



## **ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - MEETING #5/09 - JUNE 19, 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Rouge Park Alliance met at the Rouge River Community Centre in Markham. The Chair, Alan Wells, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **PRESENT**

#### **Members:**

Alan Wells, Chair  
Councillor David Cohen, Town of Richmond Hill  
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.  
Markham Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Region of York  
Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley, Region of Durham  
Gerri Lynn O'Connor, TRCA  
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

#### **Alternates:**

Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham  
Paul Harpley, Toronto Zoo  
Councillor Chin Lee, City of Toronto  
Debbie Pella Keen, Province of Ontario  
Jim Robb, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.  
Carolyn Woodland, TRCA

### **ABSENT**

#### **Members:**

Councillor Paul Ainslie, City of Toronto  
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Hon. Michael Chong, MP, Government of Canada  
Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP, Province of Ontario  
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto  
Councillor Erin Shaper, Town of Markham  
Councillor Jennifer O'Connell, City of Pickering

#### **Alternates:**

Ian Buchanan, Region of York  
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto  
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Tom Farrell, Province of Ontario  
Adele Freeman, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Mark Graham, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.  
Sue Gunton, Toronto Zoo  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Town of Markham  
Keith Laushway, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.  
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering

#### **Staff:**

Bob Clay, Manager, Ecological Restoration  
Michelle Holmes, Manager, Visitor Experience  
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Coordinator  
Vicki MacDonald, Biologist

#### **Staff (Continued...)**

Maria Papoulias, Manager, Natural Heritage  
Sheryl Santos, Stewardship Coordinator  
Jessica Walker, Field Technician  
Lewis Yeager, General Manager

#### **Observers:**

Tom Boudreault, City of Toronto  
Bryan Buttigieg, Miller Thomson  
Ron Christie  
Colin Creasey, 10000 Trees for the Rouge  
Gail Crossman, Transport Canada  
Jim Dillane, TRCA  
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham  
Kim Empringham, York Region Fed. Of Agriculture

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

Peter Evans, Toronto Zoo  
Lois James, Green Door Alliance  
Murray Johnston, Rouge Valley Foundation  
Serena Lawrie, Rouge Valley Foundation  
Bill Lewis, Rouge Valley Foundation  
Cathy Molloy, Markham Museum  
Marvin Macaraig, Dept. Of Geography, U. Of T.  
Colin O'Neill, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

**Observers (Continued...)**

Lionel Purcell, Rouge Valley Foundation  
Brian Reynolds, York Region Fed. Of Agriculture  
Robert Roszell, 10000 Trees for the Rouge  
Linda Sarang, Rouge Valley Foundation  
Harold Sellers, Oak Ridges Trail Association  
Sadhana Siva, Friends of the Rouge Watershed  
Patricia Short-Galle, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust  
Mr. & Mrs. Lorne Smith  
Tupper Wheatley, Milne Park Conservation  
Association  
Anne Wells  
Kevin Wong



**TERMINATION**

**ON MOTION**, the Rouge Park Alliance Meeting #5/09 terminated at 10:40 a.m. on June 19, 2009.

Immediately after, the Annual General Meeting started off with two presentations. The first was by Harold Sellers, Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA), who discussed the organization's goal, trails and linkages, hikes and events. The second presentation was by Alana Taylor, Ph.D. candidate, York University, who talked about pollinators, and the importance of bees, different species, their functions, etc.

On behalf of the Rouge Valley Foundation, Murray Johnston accepted the 2009 Rouge Park Award, along with other members who were present. In his speech, Murray talked about the participation of past and present members, volunteers and staff in the activities and daily operations of the Foundation, and recounted the history and some fun memories of the organization. Glenn De Baeremaeker also reminisced about his involvement with past activities and events of the Foundation.

Lewis Yeager, General Manager, gave a brief overview of Rouge Park's ongoing projects and initiatives, such as Rouge Park East Lands, natural heritage restoration projects, monitoring and research (e.g. frog watch, bug house, bird surveys), next steps for Rouge Park, etc.

Alan Wells  
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager  
General Manager, Rouge Park