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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #3/05
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2005
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
CANADA ROOM, TOWN OF MARKHAM
101 TOWN CENTRE BOULEVARD
MARKHAM

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- l. Letter dated April 22, 2005 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Wayne Green, York Region, re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference - Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Environmental Assessment.
- m. Fax dated April 29, 2005 to Lewis Yeager, from John O'Gorman, MEA, re: Milne Sewer Project.
- n. Fax dated April 29, 2005 to Chair and Members of the Rouge Park Alliance from Glenn De Baeremaeker, President, Save the Rouge Valley System, re: Appointment of Alternate for Save the Rouge Valley System.



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - MEETING #3/05 - MAY 13, 2005

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Canada Room, Town of Markham. Gord Weeden welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Gord Weeden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Gord Weeden, Chair
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill
Brad Duguid, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Hratch Aynedjian, City of Toronto
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Ron Dewell, TRCA
Mark Graham, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Tracy Smith, MNR, Aurora, Province of Ontario

Staff:

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

Observers:

Jim Dillane, TRCA
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Mike Fenning, TRCA
Virginia Jones

Observers: (Continued...)

John O’Gorman, MEA
Rocco Sgambelluri, TRCA
Andrew Ward, Park Visitor (making presentation today)

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
André Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System
Dick O’Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Alternates:

Gerry Brand, Government of Canada
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Tom Farrell, MNR, Aurora, Province of Ontario
Paul Freeman, Town of Richmond Hill
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Bob Loptson, Government of Canada
John McKay, MP, Government of Canada
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Mayor Sue Sherban, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

5. Re-introduction of 2005 Budget (Request by Derek Lee to move Agenda Item forward)

KEY ISSUE

Present again the proposed 2005 budget as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee at its February 28, 2005 meeting and deferred by the Alliance at its March 11, 2005 meeting.

MOTION: **Moved by: Pauline Browes**
Res. #21/05 **Seconded by: Brian Denney**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the proposed 2005 budget;

AND THAT the holdback on Heritage project funding be increased from 10% to 25% until all project requirements and reporting have been satisfactorily completed. Proponents with high material costs would be able to request of Rouge Park staff a lower holdback;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park staff will prepare a financial progress report in the autumn to assist in the project selection and approval process.

AMENDMENT

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
 Seconded by: Elio Di Iorio

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance reduce the budget by \$58,000 and direct staff to come back with a revised budget.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN
MAIN MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

- TRCA - presentation on property rental portfolio at the next RPA meeting
- Staff to prepare comprehensive report re SRVS request for core funding for the next Alliance meeting
- Staff to review financial statement format with TRCA and report back to the Finance Committee
- Staff to prepare financial progress report in the fall and bring back to the RPA

Glenn De Baeremaeker, President of Save the Rouge Valley System Inc. (SRVS), introduced Mark Graham. He is to be the Alternate Member on the Alliance for SRVS.

1. Presentation by Gord Weeden - "Chair's Vision for the Future"
Please see Attachment #1.

2. Appointment of Gord Weeden as Rouge Park Alliance's Member of GSSAC

KEY ISSUE

Transport Canada has requested the Rouge Park Alliance to nominate a representative to its Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee (GSSAC).

MOTION: Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #22/05 Seconded by: Tracy Smith

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance nominate its Chair to be its member of the Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Councillor Heath requested Gord Weeden to inform GSSAC that the Alliance would like to see more lands transferred for Rouge Park purposes.

3. Heritage Committee Report

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Heritage Committee meeting on January 12, 2005.

MOTION: Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #23/05 Seconded by: Jack Heath

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the January 12, 2005 meeting.

..... **CARRIED**

4. General Manager's Report

KEY ISSUE

To advise the Alliance of ongoing initiatives.

MOTION: Moved by: Jack Heath
Res. #24/05 Seconded by: Tracy Smith

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the General Manager's Report.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- General Manager to prepare detailed report on S-E Collector Sewer, Other York-Durham Sewers and Markham Bypass (#s 7, 8 and 9 listed in his report).
- Rouge Park to formally request Region of York, through report to the Alliance, to build clear span bridges for crossings within sensitive areas of the Rouge.

6. New Business

Councillor Erin Shapero discussed the Rouge Duffins Agricultural Preserve in Pickering and suggested that the Alliance should support the Province of Ontario in their legal dispute with the City of Pickering regarding this issue.

MOTION: Moved by: Jack Heath
Res. #25/05 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance strongly support the position of the Province of Ontario in protecting the Rouge Duffins Agricultural Preserve in the City of Pickering as stated in the Greenbelt Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province ensure that all legal avenues are used to protect the agricultural nature of this area, and the integrity of the Greenbelt.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Councillor De Baeremaeker requested a staff report on ways of getting the Rouge Duffins Agricultural Preserve into Rouge Park.
- Staff to write to Province (per resolution).

7. Correspondence

MOTION: Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #26/05 Seconded by: Glenn De Baeremaeker

THAT the following correspondence be received:

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