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Mayor Don Cousens and Members of Council  
Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
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Dear Mayor Cousens and Members of Council:

**Re: OPA 140 - Rouge Park North**

I am writing on behalf of the Rouge Park Alliance.

We have just been informed that the OMB pre-hearing on OPA 140 has been postponed until 2007. As a result of this postponement, the Town of Markham is proposing to conduct a study to apply the "environmental criteria" from our Rouge North Implementation Manual for establishing Rouge Park in the OPA 140 area.

As the Rouge North Management Plan sets out the criteria for establishing Rouge Park and the Greenbelt Plan supports our Rouge North Management Plan and our Rouge North Implementation Manual, it is important that the interpretation of these criteria meet with the goals and objectives of the Rouge North Management Plan which has been supported by the Town, Region of York, and the Province. We support the town's initiative to apply these criteria to the delineation of Rouge Park.

Rouge Park should be part of that study as the findings of this study will have a long-term effect on the Park's operation. We wish to work with the Town of Markham and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on developing the Terms of Reference for this initiative, and reviewing the progress of the work. We note that it will not be possible to undertake some necessary field work in the winter.

Please contact Lewis Yeager, General Manager, Rouge Park, with the details of the proposal on how and when we can become involved.

Sincerely,

Gord Weeden  
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

cc: Sheila Birrell, Clerk, Town of Markham  
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