

August 20, 2024

John MacKenzie
Chief Executive Officer
Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

RE: Potential transfer of TRCA land parcels to Parks Canada for Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

Thank you for your note and I hope that this letter finds you well.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you and your team at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for working collaboratively with the Parks Canada team at Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) to explore the possibility of including additional TRCA lands in the park.

Based on the map of TRCA lands prepared in April 2024 (attached), Parks Canada is interested in further exploring the following parcels for inclusion in RNUP:

3. *Petticoat Creek*
4. *Major Creek to West Duffins Creek*
5. *Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Parcel*

Parks Canada is also interested in the two parcels north of the park (*1. Goodwood Resource Management Tract, 2. Secord Forest*), unless Ontario Parks requests to acquire them for Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park. Parks Canada's Executive Director for Ontario and Waterways has already reached out to Jason Travers, Managing Director at Ontario Parks, on Aug. 1, 2024, to express this same sentiment about those two specific parcels.

Should Ontario Parks be interested in those two parcels, Parks Canada's Executive Director for Ontario and Waterways has expressed to the Province of Ontario, via his counterpart at Ontario Parks, that Parks Canada would like to acquire the lands identified on the map as "Provincial Lands" (in orange) in lieu of those two additional TRCA parcels. Originally, the Province offered these lands to Parks Canada for RNUP as part of the *Memorandum of Agreement Respecting the Establishment of the Proposed Rouge National Urban Park* signed by both parties in 2013. We would sincerely appreciate TRCA's support and assistance in helping to secure these additional Ontario lands from the Province for RNUP.

Sincerely,



Andrew Campbell
Senior Vice President Operations, Parks Canada

Attachment:

- **MAP:** *TRCA Additional Lands Overview – April 2024*