

## Item 7.1.

**From:** Andrea Thornton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** The Rescue, Care and Treatment of Sick, Injured and Orphaned Wildlife is extremely important

**Importance:** High

Dear Chairs and Members of the TRCA Board,

I'm writing to let you know I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I want to highlight that I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have often relied upon Toronto Wildlife Centre when I've come across injured wildlife in the city. On numerous occasions over the last 18 years, Toronto Wildlife Centre has provided valuable advice to me in handling wildlife in the city and I've brought many injured animals and birds to them for rescue and rehabilitation. It was wonderful and very rewarding that they kept me posted on the progress of the rescued animals and I learned that they were successfully rehabilitated and safely released again. I'm really hopeful Toronto Wildlife Centre will be able to move to the Rouge National Urban Park but they will need your support in order to do so.

With the status of climate change and the dire news about the looming extinction of so many species, the rescue, care and treatment of local sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is vital to me and my community. I'm counting on you to act in the best interest of us all by helping Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Warm regards and many thanks,  
Andrea Thornton  
[REDACTED]

## Item 7.2.

**From:** Robert Cobban <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:11 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello Mr. Mackenzie.

I've been asked to write to you regarding the proposed funding assistance for the new build for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I feel that it's a very worthwhile endeavor and we thank you for your consideration in proposing the use of the land to build a new facility.

We hope that you will do everything in your power to get the decision to allocate the funds towards the new construction passed.

The TRCA's efforts to help the TWC establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park is terrific and I support the motion made by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councilor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My spouse works downtown and she see's many injured birds that have been hurt by flying into buildings. She has seen the people taking these injured birds to the TWC for rehabilitation. It's the least we can do to help the TWC do this work in a better equipped and new facility. Both Margaret & I donate regularly to the TWC (and humane societies) so we are happy to see that some of our tax dollars are going to this worthy cause.

Thank you for your support!

Robert Cobban and  
Margaret Dunjko.

## Item 7.3.

**From:** Tamara Carvalho <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support of TRCA efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello,

I am writing to show my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I believe protected resources are vital to not only the health and safety of our animals, but the balance of entire ecosystems which support the overall health of our communities.

Please take this email as recognition of my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

- Tamara Carvalho

## Item 7.4.

**From:** Patricia Dickie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park!

Dear Jennifer Innis & the Members of the TRCA Board,

I am delighted to hear that the TRCA has agreed to provide the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** the use of land in the **Rouge National Urban Park** so they are finally able to build their permanent home for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Your continued support and potential infusion of \$20 million towards this fantastic vision of TWC's rescue and rehab centre is truly something else!

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. As well, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify **Toronto Wildlife Centre** as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I honestly do not know what my husband and I would have done had it not been for the immediate assistance of the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** when we had a newly born litter of bunnies on our hands. Their mother had been killed — her babies couldn't have been more than a couple of weeks old, if that — It was a Sunday morning — On a holiday weekend. The Toronto Wildlife Centre was the only resource out there. I will be forever grateful for their 'above and beyond' action. The information and instruction provided to us, helped us help the orphaned bunnies. I will never forget that experience. It felt good to be able to do what we did.

Please find a way to help make this noble and important initiative become a reality.

Thank you,

Patricia J Dickie

## Item 7.5.

**From:** Nick .. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I am writing to you to voice my support regarding the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I am also in full support as far as the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nick Poutsoungas

## Item 7.6.

**From:** L S <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Re wildlife facilities

Dear Sir,  
Please be advised these wildlife facilities/ sanctuary are necessary for the safety of our Wildlife. They have rights too. It's unfortunate these little animals can't speak for themselves. We need more conservation areas not buildings upon buildings. I am asking to scrape this new reform or bill.  
I have brought in many injured raccoons birds etc.  
They have a place in the world. Please don't take it away from them.  
Thank you  
Libby Stein

## Item 7.7.

**From:** Jenna <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** TRCA TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE IS A PRIORITY

**I Jenna DiSalvo strongly support the efforts of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Park in efforts to Help support wildlife and rehabilitation of animals in the city of Toronto.**

- **I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you, Jenna.

## Item 7.8.

**From:** Finan, Rachel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Hello Mr. MacKenzie

I am writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) – thank you.

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

TWC has been a supported charity of mine for 10+ years and I absolutely love the vital work they do. I also donate to Fatal Light Awareness Program who have a team of dedicated volunteers who take migratory birds that have collided with the tall towers down here in Toronto and they get transported to TWC for medical care and rehabilitation (the ones that make it, that is 😊)

I also know that they take in many orphaned babies and rehabilitate them until they can be released. We are so lucky to have TWC and the work they could do with this dedicated facility would be wonderful.

Thank you for your time.  
Kind regards,  
Rachel

**Rachel Finan**

## Item 7.9.

**From:** Cristina Pianosi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

To members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),

Helping wildlife is an important world mission and I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Cristina Pianosi - Toronto resident

## Item 7.10.

**From:** Laura <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:54 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the board of the TRCA,

I'm writing to show my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre and their urgent need for a permanent home in Rouge National Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

TWC is vital to keep Toronto's unique urban ecosystem healthy. Our city is not a nature desert, and our family enjoys spotting wildlife in our streets, backyards and parks. Unfortunately this wildlife can sometimes come to harm due to human activity. TWC keeps the balance and gives us a chance for coexistence. They also shine a positive light on our city, leading the world in wildlife rehabilitation and conservation. Our family is proud to be a donor.

