



## ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - MEETING #6/06 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2006

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom of the Toronto Zoo. Gord Weeden, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### **PRESENT**

#### **Members:**

Gord Weeden, Chair  
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Brad Duguid, MPP, Province of Ontario  
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham  
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Region of York  
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

#### **Alternates:**

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham  
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo  
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering  
Tracy Smith, MNR, Aurora, Province of Ontario  
Mary Ann Yung, City of Toronto

#### **Staff:**

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

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

#### **Observers:**

Bala Araniyasundaran, York Region  
John Bourrie, Earth Tech  
Bryan Buttigieg, Rouge Watershed Task Force  
Bob Clay, TRCA  
Mike Fenning, TRCA  
Lois James, Green Door Alliance

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

Fred Johnson, Ogilvie, Ogilvie & Co.  
Sonya Meek, TRCA  
Tim Rance, TRCA  
Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge Watershed  
Patricia Short-Gallé, Transport Canada  
Rich Tindall, Durham Region Works Dept.

### **ABSENT**

#### **Members:**

Regional Chair Roger Anderson, Region of Durham  
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto  
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, City of Toronto  
Councillor Elio Di Iorio, Town of Richmond Hill  
André Flys, Save the Rouge Valley System  
Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, City of Pickering  
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada  
Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

#### **Alternates:**

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  
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham  
Mayor Sue Sherban, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Carolyn Woodland, TRCA





assessment; analysis and interpretation of findings; and the preparation of the draft plan. Various scenarios were studied, results were documented and recommendations brought forward in the draft plan. The draft plan is expected to be completed and presented to the Rouge Watershed Task Force by the end of November, and the final plan released to the public by the end of 2006.

**Bryan Buttigieg, Chair, Rouge Watershed Task Force**

Bryan Buttigieg indicated that from the various scenarios studied by the Task Force the results are provocative and that the Rouge Watershed Plan deserves much attention and will require good decision-making and support by government and agencies, and private individuals, to effectively implement the recommendations outlined in the report.

3. Presentation - Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan

**Tim Rance, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority**

Tim Rance gave a quick overview of the Rouge River Fish Management Plan. He discussed the background to fisheries management and fish management zones; potential target fish species, and how existing conditions were identified in each management zone. As outlined in the report, the planning process will involve consultation with a broad spectrum of stakeholders to: present information on current conditions of the fisheries resource; determine the significant issues related to the resource; develop management strategies to deal with the issues; and, develop an implementation and monitoring plan for managing the fisheries resource.

The Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan is scheduled to be completed by December 2006. After its approval by the participating agencies, an implementation committee will be created to coordinate the involvement of the many partners in carrying out the recommended management programs.

**KEY ISSUE**

A Fisheries Management Plan for the Rouge River watershed (RRFMP) is being prepared by a partnership group including Rouge Park, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Aurora District, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

**MOTION:** Moved by: Frank Scarpitti  
**Res. #54/06:** Seconded by: Brad Duguid

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the presentation regarding the Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance continue to participate in the process of preparing the Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan by providing input to: the identification of issues related to aquatic habitat and the associated aquatic communities, and the generation of management strategies to address these issues.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION** - Staff to continue to participate in the process of preparing the Fish Plan.

4. Rental Properties - Rouge Park - 2007 Update

**KEY ISSUE**

Update report on the rental portfolio on lands acquired from the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) for Rouge Park purposes.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Pauline Browes  
**Res. #55/06:** Seconded by: Sue Gunton

**THAT the report dated September 13, 2006, on the rental properties acquired from the Ontario Realty Corporation for Rouge Park purposes be received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the net rental revenues budget for transfer to Rouge Park in 2007 be \$60,000.**

**AMENDMENT** Moved by: Pauline Browes  
Seconded by: Sue Gunton

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance refer this report back to the Rouge Park Finance Committee for further discussion and that a more detailed report be brought back to the Alliance.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED ..... CARRIED**

Councillor Jack Heath requested a recorded vote.

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Nestor Chornobay, Durham Region	X	
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham		X
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering	X	
Brad Duguid, Province of Ontario	X	
Mary Ann Yung, City of Toronto	X	
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo	X	
Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust	X	
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	X	
Councillor Frank Scarpitti, York Region	X	
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8 YEAs and 1 NAY - **Motion as Amended is Carried.**

**ACTION**

- Staff to take appropriate action.

5. Bob Hunter Memorial Park - Property Update

**KEY ISSUE**

Report on the acquisition of Ontario Realty Corporation lands by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for Bob Hunter Memorial Park, Rouge River watershed, Town of Markham.

**MOTION** Moved by: Clyde Smith  
**Res. #56/06** Seconded by: Jack Heath

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the report dated September 11, 2006 on the status of the transfer of lands by the Ontario Realty Corporation to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for Bob Hunter Memorial Park.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION** - TRCA staff to negotiate leases and revenue with the Province.

