

Rouge National Urban Park - Official Plan Amendment - Final Report

City Council Decision

City Council on November 27, 28 and 29, 2012, adopted the following:

1. City Council amend the Official Plan, for the lands in the Rouge Park area substantially in accordance with the proposed Official Plan Amendment attached as Attachment 6 to the report (October 23, 2012) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the proposed Official Plan Amendment as may be required.
3. City Council thank Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Federal government for committing to create a National Park in the Rouge Valley area and further encourage the Federal government to:
 - i. Ensure that the concept, legislation and management plan for Rouge National Urban Park respects, strengthens and implements the vision, goals and objectives of the City approved Rouge Park Plans (1994 and 2001) and current Toronto Official Plan, the Provincial Greenbelt Plan (2005) and the Rouge Natural Heritage Action Plan (2008); including incorporating the existing park vision that:

the Rouge National Urban Park will be a special place of outstanding natural features and diverse cultural heritage in an urban-rural setting, protected and flourishing as an ecosystem in perpetuity. Human activities will exist in harmony with the natural values of the Park. The Park will be a sanctuary for nature and the human spirit;
 - ii. Respect conservation science, good planning principles and long term park ecological health and visitor potential, by including the 100+ km² public land

assembly within the Rouge and Duffins Creek watersheds as part of the Rouge National Urban Park study area;

- iii. Ensure restoration of a large mixed-wood and Carolinian forest habitat system linking Lake Ontario to the Oak Ridges Moraine with public parkland and trails; and
- iv. Include First Nations and other respected conservation NGOs on the Rouge National Urban Park Advisory Board.

Statutory - City of Toronto Act, 2006

Background Information (Committee)

(October 23, 2012) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division on Rouge National Urban Park - Official Plan Amendment - Final Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-51492.pdf>)

Motions (City Council)

1 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker (Carried)

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Vote (Amend Item (Additional))

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Result: Carried	Majority Required - PG19.3 - De Baeremaeker - motion 1
Yes: 33	Paul Ainslie, Maria Augimeri, Ana Bailão, Michelle Berardinetti, Raymond Cho, Josh Colle, Gary Crawford, Vincent Crisanti, Glenn De Baeremaeker, Frank Di Giorgio, Sarah Doucette, John Fillion, Paula Fletcher, Doug Ford, Rob Ford, Mary Fragedakis, Mark Grimes, Doug Holyday, Chin Lee, Josh Matlow, Pam McConnell, Mary-Margaret McMahon, Joe Mihevc, Peter Milczyn, Denzil Minnan-Wong, Frances Nunziata (Chair), Cesar Palacio, Anthony Perruzza, Jaye Robinson, David Shiner, Karen Stintz, Michael Thompson, Adam Vaughan
No: 0	
Absent: 12	Shelley Carroll, Janet Davis, Mike Del Grande, Norman Kelly, Mike Layton, Gloria Lindsay Luby, Giorgio Mammoliti, Ron Moeser, John Parker, James Pasternak, Gord Perks, Kristyn Wong-Tam

Motion to Adopt Item as Amended (Carried)

Vote (Adopt Item as Amended)

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