We support the motion made by the former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Please support the TWC and their efforts to build a permanent home.

Thank you,  
Laura Sullivan & Derek Gowland

## Item 7.11.

**From:** Amy Fedrigo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** TWC in Rouge National Urban Park

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing to voice my support for the motion put forth by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, that identifies the Toronto Wildlife Centre(TWC) as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have been a longtime supporter of the TWC and the incredible work that they do and the vital service they provide for our city. I have brought injured wildlife to them and have always been in awe of their compassion, skill, and overwhelming efforts to make a difference. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate Canada's first national urban park, and continuing the theme of nature thriving in a city. A new facility in an amazing natural setting would help them do so much more. Not only give them a place to continue to provide lifesaving assistance to animals but also educate the public.

The TRCA does a wonderful job of protecting the natural habitat for wildlife in the city, that many of TWC patient's benefit from. I cannot think of a better use for the funds and I sincerely hope the TWC becomes the priority it is. This is an important issue for the people and wildlife of Toronto. If the TWC cannot do what it does best, we will all feel the loss.

Sincerely,  
Amy Fedrigo

## Item 7.12.

**From:** Rachel Frank <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TCA Board,

I am a Toronto resident writing to express my support for the TRCA's efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre make a new home in Rouge National Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I am in support of the motion by Councillors to make this a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Toronto Wildlife Centre does important work for the wildlife in our city and I know this project will be valuable to locals as well as visitors to the park.

Thank you,  
Rachel Frank

## Item 7.13.

**From:** Tracy Buchanan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:58 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** A permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing this email to indicate my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I would also like to indicate my support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have visited the TWC's current home with my daughter to teach her about the valuable work the group does to help our cities wildlife community, it was a wonderful learning experience for both of us. The expertise and resourcefulness the group brings to our city is nothing short of amazing. It is time they have a permanent home so they can focus on wild animals in distress.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Buchanan

## Item 7.14.

**From:** Michael Cheng <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (Agenda Item EX10.4)

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board of Directors:

I am writing to the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) to express my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). While I know that TRCA is involved in many important initiatives, I hope TRCA make funding for TWC's permanent facility in Rouge National Urban Park a priority for the 2020 budget (Agenda Item EX10.4).

Our family has been a regular supporter of TWC for several years and we know that they do extraordinarily valuable work with limited resources. In addition to direct rescue of wildlife, TWC also provides valuable educational and resources for the public.

Thanks for your time. We look forward to hearing more about the wonderful and important partnership between TRCA and TWC.

Regards,

Mike Cheng

## Item 7.15.

**From:** Sam and/or Kathy Jephcott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Just a note to inform the committee that we support the Toronto Wildlife Centre and their relocation to the Rouge Park area.

We hope that the TRCA 2020 budget will give priority to the needs of Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Thank you

Sam & Kathy Jephcott

## Item 7.16.

**From:** Adrian Bica <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; sheena.bjarnason@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Funding for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, John Mackenzie and TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing this email to express my support for the allocation of funds for a new Toronto Wildlife Center facility. I am a homeowner in Toronto, Architecture Professor in Mississauga and Wildlife Helper in North York. I have volunteered with the Toronto Wildlife Center in the past and wholeheartedly support the work done by the organization.

The speed at which urban sprawl is swallowing animal habitats has reached an unprecedented rate and although this may be unavoidable, a facility offering assistance to animals caught in the crossfire of urbanization is a solid start to mitigating the conflict.

I encourage members of the TRCA to make a positive moral decision and support Toronto's animals in need with the financial assistance they deserve.

**Adrian Bica,**



## Item 7.17.

**From:** Maryjane <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** PLease support the Toronto Wildlife Centre!

I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for over 20 years and really value the work they do to assist injured wildlife in our urban environments. I whole heartedly support the TRCA efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

In the past the TWC has looked after two animals in distress that I have come across and I have always been impressed with their professional and sympathetic approach to handling these cases that do not always turn out as well as one hopes. Even in these cases, there is some comfort in knowing that those that cannot be saved are spared a painful death.

I am told there is a motion put forward by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I am writing voice my strong support of this motion.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Finlayson

## Item 7.18.

**From:** Debra Clinton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:07 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** PLEASE APPROVE THE ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK WILDLIFE CENTRE

Hello Mr. MacKenzie,

I'm writing to let you know that I hope you will fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

As a Pickering resident bordering on the Rouge system, I would have loved to have had such a close location when I found an injured seagull in the intersection down the street, or when my daughter saw an injured fox.

Please support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. We NEED this project completed!

Please add your support and help get this project approved and built for the animals!

Thank you,

Debra Clinton

## Item 7.19.

**From:** katherinegay katherinegay <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Thank you for making the Toronto Wildlife Centre a PRIORITY!

