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ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MEETING #3/06
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
CANADA ROOM, TOWN OF MARKHAM
101 TOWN CENTRE BOULEVARD
MARKHAM

***** PLEASE NOTE LOCATION OF MEETING ... CANADA ROOM, TOWN OF MARKHAM**

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6. General Manager's Report by Lewis Yeager Verbal
- Status Report on the Rouge Watershed Task Force
 - Status Report on the Little Rouge Corridor Management Plan
 - Monarch Mission



**ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
MEETING #3/06 - MARCH 31, 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 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Gord Weeden, Chair
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto
Brad Duguid, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Hratch Aynedjian, City of Toronto
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Chantal Savoie-Grady, Save the Rouge Valley System
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Tracy Smith, MNR, Aurora, Province of Ontario

Staff:

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

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

Observers:

Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Barb Jackson, Resident
Doreen Mount, Resident

Observers: (Continued...)

Gary Mount, Resident
John O’Gorman, MEA
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Rocco Sgambelluri, TRCA

ABSENT

Members:

Regional Chair Roger Anderson, Region of Durham
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill
André Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Dick O’Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York

Alternates:

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

1. Confirmation of 2006 Budget

KEY ISSUE

Present the proposed 2006 budget as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee at its November 28, 2005 meeting and received approval in principle at the Rouge Park Alliance meeting on January 13, 2006.

MOTION: Moved by: Calvin White
Res. #25/06: Seconded by: Clyde Smith

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the proposed 2006 budget which received approval in principle at the Rouge Park Alliance meeting on January 13, 2006.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Staff to take appropriate action.

Pauline Browes confirmed that the request for funding increase to \$640,000 in the 2006 budget of Rouge Park was approved by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust for one year, based upon the initiatives identified in the financial plan.

2. Natural & Cultural Heritage Programme - Rouge Park Project Recommendations for 2006

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #26/06: Seconded by: Pauline Browes

THAT the funding from the two projects submitted by Friends of the Rouge Watershed be increased up to \$30,000 and that staff work with Friends of the Rouge Watershed to ensure that the goals of the Rouge Park Natural Heritage programme are maximized.

..... **DEFEATED**

Tied vote. The Chair voted against the motion. Motion was defeated.

KEY ISSUE

The Park Improvement and Heritage Committee has reviewed the projects for Year 2006 and provides recommendations for the allocation of funds.

MOTION: Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker
Res. #27/06: Seconded by: Pauline Browes

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the allocation of project funding as recommended by the Park Improvement & Heritage Committee in Table 1;

AND THAT Rouge Park staff be directed to release the letters of confirmation of funding to the organizations whose projects have been approved for the 2006 Natural & Cultural Heritage Funds;

AND THAT projects approved for funding at the March 31, 2006 Rouge Park Alliance meeting be eligible for release of the initial funding;

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

AND FURTHER THAT Rouge Park Alliance funding for each project be subject to the Natural and Cultural Heritage Funding Policies and Reporting Requirements; the submission of proof of liability insurance; and, any conditions as required by the Park Improvement and Heritage Committee.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION

- Staff to take appropriate action and bring back a report with a description of each project, and include that priority be given to NGOs over governments and institutions if all other factors are equal. April 21, 2006 was set for a special Alliance meeting to deal specifically with the last two projects and the other five that were not funded.

3. Special Rouge Park Alliance meeting on February 22, 2006 on the YDSS

Pauline Browes requested that this be brought back in the form of minutes of the Special Alliance meeting on February 22, 2006.

ACTION

- Staff to take appropriate action.

4. Park Improvement & Heritage Committee Minutes from January 18, 2006 Meeting

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Park Improvement and Heritage Committee meeting on January 18, 2006.

MOTION:

Res. #28/06:

Moved by: Glen De Baeremaeker

Seconded by: Hratch Aynedjian

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the January 18, 2006 Park Improvement and Heritage Committee meeting.

..... **CARRIED**

5. Correspondence

MOTION:

Res. #29/06:

Moved by: Sue Gunton

Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the following correspondence:

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..... CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Moved by: Brian Denney
Res. #30/06: Seconded by: Derek Lee

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance write and congratulate the City of Pickering on their initiatives on sustainable community planning.

..... CARRIED

ACTION

- Staff to take appropriate action and also ask to be kept up to date.

Pauline Browes reminded the Rouge Park Alliance that it should try to locate Rouge Park Office in the Park, along with an interpretive centre.

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:30 p.m. on March 31, 2006.

Gord Weeden
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager
General Manager, Rouge Park