

Correspondence from Marlaine Koehler, Executive Director, Waterfront Regeneration Trust

Good afternoon Joanne,

Unfortunately, David Crombie and Pauline Browes are not available to make a deputation tomorrow at the TRCA Board meeting.

We would like to share that the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Friends of the Rouge National Urban Park strongly support plans for the TRCA to enter into discussions with Parks Canada to expand the Rouge National Urban Park by conveying TRCA Lands in Durham to them.

TRCA is an outstanding champion for and steward of the environment. It played an essential and leading role protecting the Rouge Valley during the 25+ years it took to secure an official home for the Rouge with the establishment of the Rouge National Urban Park.

The TRCA's leadership continued during the transition of the Rouge valley lands to Parks Canada, and now again with this proposal.

The proposal to convey TRCA lands in Durham, particularly those in the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve is an example of TRCA's commitment to always put the protection of the environment first.

Moving these TRCA land holdings to Parks Canada as part of the Rouge National Urban Park builds on legacy park. It will protect terrestrial and aquatic linkages and other ecological treasures including the Townline Swamp and Amos Pond, the Altona Forest, and regional forests in Uxbridge. It will facilitate and support local, regional and national trail development and connections, and will ensure their protection and stewardship in perpetuity.

The FNUP and WRT have called upon the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to work together to move the DRAP lands into the Rouge National Park.

TRCA's proposal to move its land holdings in the DRAP into the Park contributes to this goal.

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