



ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE MINUTES - MEETING #6/09 - September 18, 2009

The Rouge Park Alliance met in the Main Boardroom of the Toronto Zoo. Alan Wells, Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Peter Evans, Toronto Zoo, for hosting the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

PRESENT

Members:

Alan Wells, Chair
Councillor David Cohen, Town of Richmond Hill
Glenn De Baeremaeker, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.
Peter Evans, Toronto Zoo
Markham Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Region of York
Councillor Ron Moeser, City of Toronto
Councillor Erin Shapero, Town of Markham
Councillor Clyde Smith, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Alternates:

Wayne Arthurs, MPP, Province of Ontario
Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Ron Dewell, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
Councillor Chin Lee, City of Toronto
Jim Robb, Save the Rouge Valley System Inc.

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
Regional Councillor Bonnie Littley, Region of Durham
Councillor Jennifer O'Connell, City of Pickering
Gerri Lynn O'Connor, TRCA

Alternates:

Ian Buchanan, Region of York
Councillor Raymond Cho, City of Toronto
Nestor Chornobay, Region of Durham
Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
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
Carolyn Woodland, TRCA

Staff:

Michelle Holmes, Manager, Visitor Experience
Doreen McCarty, Administrative Coordinator

Vicki MacDonald, Biologist
Maria Papoulias, Manager, Natural Heritage

Observers:

Gail Crossman, Transport Canada
Jim Dillane, TRCA
Lois James, Rouge Valley Foundation
Rob Lowes, Transport Canada
Andy McKinnon, Public Participant
John Matheson, StrategyCorp

Observers (Continued...)

Brent Mersey, Markham EAC
Learie Miller, Town of Markham
Colin O'Neill, Friends of the Rouge Watershed
Debbie Pella Keen, Province of Ontario
Rocco Sgambelluri, TRCA
Sadhana Siva, Friends of the Rouge Watershed

Once again, the important role of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corporation, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and its partners, the Town of Markham, the City of Toronto, and others who provide resources, time and enthusiasm to making Rouge Park so successful is recognized and appreciated.

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Date: September 2, 2009
Attachment

ACTION - Staff to bring forward Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp. report to the Alliance with an update to the Federal Government endowment fund to Rouge Park.

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #44/09 **Seconded by: Bonnie Littley**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance write thank-you letters to the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Corp. and others (i.e. Province of Ontario, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Town of Markham, etc.) for their funds and support to Rouge Park.

..... **CARRIED**

ACTION - Staff to write thank-you letters.

2. Rouge Park Natural Heritage Committee Reports

KEY ISSUE

Present the actions, recommendations and outcomes of the Rouge Park Natural Heritage Committee meetings held on February 4 and February 24, 2009.

MOTION: **Moved by: Bonnie Littley**
Res. #45/09 **Seconded by: Peter Evans**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes of the February 4 and February 24, 2009 Rouge Park Natural Heritage Committee meetings.

..... **CARRIED**

3. Rouge Park Policy & Administration Committee Update

KEY ISSUE

Present the minutes of the Rouge Park Policy and Administration Committee meeting held on September 15, 2009.

MOTION: **Moved by: Glenn De Baeremaeker**
Res. #46/09 **Seconded by: Clyde Smith**

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the minutes of the Rouge Park Policy and Administration Committee meeting held on September 15, 2009.

..... **CARRIED**

2. **Copy of Region of York Notice of Study Completion, Transportation and Water and Wastewater Master Plan Updates.**
3. **Letter dated June 16, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Karen Deer and Carroll Gair, Markham Residents, re: Telecommunications Towers in or Near the Park.**
4. **Letter dated June 25, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Murray Johnston, Rouge Valley Foundation, re: Appreciation of 2009 Rouge Park Award.**
5. **Letter dated July 6, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Patricia Newland, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, re: 30-48 Royal Rouge Trail Erosion Control Project.**
6. **Letter dated July 14, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Daniel Kostopoulos, Region of York, re: Rouge Park Alliance Res. #31/09 - Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer. (Res. #31/09, deferred May 1/09; Res. #37/09 Carried May 29/09)**
7. **Copy of Letter dated July 23, 2009 to John Campbell, Waterfront Toronto, and Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto, from Phil Goodwin, Don Watershed Regeneration Council, re: Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project - Detailed Design Work Funding.**
8. **Copy of Letter dated August 6, 2009 to The Hon. Jim Prentice, MP, Minister of the Environment, from Kathy Stranks, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, re: Authority Res. #A112/09, Rouge Park be considered a National Park.**
9. **Copy of Letter dated August 6, 2009 to The Hon. Donna Cansfield, MPP, Minister of Natural Resources, from Kathy Stranks, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, re: Authority Res. #A112/09, Rouge Park be considered a National Park.**
10. **Copy of Letter dated August 14, 2009 to Phil Goodwin, Don Watershed Regeneration Council, from John Campbell, Waterfront Toronto, re: Detailed Design Work Funding for the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project.**
11. **Letter dated September 9, 2009 to Alan Wells, Rouge Park Alliance, from Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham, re: Large Acreage in Rouge for Picnic Area and Other Recreational Activities.**
12. **At the Special Rouge Park Alliance meeting on May 29, 2009, Glenn De Baeremaeker requested the following letter be brought back to the Alliance:
Copy of Letter dated January 22, 2009 to the Ministry of Environment and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, from Brendan O’Callaghan, Solicitor, City of Toronto, re: Environmental Assessment of the York Region Sewer System, Southeast Corridor.**

..... **CARRIED**

6. New Business

Jim Robb handed out a report titled: “YDSS Groundwater & Surface Water Wasting and Export”, Attachment 1.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Moved by: Bonnie Littley
<u>Res. #51/09</u>	Seconded by: Erin Shapero

THAT the Rouge Park Alliance receive the report handed out by Jim Robb, titled: “YDSS Groundwater & Surface Water Wasting and Export”.

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With regard to this report, Jim Robb would like York Region to monitor and provide updated peak flows and actual daily, monthly and annual volumes of groundwater infiltration and surface water inflow.

ACTION	- Staff to request information from York Region.
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