6. Park Improvement & Heritage Committee Report

**KEY ISSUE**

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes from the Park Improvement & Heritage Committee meeting on June 13, 2006.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Tom Melymuk  
**Res. #57/06:** Seconded by: Sue Gunton

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes from the June 13, 2006 meeting.**

..... **CARRIED**

7. Rouge Park Target Areas for Ecological Restoration

**KEY ISSUE**

The Rouge Park Alliance has often expressed its desire to become more proactive in its approach to project implementation. The Park Improvement & Heritage Committee has responded to this request by identifying available restoration sites for implementation.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Jack Heath  
**Res. #58/06:** Seconded by: Sue Gunton

**THAT sites identified by the Park Improvement and Heritage Committee consistent with Rouge Park Management Plans receive particular consideration when the Committee reviews the fall and spring funding applications for 2007 implementation;**

**AND THAT Rouge Park Alliance partners be encouraged to consider these sites for funding when developing and reviewing their 2007 annual budgets;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the sites be broadly advertised for availability by posting them on the Rouge Park and partners' websites and municipal York buyers' cooperatives.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION** - Staff to take appropriate action.

8. Rouge Park Draft 2005 Annual Report

**KEY ISSUE**

Rouge Park Draft 2005 Annual Report including abridged version of audited financial statements.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Clyde Smith  
**Res. #59/06:** Seconded by: Nestor Chornobay

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve the draft of the 2005 Annual Report.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Staff to publish final report and distribute.

9. Update on City of Toronto Planning Study for an Expanded Public Source  
Separated Organics Processing System - Former Beare Road Landfill Site

**KEY ISSUE**

The City of Toronto has included the closed Beare Road landfill site, a Special Management zone in the 1994 Rouge Park Management Plan, in its list of possible sites for a facility to process organic wastes from its residential Green Box programme.

**MOTION:** Moved by: Tom Melymuk  
**Res. #60/06:** Seconded by: Clyde Smith

**THAT the Rouge Alliance continue to oppose the use of the Beare Road site for processing or storing organic wastes due to its incompatibility with Rouge Park;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff continue to monitor the progress of this City of Toronto initiative and report to the Alliance.**

..... **CARRIED**

**ACTION**

- Staff to take appropriate action.

10. Correspondence

**MOTION:** Moved by: Brad Duguid  
**Res. #61/06:** Seconded by: Sue Gunton

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

1. Copy of Letter dated May 31, 2006 to Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, and Councillor Janet Davis, Co-Chairs, Wet Weather Flow Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee, from Margaret Buchinger, Don Watershed Regeneration Council, re: Implementation Process and Priorities.
2. Letter dated June 16, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Brad Graham, Ontario Growth Secretariat, re: Release of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006.
3. Letter dated June 21, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Janet McCausland, Natural Burial Association, re: Natural Burials.

4. Letter dated July 7, 2006 to David Grey Eagle Sanford, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance.
5. Letter dated July 7, 2006 to Elder Pauline Shirt, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance.
6. Letter dated July 7, 2006 to Sheila Birrell, Town of Markham, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Advocacy Funding - 2006.
7. Letter dated July 7, 2006 to Keith Laushway and Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp., from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Advocacy Funding - 2006.
8. Letter dated July 7, 2006 to Dick O'Brien, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Advocacy Funding - 2006.
9. Letter dated July 6, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Deborah Martin-Downs, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, re: Standard Auto Wreckers, Rouge Park.
10. Copy of Letter dated July 18, 2006 to Brian Van Opstal, City of Toronto, from Beth Williston, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, re: Planning Study for an Expanded Public Source Separated Organic Processing System - Recommendations Regarding Sites and Technologies - City of Toronto/Region of Durham.
11. Copy of Letter dated July 5, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from the City Clerk, City of Toronto, re: Works Committee Report 2, Clause 23c - Planning Study for an Expanded Public Source Separated Organic Processing System - Recommendations Regarding Sites and Technologies.
12. Letter dated September 1, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from the Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Environment Canada, re: Joint Canada-Ontario Environmental Assessment of the Southeast Collector and Other Sections of the York-Durham Sewage System.
13. Letter dated September 7, 2006 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Colin P. Creasey, 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley, re: Rouge Park Funding Program.

..... CARRIED

<b>MOTION:</b>	Moved by: Tom Melymuk
<b>Res. #62/06:</b>	Seconded by: Jack Heath

**THAT the Rouge Park Alliance refer correspondence 10.13.1 (letter from Colin P. Creasey, 10,000 Trees for the Rouge Valley) to the Park Improvement & Heritage Committee for review, and then to the Action Plan Working Group for processing.**

..... CARRIED

**ACTION** - Staff to take appropriate action.

11. New Business  
None

**TERMINATION**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting terminated at 12:15 p.m. on September 22, 2006.

Gord Weeden  
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager  
General Manager, Rouge Park