Dear Mr. Mackenzie, I wanted to let you know that I support all undertakings to make the Toronto Wildlife centre as a priority project. In these days full of bad news, it will be wonderful to see our elected politicians make a significant statement about the moral and environmental importance of helping Canadian wildlife survive and thrive.

regards, Katherine Gay

## Item 7.20.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir/Mesdames:

- **Please be advised that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **Please be advised that I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**I have had personal experience with TWC helping me with advice on wildlife in my area. I am also a member of TWC. They do amazing work and are greatly needed. I encourage you to please prioritize their needs.**

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

Carol Ciarallo

## Item 7.21.

**From:** Ruth Bonner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Many years ago I came across a duck suspended by its wing from a kite-string stuck in a tree over a river. I couldn't work out how to get it down but hated to leave it in distress so I started phoning around. This was in Newmarket and none of the local government and wildlife-connected agencies could offer help but eventually one of them suggested I try the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Not long afterwards a representative turned up at my door and asked me to show him the spot. When we got there the duck was gone and I felt a bit stupid but the rep insisted on looking up and down the river until we found said duck with obvious injuries to its wing. He tried to catch it, returned again the next day and eventually took the bird to the Wildlife Centre where it was nursed back to health and released.

I am so happy to hear that the TRCA is to offer the Toronto Wildlife Centre a permanent home in the Rouge and to contribute towards its construction and ask you to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. They helped when no-one else could or would.

Thank you for your attention,

*Ruth Bonner*

## Item 7.22.

**From:** Antonio Brazil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:16 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Support for the TRCA

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you.  
Antonio Ferrara

## Item 7.23.

**From:** Rita Keating <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

TO: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer

As a resident of Toronto, I wish to go on record as a strong supporter of the TRCA and its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councilor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project or the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have seen first hand the wonderful work done by this organization. They are a vital part of our city.

Sincerely yours,  
Rita Keating

## Item 7.24.

**From:** Uffen, Laurie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's New Facility

Dear Mr. MacKenzie , Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am emailing to let you know that I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park and also support the motion

by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The work carried out at this facility and by these caring individuals is a much needed service in the GTA. I request that you please put the request for funding for this very important project at the top of your list.

Thank you  
Laurie Uffen

## Item 7.25.

**From:** Ecaterina Agheeva <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Project, support

Hello,

Please note that me and my family we do support **the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and we **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Toronto Wildlife Centre** helped to rehabilitate two baby-Canada Geese few years ago, that we found beside our office at the parking lot, and I am proud to be part of the story and thankful to the centre for their support, helping hands and professionalism!

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Ecaterina Agheeva

## Item 7.26.

**From:** Nishanth Lakshman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support of the TRCA in efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home

Hi Honourable Secretary Mackenzie,

I would like to send you this email to acknowledge my support TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I think the TWC is a great initiative that couldn't keep doing the amazing worth they do with your continued support. Please help them get a forever home so they can continue to rehabilitate and rescue our injured wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Nishanth

## Item 7.27.

**From:** Lori Rose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre Move

Good afternoon,

I'm sending this email in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre move to the Rouge National Urban Park and the allocation of funding to its new facility.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a Toronto taxpayer, I care deeply for the care and treatment of our animal residents that the TWC provides.

Thank you,  
Lori Rose

## Item 7.28.

**From:** Kristen Mcdevitt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA

Dear Chair and members of the TRVA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

As a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre I am able to see the rehabilitation of sick, orphaned and injured wildlife from the GTA. Additionally, the centre plays a crucial role in educating the public and even leaders on how to maintain the integrity of the wildlife in Toronto.

I show my full support for **the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) And, **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you for your time. I hope to see the centre continue grow with its efforts to preserve the wildlife in our city.

Best,  
Kristen McDevitt

## Item 7.29.

**From:** Rosalind Ashe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My friend found an injured swan and it was an amazing moment, after months of rehabilitation, when the swan was released back into its natural habitat.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Ashe

## Item 7.30.

**From:** Joanna S Rainbow <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for a Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

**Dear Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board,**

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**

**I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Members of my family have taken injured wildlife – a bird on one occasion, a baby rabbit on another occasion – to the Toronto Wildlife Centre for care and rehab. We were overjoyed to have such a facility to go to. They are truly dedicated and do tremendously skilled work with very limited resources, to relieve animals' suffering - much of it caused by thoughtless people. We have also fostered orphan wildlife in our ravine garden, installed there with a**

**nesting box by Toronto Wildlife Centre staff. Our city's natural fauna need all the help we can give them.**

**Joanna Rainbow**

## **Item 7.31.**

**From:** George Halatsis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:36 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Priority Project for the TRCA 2020 Budget

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board (c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer),

My name is George Halatsis. My wife and I, along with our 3 adult children are all residents, homeowners and taxpayers in the GTA and proud supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). I am writing to you on our behalf for 2 reasons. Firstly, I want to go on record that we stand firmly behind and appreciate TRCAs support to secure a permanent home for TWC. TWC provides an essential, cost-effective and compassionate service for our wildlife cohabitants that in turn enrich all of our lives in this great community of ours.

Second, I want to register our strong support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The funding associated with this motion will greatly address the capital requirement to construct TWCs proposed state-of-the-art facility, something that will more effectively address the need to heal and support our challenged wildlife and welcoming facilities that will help promote awareness and education of our residents about our wildlife.

The GTA is world-renowned for its green spaces, making it one of the most livable cities in the world. A key element of this green space environment is our wildlife cohabitants. Once again, please support the passage of this motion to make TWC a priority project for TRCAs 2020 budget.

