



## ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #4/06 - MAY 12, 2006 MINUTES

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Canada Room, Town of Markham. Gord Weeden, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### **PRESENT**

#### **Members:**

Gord Weeden, Chair  
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill  
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  
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

#### **Alternates:**

Hratch Aynedjian, City of Toronto  
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham  
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Tom Farrell, MNR, Aurora, Province of Ontario  
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo  
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham

#### **Staff:**

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

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

#### **Observers:**

Tom Boudreault, City of Toronto Parks  
Ian Buchanan, Chair, RP Heritage Cttee.  
Bryan Buttigieg, Chair, Rouge Watershed T. F.  
Jim Dillane, TRCA  
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham  
Lois James, Rouge Park Resident

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

Murray Johnston, Rouge Valley Foundation  
Bernadette Manning, RP Resident  
Sonya Meek, TRCA  
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed  
Rocco Sgambelluri, TRCA  
Patricia Short-Gallé, Transport Canada

### **ABSENT**

#### **Members:**

Regional Chair Roger Anderson, Region of Durham  
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto  
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto  
Brad Duguid, MPP, Province of Ontario  
André Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System  
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

#### **Alternates:**

Ron Dewell, TRCA  
Adele Freeman, TRCA  
Paul Freeman, Town of Richmond Hill  
Mark Graham, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.  
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering  
Hon. Dan McTeague, Government of Canada  
Mayor Sue Sherban, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Tracy Smith, MNR, Aurora, Province of Ontario  
Carolyn Woodland, TRCA





**MOTION:** Moved by: Rick Johnson  
**Res. #35/06:** Seconded by: Brian Denney

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the May 2, 2006 Finance Committee meeting and adopt the audited Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION** - Staff to review the issue of "advocacy" and report back to the Alliance.

2. Park Improvement and Heritage Committee Report

**KEY ISSUE**

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Park Improvement and Heritage Committee meeting on March 8, 2006.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Rick Johnson  
**Res. #36/06:** Seconded by: Derek Lee

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the March 8, 2006 Park Improvement and Heritage Committee meeting.**

..... **CARRIED**

3. Rouge Park Heritage Funding Programme Review Process

**Ian Buchanan, Chair, Park Improvement and Heritage Committee**

Ian reaffirmed that the project funding review process has been in place since 1996 and was reconsidered on August 9, 1999 by the Alliance (Res. #79/99). He explained that it is a comprehensive and accountable process, and that projects are reviewed on their technical merits, and a number of criteria for the broader benefit of the Park - stewardship, commitment to youth and local community involvement, etc. He explained the program application package and the way the Review Subcommittee deals with projects, and the evaluation and approval process.

**KEY ISSUE**

At its meeting on March 31, 2006, the Rouge Park Alliance requested further detail on heritage projects that were not recommended for the full amount proposed, or for any funding, in 2006.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Derek Lee  
**Res. #37/06:** Seconded by: Calvin White

**THAT the attached report be received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT in the event that clarification regarding Park Improvement and Heritage Committee recommendations for project funding be requested by the Rouge Park Alliance that the Park Improvement and Heritage Committee is provided with the opportunity to provide clarification on their decisions.**

**MAIN MOTION** ..... **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Moved by: Frank Scarpitti  
**Res. #37A/06:** Seconded by: Derek Lee

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance increase the 2006 overall funding of \$174,700 by \$15,000 to \$189,700, and that \$15,000 be directed towards Friends of the Rouge Watershed.**

**MOTION ..... DEFEATED**

Councillor Jack Heath requested a recorded vote.

Recorded Vote of Members Present:

	YEA	NAY
Nestor Chornobay, Durham		X
Derek Lee, Federal Government	X	
Councillor Jack Heath, Markham		X
Councillor Rick Johnson, Pickering		X
Tom Farrell, Province of Ontario		X
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Richmond Hill		X
Hratch Aynedjian, City of Toronto	X	
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo		X
Brian Denney, TRCA		X
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust	X	
Councillor Clyde Smith, Whitchurch-Stouffville		X
Councillor Frank Scarpitti, York Region	X	

4 YES and 8 NO - Motion is defeated.

**ACTION**

- Several points were raised with regard to the review process and allocation of funds. Staff and Heritage Committee to review the possibilities as part of the new Action Plan development process, and report back to the Alliance.

4. Correspondence

**MOTION:** Moved by: Rick Johnson  
**Res. #38/06:** Seconded by: Nestor Chornobay

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the following correspondence:**

1. Letter dated March 24, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Denis Kelly, York Region, re: Rouge Park Vision.
2. Copy of Letter dated March 29, 2006 to Mayor Don Cousens, Town of Markham from Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, re: Funding for Bob Hunter Memorial Park - Park Management Plan.
3. Letter dated March 29, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, re: Funding to Markham for Bob Hunter Memorial Park - Park Management Plan.
4. Letter dated April 7, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Hon. David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources, re: Funding for Rouge Park Initiatives.
5. Letter dated April 11, 2006 to Mayor David Ryan and Members of Council, City of Pickering, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: "Sustainable Pickering".
6. Letter dated April 12, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Sheila Birrell, Town of Markham, re: Rouge Park Alliance - Funding Advocacy.
7. Letter dated April 13, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Vicki Barron, Waterfront Regeneration Trust, re: 2006 Rouge Park Funds - Proposed Advocacy Program.

