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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #1/05
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
MAIN BOARDROOM, TORONTO ZOO
361A OLD FINCH AVENUE
SCARBOROUGH

A G E N D A

PAGES

MINUTES FROM MEETING #5/04, December 17, 2004 **Enclosed**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

1. Natural & Cultural Heritage Programme - Rouge Park Project Recommendations for 2005 1.1-1.26
2. Release of Funding for 2005 Approved Projects 2.1
3. Natural & Cultural Heritage Committee Report 3.1-3.2
4. Winter Bird Count 4.1-4.2
5. General Manager's Report 5.1-5.2
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Copy of Development Approval Application to the City of Toronto for Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club and Runnymede Development Corporation , December 14, 2004.
 - b. Letter dated December 20, 2004 to The Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, from Ron Christie, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Province's Draft Greenbelt Plan and Draft Greenbelt Act.
 - c. Copy of Letter dated December 22, 2004 to Chisholm, Fleming and Associates from TRCA, re: Fill Construction, Alteration to Waterways Application, Reesor Road Bridge Replacement, Town of Markham.
 - d. Copy of OMB Decision 0022 dated January 7, 2004, re: Proposed Amendment No. 116 to the Official Plan for the Town of Markham for the purpose of implementing the Rouge North Management Plan.
 - e. Letter dated January 11, 2005 to Brenda Librecz, City of Toronto Parks and Recreation, from Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, re: *Our Common Grounds* (Attached: Letter dated December 15, 2004 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Brenda Librecz, City of Toronto Parks and Recreation.)

IN-CAMERA SESSION



**ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE AGENDA ITEMS 1 & 2 FROM
MEETING #1/05, JANUARY 21, 2005 (NO QUORUM)
RESOLUTION #1/05 & RESOLUTION #2/05
COMPLETED BY E-MAIL, JANUARY 31, 2005**

At 9:30 a.m., Rouge Park Alliance Meeting #1/05, January 21, 2005, Ron Christie, Chair, welcomed everyone and acknowledged there was not a quorum for voting. Due to time constraints, and to enable the 2005 Heritage projects to proceed and funding to be released before the next Alliance meeting in March, the Chair suggested, and it was agreed by members present, that agenda item #1 (Natural & Cultural Heritage Programme - Rouge Park Project Recommendations for 2005) and agenda item #2 (Release of Funding for 2005 Approved Projects) be discussed. A poll was taken and all members present were in support of the recommendations. Staff was directed to communicate by electronic mail to members absent and request a response.

On behalf of the Rouge Park Alliance Chair, Ron Christie, staff communicated via e-mail with Rouge Park Alliance members on January 25, 2005. Members were asked to respond by January 31, 2005, indicating whether they approved of the recommendations in the reports attached to the e-mail (agenda items 1 and 2). If there were any concerns by the Alliance, a conference call would be set up.

RESPONSES RECEIVED BY E-MAIL

Members:

Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham

PRESENT AT MEETING JANUARY 21, 2005

Members:

Ron Christie, Chair
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill
Brad Duguid, MPP, Province of Ontario
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Tracy Smith, MNR, Province of Ontario

Staff:

Alan Arcilla, New Media & Communications Coordinator
Barb Davies, Manager, Natural & Cultural Heritage
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Assistant

Maryam Nassar, Manager, Interpretation & Communication:
Lewis Yeager, General Manager

Observers:

Mike Fenning, TRCA
Adele Freeman, TRCA

Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Andre Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System, Inc.
Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

Tom Farrell, MNR, Province of Ontario
Paul Freeman, Town of Richmond Hill
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
John McKay, MP, Government of Canada
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

1. Natural & Cultural Heritage Programme - Rouge Park Project Recommendations for 2005

KEY ISSUE

The Natural and Cultural Heritage Committee has reviewed the projects for Year 2005 and provides project funding recommendations.

MOTION:	Moved by:	Derek Lee
<u>Res. #1/05</u>	Seconded by:	Ron Dewell

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve funding towards the proposals received for the 2005 Rouge Park Alliance Heritage Funds reviewed by the Heritage Committee and as outlined in Table 1;

AND THAT Rouge Park staff be directed to maintain contact with organizations which are not recommended for funding to assist in improving their projects so that they may resubmit for funding;

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park Alliance funding to each project be subject to the following:

- ▶ **verification of agreement of participation and/or provision of funding from the other partners as outlined in their application;**
- ▶ **the submission of final reports from projects completed in and before 2004;**
- ▶ **the submission of a detailed work plan with phasing details prior to commencement of the project;**
- ▶ **the submission of proof of liability insurance;**
- ▶ **the submission of landowner and/or tenant agreement forms, containing: address of land owner, address of project, map indicating the location of the project (signed by the land owner), a brief description of the activities to take place on the project site, timing of proposed activity, indication of which organization will be implementing the project, indication of who is responsible for follow up maintenance, permission to hold a public event (if required), and permission to place a sign on site; and,**
- ▶ **the submission of required permits and approvals from other agencies.**

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to take appropriate action.

2. Release of Funding for 2005 Approved Projects

KEY ISSUE

In the past, organizations with projects approved for Natural and Cultural Heritage Funds did not receive confirmation of funding until the Rouge Park Alliance budget had been approved in the Autumn. Our current budget process, however, calls for the preparation of the budget following the completion of the year-end statements.

The 2005 budget will be presented for approval at the next Rouge Park Alliance meeting (March 11, 2005). In order for most projects to be implemented, initial funding (once all conditions of funding have been met) should be received earlier in the year so that deposits and payments for materials can be arranged for ecological restoration efforts to take place as early as mid-April.

MOTION:
Res. #2/05

Moved by: Derek Lee
Seconded by: Ron Dewell

THAT Rouge Park staff be directed to release the letters of confirmation of funding to the organizations whose projects have been approved for the 2005 Natural and Cultural Heritage Funds;

AND THAT projects approved for funding by the Rouge Park Alliance be eligible for release of the initial funding;

AND FURTHER THAT the organizations' proposals that have been approved must meet all of the conditions of funding prior to release of any funds approved for implementation of the project.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to take appropriate action.

Correspondence "a" of Agenda Package
- Development Approval Application to City of Toronto - Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club

Councillor De Baeremaeker brought this item forward. There were some discussions on this issue. Councillor De Baeremaeker expressed that he would like the Alliance to oppose the proposal as he believes it violates the spirit and intent of the Greenbelt Act, the City of Toronto Official Plan and the Minister's Zoning Order for this area. Councillor De Baeremaeker was going to check with the City of Toronto planning department on the status of this development proposal. Other Alliance partners present were also going to investigate the matter and get back to Lewis Yeager with their comments.

ACTION - Rouge Park staff to coordinate comments received and report back to the Alliance.

Ron M. Christie _____
Chair

Lewis Yeager _____
General Manager