Thank-you for your consideration

Respectfully yours,  
George Halatsis

## **Item 7.32.**

**From:** Pippa Wyson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Wildlife protection

To The Board Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA):

I'm writing to express my thanks for your support so far as it relates to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As you know, their current building is scheduled for demolition quite soon, meaning establishing a new building is now urgent.

The TRCA would be an ideal new home, and the idea is certainly generating a lot of excitement. I very much support your efforts to date to make this happen.



And to make it happen, I strongly encourage the TRCA to establish the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project in your 2020 budget – as was proposed by Markham Councillor Jack Heath and Glenn De Baeremaeker (a former Toronto Councillor).

Helping injured wildlife is more important than ever since many are becoming more threatened and endangered as the planet and habitats change. I've been a supporter for of the TWC for many years, and will continue supporting them and promoting the value of the TRCA when they move.

Sincerely,  
Pippa Wyson  
Science, Medical and Children's Writer & Journalist

## Item 7.33.

**From:** Gerry, Karen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE PERMANT RESIDENCE in ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am currently a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) providing monthly and annual donations, and occasional 'wish list items' to the centre. I have lived in Markham for the past 20 years, and well know that there is very limited help with sick, injured and misplaced wildlife in the city of Markham. As a result I have called TWC many times, the most recent in February 2018 for assistance with an injured raccoon. TSC responded very quickly, and were most accommodating and empathetic when updating me with my calls of concern to learn of the raccoon's prognosis.

As Toronto and the GTA continue to expand and encroach on wildlife habitat, there will continue to be ongoing clashes with wildlife with negative consequences to the animals. With now so much emphasis on the environment, and global warming and the effects on the animals in today's media, we can no longer just ignore what is happening. Markham and other cities within the GTA need support for wildlife care!

My children (now late teens) have met Nathalie Karvonen many years ago when she started up her 'Pet Camps', which we learned about via Nathalie's television interviews on news stations at that time. My husband and I were so taken by her passion for wildlife and trying to make a difference to protect the animals.

I **definitely** support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (*TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4*), and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in Toronto and the GTA, and set an example for the rest of Ontario!

Kindest regards,  
Karen Gerry

## Item 7.34.

**From:** JO ELLEN LOGAN <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Next Friday's Vote on the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

I am writing to you to let you know how important it is to me and to the citizens of Toronto that we do whatever we can to assist our wildlife. The quality of our life is closely tied to the quality of life we are able to provide for our wildlife.

I also want to thank the TRCA for working with Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home for them in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

Unfortunately, our wildlife is under threat as buildings encroach on their habitats, cars hit them, garbage snares them, .... It makes my heart ache to see our injured and sick animals. I am incredibly grateful for the care that Toronto Wildlife Centre gives to orphaned, sick and injured animals. I have personally taken a 2-day old baby squirrel to them after he fell from his nest and his mother failed to retrieve him. Incredibly, TWC was able to save him and later release him into the wild. On another occasion, I borrowed a humane trap from TWC to catch a badly injured racoon to take to them for help. I frequently watch the videos that TWC posts and I see the stories of the beautiful birds, turtles, foxes and other needy animals they've rescued. They provide an amazing service to the citizens of Toronto and to our wildlife.

Please support the motion put forward by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath.

It is very important to me, and to all Torontonians, that TRCA makes the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project in 2020.

Jo Ellen Logan

## Item 7.35.

**From:** Ben Freedman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:30 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** supporting Toronto Wildlife Centre new home

Hi John,  
I'm emailing in support of Toronto Wildlife Centre's new home in the Rouge Valley and hope you can incorporate its building and funding in your budget.  
The work done on behalf of wildlife is very important and vital to keep us from becoming a concrete jungle with little attachment to the natural world around us.  
I have personally brought wild animals including birds and a racoon, dogs and stray cats on many occasions to get help with injuries they sustained.  
Help get the Wildlife Centre its new home in The Rouge Valley.  
Thanks,  
Ben Freedman  
Retired Property Owner

## Item 7.36.

**From:** Tzabia Siegel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** please support Toronto Wildlife Centre

Mr MacKenzie and member of the board of TRCA,

Sending you this quick note as an expression of my concern for the continuation and growth of the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

I have been a monthly financial supporter for ten or more years. I started supporting the centre when I found an injured baby squirrel in my backyard. In seeking out professional help, I discovered that the only place to get advice or to take a hurting animal is this centre. I have since taken other fallen wildlife to the centre and also been involved in calls that included a young deer, foxes on the DVP, a raccoon mother and babies hit by a car.

I care deeply about wildlife, and I recognize that we have encroached on their natural habitats. We have a responsibility to care for those that are injured. The only alternative is to sit back and watch them die, or to steel your heart and turn away.

Please offer your financial support to the building of the new centre.

Thank you.  
Tzabia Siegel

## Item 7.37.

**From:** Meredith Garcia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Support of new building!

To the chair and members of the TRCA board,

Hello! My name is Meredith Garcia and I am a third-year student veterinarian at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, ON. I was a former nursery volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre during my undergraduate degree, and I have participated firsthand in their wildlife rehabilitation efforts. The compassion and care of the staff during my time here, and seeing the difference we made in the lives of rescued wildlife, made for an unforgettable experience, which sparked a passion for wildlife rehabilitation that I hope to continue throughout my career as a veterinarian.

