



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - MEETING #4/07 - JUNE 15, 2007

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom of the Toronto Zoo. Gord Weeden, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Cal White and Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Gord Weeden, Chair
Councillor Paul Ainslie, City of Toronto
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor David Cohen, Town of Richmond Hill
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System
Brad Duguid, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Region of York
Derek Lee, MP, Government of Canada
Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley, Region of Durham
Gerri Lynn O'Connor, TRCA
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Ian Buchanan, Region of York
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Ron Dewell, TRCA
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering
Jim Robb, Save the Rouge Valley System
Tracy Smith, Province of Ontario

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Councillor Jennifer O'Connell, City of Pickering

Alternates:

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Tom Farrell, Province of Ontario
Adele Freeman, TRCA
Mark Graham, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
Audrey Hollasch, Town of Richmond Hill
Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Town of Markham
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.
Councillor Chin Lee, City of Toronto
Hon. Dan McTeague, Government of Canada
Carolyn Woodland, TRCA

Staff:

Bob Clay, Manager, Natural Heritage
Michelle Holmes, Communications Specialist
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Coordinator

Vicki MacDonald, Biologist
Maryam Nassar, Manager, Interpretation & Culture
Lewis Yeager, General Manager

Observers:

Kritee Ahmed, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Cat Beattie, Toronto Resident

Observers: (Continued...)

Ann Forrest, Kirkham's Road
Larry Holder, Kirkham's Road

Observers: (Continued...)

Lois James, Rouge Valley Foundation
Colin Lathe, Kirkham's Road
Andy McKinnon, Toronto Resident
John O'Gorman, Markham Environmental Alliance
Colin O'Neill, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Stan Poulton, Kirkham's Road

Observers: (Continued...)

Patricia Short-Gallé, Transport Canada
Donald B. Smith, Scarborough Resident
Elbert van Donkersgoed, GTA Agr. Action Committee
Susan Wilson, Kirkham's Road
Ken Wright, Kirkham's Road
Myrtle Wright, Kirkham's Road

MOTION: Moved by: Sue Gunton
Res. #44/07 Seconded by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance support the Park Improvement and Heritage Committee (Heritage Committee) and staff in the development of an Action Plan and agree with the recommended course of action to develop those plans.

..... CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by: Derek Lee
Res. #45/07 Seconded by: Tracy Smith

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance approve of the restoration sites for 2008 projects and direct the Heritage Committee and staff to inform delivery partners, arrange for approvals, make site preparations, and solicit project proposals for delivery in 2008.

..... CARRIED

AMENDMENT

MOTION: Moved by: Clyde Smith
Res. #46/07 Seconded by: Erin Shapero

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to circulate by e-mail the draft letter to tenants to the Alliance members for review, and bring back the long-term communications strategy proposed to the Rouge Park Alliance for approval.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

ACTION

- Staff to circulate by e-mail draft letter to tenants to Alliance members for review, and bring back communications strategy to the Alliance for approval.

7. Park Improvement & Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes - March 28 and April 25, 2007

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes of the Park Improvement & Heritage Committee meetings held on March 28 and April 25, 2007.

MOTION: Moved by: Ian Buchanan
Res. #47/07 Seconded by: Bonnie Littley

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes of the March 28 and April 25, 2007 Park Improvement and Heritage Committee meetings.

..... CARRIED

8. Provincial Grant of \$2 Million

KEY ISSUE

The Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, in response to Rouge Park's proposal, has provided the Rouge Park Alliance with a grant of \$2 million for specific Park initiatives.

MOTION: Moved by: Erin Shapero
Res. #48/07: Seconded by: Sue Gunton

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive this report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Rouge Park Alliance recognize the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal and the Government of Ontario for their financial contribution to ensure the implementation of the newly-enlarged Rouge Park proceeds in an effective manner.

..... **CARRIED**

9. Retention of Consultants to Extend the Draft Little Rouge Corridor Management Plan
to the Markham East Lands Dedicated for Rouge Park Purposes

KEY ISSUE

In 2007, the Province of Ontario dedicated an additional 600 hectares of land between the Little Rouge Corridor and York/Durham Townline for Rouge Park purposes. The Park needs to prepare a management plan for this area consistent with the principles used in preparing the draft Little Rouge Corridor Management Plan and the draft Bob Hunter Memorial Park Master Plan.

MOTION: Moved by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor
Res. #49/07: Seconded by: Tom Melymuk

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance endorse the Terms of Reference for the planning study as discussed by Rouge Park and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority staff and the Chair of the Rouge Park Alliance and presented in the attached proposal invited from ENVision The Hough Group;

AND FURTHER THAT ENVision The Hough Group be awarded the contract to undertake this work on the basis of the attached proposal.

..... **CARRIED**

10. Correspondence

MOTION: Moved by: Bonnie Littley
Res. #50/07: Seconded by: Tracy Smith

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the following correspondence:

1. Letter dated March 23, 2007 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Hon. David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, re: Grant of \$2 Million for Rouge Park Purposes.
2. Letter dated March 28, 2007 to Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Funding for Rouge Park and Bob Hunter Memorial Park.
3. Letter dated March 29, 2007 to John MacKenzie, Ontario Realty Corporation, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Property - 8359 Reesor Road, Markham.
4. Letter dated April 18, 2007 to Hon. Michael Chan, Minister of Revenue, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Rouge Park.
5. Letter dated April 19, 2007 to Hon. David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Rouge Park Funding.
6. Letter dated April 19, 2007 to Chairman Bill Fisch, Region of York, from Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, re: Rouge Park.

- 7. Letter dated May 28, 2007 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Kathy Stranks, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, re: Appointment of Representatives to the Rouge Park Alliance.
- 8. Letter dated May 28, 2007 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Dave Beattie, Earth Tech, re: Upcoming Investigation Work: Geotechnical Subsurface Investigation - York-Durham Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Individual Environmental Assessment.
- 9. Letter dated May 30, 2007 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from City Clerk, City of Toronto, re: Village Securities Site Acquisition.
- 10. Letter dated June 4, 2007 to Gord Weeden, Rouge Park Alliance, from Calvin White, Toronto Zoo, re: Future Use of Valley Halla.

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11. New Business

Note dated June 15, 2007 regarding "Big Pipe Concerns" handed out by Jim Robb and presented by Councillor Erin Shapero.

MOTION: Moved by: Erin Shapero
Res. #51/07: Seconded by: Bonnie Littley

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance request the Region of York to provide the Alliance with any information regarding its water levels monitoring program for the York-Durham Sanitary Sewer Project for 16th Avenue, and the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer.

..... CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by: Gerri Lynn O'Connor
Res. #52/07: Seconded by: Erin Shapero

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance direct staff to arrange a meeting with Alliance members, Garry Hunter, York Region and other agencies involved in the Southeast Collector and the 16th Avenue portion of the York-Durham Sanitary Sewer (YDSS) Project to discuss water monitoring and concerns as outlined in a handout (Attachment #1) presented by Councillor Erin Shapero on behalf of Jim Robb.

..... CARRIED

ACTION - Staff to request information from York Region and set up meeting with Garry Hunter and involved parties to the YDSS Project and invite Rouge Park Alliance members.

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 1:00 p.m. on June 15, 2007.

Gord Weeden
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager
General Manager, Rouge Park