

Rouge Park



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### **The Assigned Task**

- The approved Terms of Reference
  - Objective of the study is to identify, develop and evaluate potential governance models
  - Assess adequacy of funding
  - Assess the park operation and management needs
  - Land Reconciliation

#### **Engage the Rouge Park Alliance Membership**

**Steering Committee plays an important role in the broader membership of the Alliance**

**It is important that these organizations are able to engage each other in a clear and effective manner**



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### **Decision Makers**

- Because of the history of the Rouge Park and the existing land ownership; all three levels of government must be engaged in the process
- Both the Federal and Provincial Ministers have clearly indicated they are awaiting this report
- Each of the Alliance member Council's and Boards will play an important and essential role in this process



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### **Purpose of the Consultant's Report**

- We have asked the Consultant's to:
  - Independently and objectively to assess the needs of the Rouge Park in terms of governance, management, financial needs and land ownership
  - Identify and evaluate potential models and provide their professional advice
  - Work with and provide a process to engage the Steering Committee in a clear and effective manner
- The cornerstone of any discussion between the Alliance and all three levels of government on a new governance structure and funding arrangement must stand on an independent and objective assessment.
- This report is that independent advice



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### **The Alliance Position**

- This report is not the Alliance position
- That position will emerge from or in response to:
  - The individual and collective positions taken by the member organizations
  - Discussions with both the Provincial and Federal Ministers their staff and key stakeholders
- The Alliance position will be tabled upon completion of the process set out by the recommendations contained in the Chair's report which is before you today
- Once that position is established a targeted advocacy initiative will be undertaken to communicate the Alliance's position