I am e-mailing today to show my support of the TRCA and its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremarker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I was a volunteer back in 2016, and the staff and volunteers were *already* talking about their hopes to move from their current location in North York to Rouge Park. The wildlife and staff deserve a better home, and better conditions, and a new facility would be absolutely life-changing for them.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my e-mail of support, and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

**Meredith Garcia**, H.BSc

## Item 7.38.

**From:** MICHALLA BREZINKA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:42 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - TWC

Hello Mr. Mackenzie,

I'm writing to you today in regard to the Toronto Wildlife Centre, who I support through financial contributions on a monthly basis. I have called this organization on various occasions regarding sick or injured animals and the staff is always helpful and extremely knowledgeable. This year, I attended their open house and was made aware that the building they are in is about to be demolished because of the extremely poor state it is in.

I appreciate the support of the TRCA to help relocate the TWC to Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and hope that TWC will be identified as a priority project for the 2020 budget.

As development/construction continues at such a rapid pace in both the city and the surrounding area, we are removing the habitat of the local wildlife, which makes it even more vital that we have an organization like the TWC to give these animals a fighting chance.

Thank you for your time  
Michalla Brezinka

## Item 7.39.

**From:** Walz, Andrew >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Mr. MacKenzie:

I would like to express my full support for TRCA's efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

Further, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Best Regards,  
Andrew Walz

## Item 7.40.

**From:** Jo-Ann Joseph >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** TWC New Home Rouge Nat'l Urban Park

Hello Chair & Members of the TRCA Board,

We understand TRCA has been very supportive of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's need and aspirations to use the land at the Rouge National Urban Park to build a permanent home to replace the facility at its current location which is in seriously poor condition and slated for demolition.

For years we personally have supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre and continue to believe passionately, that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is of paramount importance to us personally and to local taxpayers.

We understand that the new wildlife facility will be amazing when it's completed with web cameras and one-way windows to increase public viewing of the work of the TWC,

a wide range of educational activities and twice the space they currently have. It will allow expansion and improvements to its core programs namely: the Wildlife Hotline, Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Public Education.

We vehemently urge:

- **you support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **you support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you and most sincerely,

Jo-Ann Joseph & Michael Cole

## Item 7.41.

**From:** Tammy Dawson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please allocate funding for construction of new facilities for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chairman and Board Members of TRCA,

I am a resident of Peel region. I am also a dedicated supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) and have personally brought several small animals to TWC for care and treatment as they are the one reliable sanctuary for sick, injured, or orphaned animals in my area. The work TWC does to assist all wildlife is so important to me, that I drive an hour to and from their location to both drop off animals and pick them up after rehabilitation to return them to their habitat.

It is because I have been to TWC's current location several times over the past few years, that I have seen for myself that they definitely need a better and more importantly, permanent facility. As a taxpayer, I would like you to know that:

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

On May 24, please vote to prioritize and allocate funding for TWC's construction of a new facility as their current building is set to be demolished by the end of this year!

Sincerely,  
Tammy Dawson

## Item 7.42.

**From:** Jane Withers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir,

**On Friday, May 24th, Toronto may be one step closer to building a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.**

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**

**I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**I am a Toronto taxpayer and happy to support this good cause.**

Jane Withers

## Item 7.43.

**From:** Cassandra Scarmozzino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Move to Rouge National Urban Park

Hi there,

As a concerned resident and taxpayer of Toronto, I feel that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is extremely important. Therefore, I support the allocation of funding for moving the Toronto Wildlife Centre to Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. The sustainability of wildlife is becoming more and more crucial to the environment.

Thank you for your consideration!  
Cassandra Scarmozzino

## Item 7.44.

**From:** Nisha Kagal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing to you regarding the decision about allocation of funds towards helping the Toronto Wildlife Center build a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. I have become aware that the Wildlife Center is being forced to move out of their current facility, by the end of the year, due to the poor conditions of the building they are currently housed in.

Having volunteered at the TWC myself, I have seen first-hand just how wonderful this facility is in helping orphaned/ abandoned/ injured wildlife become well again before rehabilitating them into the wild.

As we all know, we as a human race have taken over much land that is not all ours. And in the spirit of kindness and oneness of all nature and it's beings, I'd like to be a voice for the animals.

Therefore, I am writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With Respect,  
Nisha Kagal

## Item 7.45.

**From:** Eleanor Shaw <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge your office to support funding for a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

This organization has worked tirelessly for the past 25 years on donations from the public. When their flight building was damaged in a wind storm last spring, the public rallied and raised \$40,000 in a matter of days in order to facilitate this important structure. This organization matters to the people of Ontario.

I have supported the TWC financially for a few years and my friends and family have joined me in supporting this worthy organization.

I have contacted CITY TV in the past to request that they air a segment on their morning show - Breakfast Television, to highlight the great work they do, after learning of their existence on another morning show. City came through and TWC was promoted as a valuable resource in our city and the areas surrounding the GTA.



This past weekend I attended at their building in Downsview to drop off donations and was dismayed at how difficult it was to find, and how small the facility is compared to the need they have with the numbers of animals they care for every day.

