funding for work in 2005."

AMENDMENT 1 CARRIED
MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

