



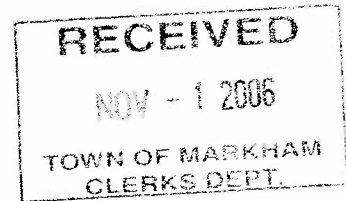
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October 23rd, 2006

The Town of Markham
Ms. Sheila Birrell, Clerk
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario
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Dear Ms. *Sheila* Birrell:

RE: ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE (C10-C0 & C09)

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on October 17th, 2006.

It was the decision of the Council, at that time, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is a partner in the Rouge Park Alliance, together with the Towns of Markham and Richmond Hill, the Region of York, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, and the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Rouge Alliance has a mandate to plan and implement Rouge Park;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario provided both land acquisition funds and land donations and funded the preparation of the Rouge North Management Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Markham has adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 140 (OPA 140) which has the effect of implementing the Rouge North Management Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and Ontario Regulation 59/05;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in response to the Region of York's circulation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, supported the adoption of OPA 140;

AND WHEREAS OPA 140 is consistent with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area, prepared by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal and approved under the Places to Grow Act, which requires that municipalities identify its natural heritage system and develop policies for their protection;

AND WHEREAS OPA 140, which was adopted by Markham Council on October 11, 2005, and modified and approved by the Region on May 31, 2006, was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB);

AND WHEREAS the Town of Markham and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) are preparing a joint defense of OPA No. 140 with the support of the Rouge Park Alliance and the Region of York;

AND WHEREAS the OMB has scheduled a Pre-Hearing Conference for Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at the Town of Markham on the appeals of OPA No. 140;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to instruct his staff to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference on October 25, 2006 and that his staff request full party status at the hearing and that his staff support the Town of Markham, the Region of York, the TRCA and the Rouge Park Alliance in seeking OMB approval of OPA No. 140.

Yours truly,



Mrs. Michele Kennedy, B.A., C.M.O.
Town Clerk

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Copy: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Regional Municipality of York
Rouge Park Alliance