I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for taking the time to review this email.

Yours truly,  
Eleanor Shaw

## Item 7.46.

**From:** Peter Welsh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC Centre

I am writing to mention my full support for the proposed wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre. As the GTA continues to grow the TWC gives a service to our wildlife co-habitants that is vital to the region. As a professional that works for a local conservation authority I understand the imperative to give the TWC all the support they need. Without them our region would be at a loss for the service they provide us.

I support:

- the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Regards,  
Peter Welsh

## Item 7.47.

**From:** Christina Ingraldi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:03 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** My Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am writing to you to express my support, and ask for your consideration, of Glenn De Baeremaeker's and Councillor Jack Heath's motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have personally experienced how vital the service that Toronto Wildlife Centre offers is to our city. After snatching a tiny deer mouse out of my cat's mouth, I noticed he was injured. I didn't want to let him go to die a slow and painful death—so I called Toronto Wildlife Centre to see if they could help. They had me bring the mouse to their centre, and I was amazed by the level of care they offered this poor creature, giving him a full examination, treatment and antibiotics. Once the mouse was healed I had the opportunity to release him into a nearby park, to reclaim his place in the ecosystem. I know it seems like a small, almost insignificant thing to do, but the message Toronto Wildlife Centre sent with their actions humbled me—that no life is too small, and that it is our responsibility as city residents to help the wildlife whose habitat we have encroached upon and who are adversely affected by our urban way of life.

I'm proud of the amount of green space and biodiversity the GTA boasts, and I'm grateful to have an organization like Toronto Wildlife Centre to help us ensure that we can coexist peacefully with our the wildlife around us. Please do consider how the loss of this organization would effect not just wildlife, but the people who come across injured animals every day and need somewhere to turn to help.

Thank you and all my best,  
Christina Ingraldi

## Item 7.48.

**From:** jocelyn.perras jocelyn.perras <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** New Wildlife Centre Critically Needed !

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing in strong support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I have used the facility on Carl Hall Road and the staff and volunteers have be amazing and so helpful. I have sought help with injured raccoons and squirrels and they have provided knowledgeable and practical support. A new location would help this critical work.

In our large urban area we need a large enough centre to help with the work this facility provides.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Perras

## Item 7.49.

**From:** Ruth Arnold <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board / c/o John Mackenzie,

I'm writing to voice my support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre establishing a rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also support the motion made by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

In my many years of living in Toronto I have watched the urban development absorb the small green spaces that wildlife once lived in. Behind my building used to be reeds and plants between railway tracks that birds and rabbits managed to live in. Now it's gone, and a large concrete GO station platform occupies the space.

Sincerely,

Ruth Arnold

## Item 7.50.

**From:** Suzanne MacDonald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:54 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre facility

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I understand that the decision to fund the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility in the Rouge National Urban Park is being made on May 24th, and I wanted write in strong support of the project. I have worked closely with the TRCA for several years, on the Heart Lake and TTP turtle survey, and I also do research on urban raccoons in the GTA. Over the past ten years, it has been increasingly obvious that the work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to rescue, care and treat injured, sick and orphaned wildlife is an essential service for the area.

I personally receive dozens of emails and calls from residents throughout the summer months, asking for help with injured or orphaned raccoons, and I always send them to the TWC. Natalie Karvonen and the TWC do an extraordinary job of helping many thousands of animals, and dealing with many thousands of residents. The numbers are staggering, and only increasing as humans continue to encroach on wildlife habitat. We desperately need the TWC in this city, and we need the TWC to have a permanent home.

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help TWC establish that permanent home, and I support the motion from Councillors De Baeremaeker and Heath to identify TWC as a priority

project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

Thank you very much for your time, and for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne MacDonald

## Item 7.51.

**From:** mary marcon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** I Support the TRCA in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre get a permanent home.

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

The Toronto Wildlife Centre provides a vital service saving animal lives in the GTA. They catch, treat, perform surgeries, and rehabilitate animals in Toronto and the GTA.

Last spring there was a wild turkey that had been shot with an arrow in Whitby. Toronto Wildlife came out, were able to catch the turkey, operated on it, and then released it back where it was found. They also successfully treated coyote pups with mange from the same area.

I have toured the centre. It is overcrowded with every type of animal from turtles to bats. The facility is barely being held together. They cannot wait any longer for a new location. I support the motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I also support the TRCA in its effort to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Rouge National Urban Park.

Thank-you,  
Mary Marcon

## Item 7.52.

**From:** Maxine and Basil Peters <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of TRCA Board c/o John MacKenzie Secretary/Treasurer I wish to voice my support for the establishment of a new Centre at the Rouge Valley Conservation Area. The work that this Centre is truly astounding and as citizens of the GTA we should be immensely proud of this institution . It is unique in Canada. I have supported their cause for many years and urge you to support them also.

Sincerely,  
Maxine Peters B.Sc., Dip. P.&O.T.

