

## Item 7.1



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**Subject:** From Friends of the Rouge National Urban Park--request for support changes to the boundary

**From:** Marlane Koehler <mk@wrtrust.com> - Tuesday 06/12/2018 10:03 AM

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Amended boundary-East of Meadowvale 2.pdf

June 12, 2018

**To: Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

**RE: Boundaries for the RNUP in the Updated Tripartite Agreement**

We want to thank members of the Board for the thoughtful consideration invested into the decision concerning the conveyance of TRCA lands to Parks Canada and the update of the Tripartite Agreement. The establishment of the Rouge National Urban Park is an historic accomplishment decades in the making. At long last, and thanks to the support and leadership of many of you, this precious valley will have the protection and celebration it deserves.

John Mackenzie and TRCA staff have done an outstanding job of working with stakeholders to identify and respond to critical issues raised.

Our organization, the **Friends of the Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP)** and a number of organizations, which support our view, including the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, request that the TRCA Board support the resolutions proposed by the TRCA staff at the Members Meetings on May 25, 2018, with an important change to **Resolution 6, and the addition of Resolution 8.**

**Proposed change to Resolution 6: Remove Toronto Zoo Board Approval** FRNUP is committed to participating in the Parks Canada process to identify the best location for the flagship visitor/education centre. This renewed consultation process is one of the excellent outcomes of John Mackenzie's stakeholder meetings. However, we object to the condition that makes the outcome of this process subject to Toronto Zoo Board approval, which would give the Zoo a "veto" over the results of the consultation process and the decision of Parks Canada.

**Proposed Resolution 8: include lands east side of Meadowvale in the RNUP** The lands on the east side of Meadowvale Road, from the Red Barn south to the Pearce House (see map below) be conveyed to Parks Canada. For those of you familiar with the area, these lands have functioned as Toronto's gateway to the Rouge Valley for decades. An arrangement between

Parks Canada and Toronto Zoo similar to the one proposed for the Finch Meander would be an appropriate mechanism to accommodate the Zoo's operational needs. During the consultations with TRCA, the Toronto Zoo indicated that they had no intention or desire to restrict public access to the lands.

East of Meadowvale is the where we believe is the best location for the flagship Visitor Centre for Canada's first National Urban Park. This parkside location provides a vista of the Park and is adjacent to trails and nature walks. It is the most accessible location for visitors and school children who often make field trips to the valley.

Many thanks for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Pauline

**Hon. Pauline Browes P.C.**

**Chair of the Friends of the Rouge National Urban Park**

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Attachment: Summary of the FRNUP Support for TRCA Staff recommendations presented to Members at the May 25th, 2018 Meeting

**Supporters of the Visitor Centre for the RNUP to be located on the east side of Meadowvale Road, Toronto**

**Friends of the Rouge National Urban Park:** Hon. Pauline Browes, Chair; Glenn De Baeremaeker, Deputy Mayor Toronto East; Hon. Michael Chong M.P.; Hon. Peter Kent M.P.; Peter Bashaw; Bruce Grubbe; Ted Matthews; Heather Moeser; Larry Noonan

**Waterfront Regeneration Trust:** Keith Laushway, (chair); Hon. David Crombie, Ann Mulvale, Hon. Pauline Browes, Marlane Koehler

John Tory, Mayor of Toronto

Glenn De Baeremaeker, Deputy Mayor Toronto East, Councillor Ward 38 & TRCA Board Member

Jim Hart, City of Toronto Councillor Ward 44

Michael Thompson, City of Toronto Councillor Ward 37

Kevin Ash, Durham Regional Councillor & TRCA Board Member

John Livey, Deputy City Manager, City of Toronto (ret. 2018)

Hon. Henry N. R. Jackman, Former Lt. Governor of Ontario

Senator Victor Oh, Senate of Canada

**Alton Forest Stewardship Committee:** John Miseresky (co-chair); Larry Noonan (co-chair)

**Milne Park Conservation Association (Markham):** Tupper Wheatley (President)

**Highland Creek Community Association:** David Adamson (President)

West Rouge Community Association

**Toronto Field Naturalists:** Charles Bruce-Thompson (President)

**Accessibility Advisory Committee City of Pickering:** Tim Higgins (Accessibility Co-ordinator City of Pickering)

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<p>1. Removal of the Finch Meander from the lands to be added to the Tripartite agreement subject to Parks Canada entering into a lease or license with the Toronto Zoo for the Finch Meander area south of Old Finch Avenue.</p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation.</b> This recommendation places a key natural asset in the hands of Parks Canada while permitting the Toronto Zoo access it requires to manage security. We were very pleased when the Toronto Zoo agreed to this approach during the stakeholder meetings.</p>
<p>2. Removal of the browse garden use from the lands being added to the Tripartite Agreement north of Finch Avenue.</p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation.</b></p>
<p>3. Any development proposed on the lands north of Finch Avenue be restricted to the areas highlighted in blue on the attached map 2 with the access to the conservation breeding facility highlighted in red on map 2 and be subject to the City of Toronto approval processes.</p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation.</b></p>

<p>4. That the tripartite agreement be amended so that the clause relating to the TRCA and PC staff being allowed access to the lands as required in order to undertake environmental monitoring and restoration activities also apply to the lands on the east side of Meadowvale.</p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation.</b></p>
<p>5. That a clause be added to the tripartite agreement to ensure that that the Valley Halla is restored and maintained in a condition that protects the heritage value of the buildings subject to Toronto Zoo Board approval.</p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation.</b></p>
<p>6. That a clause be added to the tripartite agreement that the parties agree to amend the boundary at a future date to accommodate the outcome of PC process for determining the ultimate location of the orientation and education facility <del>subject to PC and Toronto Zoo Board approvals.</del></p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation and is committed to participating in the Parks Canada process. <u>However, we object to the condition that makes the outcome of the Parks Canada process subject to Toronto Zoo Board approval.</u> In, addition, we underscore the importance of locating an appropriate gateway/welcome centre on the east-side of Meadowvale Rd.</b></p>
<p>7. That a clause be added to the tripartite agreement to ensure cooperation on requests to PC and other bodies to support the restoration and maintenance of built heritage assets in the RNUP including but</p>	<p><b>FRNUP supports this recommendation.</b></p>

<p>not limited to Valley Halla and the Pearce House.</p>	
<p><b>8. Addition of the lands on the east side of Meadowvale Road, from the Red Barn south to the Pearce House to be conveyed to Parks Canada as soon as possible.</b></p>	<p><b>An arrangement similar to the one proposed for the Finch Meander in Resolution 1 would be appropriate.</b></p>



# Proposed Zoo Boundary, April 6, 2018

