



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.

