



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING #4/09 - May 29, 2009

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom of the Toronto Zoo. Alan Wells, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Calvin White, Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Alan Wells, Chair
Hon. Michael Chong, MP, Government of Canada
Councillor David Cohen, Town of Richmond Hill
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
Markham Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Region of York
Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP, Province of Ontario
Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley, Region of Durham
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Peter Evans, Toronto Zoo
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Councillor Jennifer O'Connell, City of Pickering
Gerri Lynn O'Connor, TRCA
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Calvin White, Toronto Zoo

Alternates:

Ian Buchanan, Region of York
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Jim Robb, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
Debbie Pella Keen, Province of Ontario
Carolyn Woodland, TRCA

ABSENT

Members:

Councillor Paul Ainslie, City of Toronto
Hon. Pauline Browes, Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp.

Alternates:

Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
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.
Councillor Chin Lee, City of Toronto
Tom Melymuk, City of Pickering

Staff:

Bob Clay, Manager, Ecological Restoration
Michelle Holmes, Communications Specialist
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Coordinator

Vicki MacDonald, Biologist
Maria Papoulias, Manager, Natural Heritage
Lewis Yeager, General Manager

Observers:

Ted Bowering, Toronto Water
Gail Crossman, Transport Canada
Jennifer Draper, TRCA
Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham
Bob Goodinigs
Daniel Kostopoulos, Region of York

Observers (Continued...)

Marvin Macaraig, Dept. Of Geography, U. Of T.
Rick Nicolussi, Cherrywood Resident
Brendan O'Callaghan, City of Toronto, Legal Dept.
Dan Orr, MOE
John Presta, Region of Durham
David Szeptycki, Region of York

Glenn De Baeremaeker requested that the letter dated January 22, 2009, from Brendan O’Callaghan, Solicitor, City of Toronto, be brought back to the Rouge Park Alliance.

ACTION

- Letter to be brought back to the Rouge Park Alliance.
- Alliance members requested:
 - (a) technical report from the City of Toronto regarding their concerns,
 - (b) information on inflow and infiltration into the YDSS from York Region.
- Councillor Moeser requested a presentation on “Smart Growth” and its impacts on municipalities.

Gerri Lynn O’Connor expressed, on behalf of the Alliance, a special thank you to Calvin White, representative for the Toronto Zoo, for all his dedicated work and commitment to Rouge Park over the past years.

Glenn De Baeremaeker also thanked Calvin White for everything that he has done for the Rouge Park Alliance and the Park.

Mr. De Baeremaeker also expressed a special thank you to Lois James for her continued dedication and commitment to Rouge Park.

1. Correspondence

MOTION: **Moved by: Ron Moeser**
Res. #38/09 **Seconded by: Jennifer O’Connell**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the following correspondence:

- 1. Email dated May 8, 2009 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Kathleen MacCarthy, re: Illegal Hunting of Deer in Rouge Park.**
- 2. Letter dated May 2009 to Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park, from Bill Fisch, York Region, re: IEA for the SEC Trunk Sewer Project - Odour Control Facility.**
- 3. Letter dated May 1, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Kimberley Kitteringham, Town of Markham, re: Rouge River Watershed Plan Implementation Guide.**
- 4. Letter dated May 12, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Kathy Stranks, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, re: Royal Rouge Trail Erosion Control Project, City of Toronto - Class Environmental Assessment.**
- 5. Letter dated May 19, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Patricia Newland, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, re: Nos. 30-48 Royal Rouge Trail Erosion Control Project - Class Environmental Assessment.**

..... **CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath updated the Alliance on the following correspondence:

- 1.1.1 re: Illegal Hunting of Deer in Rouge Park - that Markham Council dealt with this issue and passed a resolution to deal with it further in September 2009.
- 1.3.1 re: Rouge River Watershed Plan Implementation Guide - that the issue had gone to staff and will be going to Council to finalize its position.

TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 12:00 p.m., on May 29, 2009.

Alan Wells
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

Lewis Yeager
General Manager, Rouge Park