## Item 7.53.

**From:** Jonathon Paquin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Good afternoon Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am reaching out to you in regards to the upcoming vote next Friday regarding funding for the Toronto Wildlife Foundation through the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

I would like to lend my support to this important initiative. As a resident of Durham, this is an initiative that I want to give my full support to. I think it is one of the most important things we can do as a society to maintain our environment and a key aspect of that is Wildlife. Population in the GTA area is at an all time high putting more and more pressure on our precious Wildlife in the area. Continued investment in the Toronto Wildlife Foundation will be critical to ensure we can continue to make our environment friendly to local Wildlife, and help them rehabilitate when our lifestyle encroaches on their territories causing harm or displacement.

Please do know that the community cares about this. I hope you receive lots of support for this initiative and the vote is a positive outcome for all.

Best regards,  
Jonathon Paquin

## Item 7.54.

**From:** Don Clarke-Home <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre funding

To: the Chair and Members of the RCA Board.

I understand that consideration is being given by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to further assist the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) in constructing their new facility in the Rouge National Urban Park. I further understand that you are currently considering providing funding toward this construction. I recognize this would be in addition to the generous assistance already provided.

I am a GTA citizen, living and working here. I am in favor of this funding. I firmly believe the community has an obligation to alleviate the suffering of wildlife damaged by our urban environment. If we did not have the TWC, the public would demand more government action. When injured wildlife is found, the people involved simply expect services to be available. My own experience with Toronto Animal Control has not been positive. I am grateful for the work of the TWC.

Without the TWC I believe the services provided would be less effective and more expensive, so I am in favor of spending to provide a new home to the Centre, and to spending to address an urban need. I believe this would be money well spent and ask the TRCA to do what it can to extend funding for this important capital project.

Don Clarke

## Item 7.55.

**From:** Shona Bridge <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

**Importance:** High

Chair and Members of the TRCA board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Dear TRCA board,

I am a long time supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am asking for your support in the upcoming TRCA decision to allocate funding for the centre. Wildlife in this area (GTA) needs our attention and help. All of the environment (us, the land and the animals that inhabit it) are so important especially in a metropolitan area. Please help.

Yours sincerely,  
*Shona*

***Shona E. Bridge, CHIM***

## Item 7.56.

**From:** Maureen Kingston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please support a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear TRCA,

As you consider how to allocate budget next week, please prioritize the valuable work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does by supporting the \$20 million allocation towards the construction of the new facility. We are so fortunate in Toronto to be surrounded by green space but with that comes the responsibility for all of us to help the wildlife who share our space and who have no one else but us citizens and our elected officials to help them when injured by inadvertent interactions with people or other hazards.

The people that work at TWC are tireless and selfless. As a resident of the GTA and supporter of the TWC, I would be happy to see my tax dollars go to the worthy cause of a permanent home for TWC in the Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to make this a priority project in the 2020 budget.

Thank you for considering this plea.

Regards,

Maureen Kingston

## Item 7.57.

**From:** Sandra Rinomato <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:15 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA

My family and I have taken many injured and orphaned animals to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and we've seen just how compassionate their work is. We've noted their commitment to the animals and we support them financially as well. We've met with Nathalie and have taken the tour of the facility and I was an MC at a fundraiser event for them a few years ago.

The first animal we called in about was an orphaned squirrel. They gave us good information and we were able to bring him in for care and the squirrel was subsequently released to the wild once she had matured enough. As it turns out, Vince the Squirrel was a girl and is newly named The Squirrel Formerly Known as Vince by TWC staff. We still have photos of Vince and were thrilled to be invited to her release.

Their work at TWC is vital and they are the only centre where we can take animals who are in distress and whom we can call upon when we see an animal in need in the wild. The TWC needs a permanent home and we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish their new home in Rouge National Urban Park.

We support the motion by former Councillors Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you

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Sandra Rinomato

## Item 7.58.

**From:** Vivian Luc <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC funding

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the funding allocation towards the Toronto Wildlife Centre. It is very important that they are top priority and receive these funds that are much needed. I support and appreciate the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre in building the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park and I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre

as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Thank you for supporting a great cause and helping those who help the ones in need.

Best,  
Vivian Luc

## Item 7.59.

**From:** Spider Campos <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Natalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 - Toronto Wildlife Centre Relocation

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to express, in the **strongest** possible terms, my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I, in the **strongest** possible terms, support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.  
To me, this is the **HIGHEST** of all priorities.

We live in an era where the environment **IS** the single most important issue of our time.

Wildlife is an integral part of the ecosystem, that we finally recognize, needs our immediate attention and protection.

It is VERY clear that saving wildlife is not just an act of compassion for other species, but also an act of preservation of our own species.

The wildlife in turn do their part in nourishing and safeguarding the delicate symbiosis between all participants of what we call the environment.

Our welfare is tied to theirs.

TWC has done an incredible job, almost single-handedly, in doing this work, on behalf of all Ontarians.

I personally have taken numerous injured or sick raccoons to the Centre and they saved nearly all of them.

We, as humans and people, need to act with urgency and determination to help TWC find a home where they can fully fulfill their mandate.

My profound hope is that TRCA raise the relocation to the top of the agenda and do whatever it takes to facilitate the relocation **as soon as possible, for everyone's sake.**

It is your legacy to realize that you did your part, that you stepped up amid the apathy and callousness and in no small way, saved us from ourselves.

Sincerely,

Stephen Spider Campos



## Item 7.60.

**From:** Dianne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New Wildlife Centre Project

Hello,

Please consider this email as my support for TRCA's efforts to establish a new permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (as per TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) as they've done amazing work rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife for many years. Having a larger, modern facility would be a huge benefit to their ongoing and much needed work.

I also support Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath in making the new TWC a high priority project in the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Please make this a 'dream-come-true' for those who've been helping all our wildlife in past years; it will be a huge benefit to the community and preserve the various species of wildlife we have the opportunity to admire every day.

Kind regards,  
Mrs. Dianne Aldan

## Item 7.61.

**From:** Melvin Laucke <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto wildlife centre

Mr. Mackenzie, we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA agenda Item EX10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the 2020 budget.

We have supported this exceptional organization who not only cares for our Toronto Wildlife But has information seminars for young students and adults to talk about wildlife and what it means for the balance of nature.

To me this is one of the few worthwhile projects that will have a long lasting positive effect.

Melvin Laucke

## Item 7.62.

**From:** Jacquie Houston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Please provide \$20 million to construct the new Wildlife Centre which is badly needed to help wildlife that live around Toronto and are just as important as potholes, even more important, dare I say.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent hom in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Regards  
Jacquie Houston

## Item 7.63.

From: Bob Henderson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:28 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: Significance Of Building A New Facility & Maintaining A High Profile In The GTA

Good Afternoon, Mr. John Mackenzie,

I am writing you a brief note which strongly supports the dedicated work and excellent wildlife service(s) which you provide citizens with on a daily basis. My wife & I live on a golf course in Thornhill, Ontario( The Toronto Ladies Course ) where we experience a large variety of animals and birds throughout the year. On occasion, we have requested your advice/service regarding baby raccoons, baby birds( most recently, orphaned Blue Jays ) & baby rabbits. Your Staff who communicate with us on the phone or come to our home to assist us have been FANTASTIC! These small creatures would perish on a regular basis if care was not available. I have supported your Wildlife Centre(financially) for a number of years. In return, I am quite satisfied with the degree of professional care which your dedicated Staff provides. Actually, I been watching the TV series on Channel 2( 7:00PM ) which outline different survival techniques with the many animals/birds who require serious health assistance.This TV series is a wonderful viewing platform to inform all nature lovers the exact care, techniques used etc. To ready these animals/birds back to their natural habitats. Your new facility to be built sounds great & will give your employees & volunteers a first class structure to continue your work. There is a GREAT NEED for this type of service which your trained professionals offer on a daily basis. Best wishes on your drive for this new facility and maintaining this very high level of performance.

Sincerely,

Bob Henderson

## Item 7.64.

From: McDonald, Kathy <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:30 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Thank you for your past support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

I have become more familiar with the important work done by TWC ( as well as the sad state of their current premises) over the past year since I've become a volunteer at the Centre. The dedication of their staff and volunteers to help care for and release wildlife impacted by us and our continuous encroachment into their homes is needed more and more every year. They care each year for hundreds of orphaned, sick and injured wildlife from birds and opossums, groundhogs to coyotes; they literally save lives every day and provide a critical service. I have called TWC on many occasions when I've come across fledglings, orphaned squirrels, or as I did recently, a sick raccoon. Their advice and guidance has been indispensable.

Please approve the permanent home for the TWC in the Rouge National Urban Park. TWC needs a new home with more space in order to help more animals, and to allow the public to learn more about the wildlife whose home we live in.

I am wholeheartedly in favour of the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baermaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you.  
Kathy McDonald

## Item 7.65.

**From:** judy\_carey judy\_carey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT THE TRCA IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE  
ESTABLISH A PERMANENT HOME

**Importance:** High

***YES! I DEFINITELY SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL THE SUPPORT, HELP,  
DONATIONS***

I am a monthly donator. I truly believe and support the Toronto Wildlife Centre and they desperately need a permanent home for all our wildlife.

The center does SO much for our community, all the precious species and wildlife.

PLEASE pass the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath (Markham Councillor) and recognize this as a priority project for 2020.

Desperately needed, so well deserved and so deeply important!!!

Thank you!!!

Judy Carey

## Item 7.66.

**From:** Caroline Medwell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please make Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority

This email confirms my avid support of the TRCA efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

As well, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is an important and valuable part of our community, and an essential service for our wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Medwell

## Item 7.67.

**From:** Thomas, Keitha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:45 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Building a TWC in Rouge Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Thank you for your continuing support for a new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility in the Rouge National Urban Park. As you know, the TWC does amazing work taking care of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife. In addition, the other programs they run ensure that people remain knowledgeable and caring of the wildlife that we share our space with.

I believe so much in what the TWC does that I give generously on a regular basis.

I hope that when the vote comes up to fund a new permanent home for the TWC, the TRCA will support this vigorously.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Keitha Thomas

## Item 7.68.

**From:** Shirley Elliott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Good afternoon:

Please know that I fully support the Wildlife Centre project in the Rouge National Urban Park.. The dedication that is demonstrated day after day in caring for sick and injured wildlife is truly inspirational. I've toured their current facility and they are in dire need of a new building.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a PRIORITY PROJECT for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I can appreciate the work done at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I once cared for an injured bird that flew into a window of my home. I placed it into a shoebox, ventilated with a few holes and gingerly left it to recover a few hours later. Much to my surprise and delight the bird was well and flew away after taking it out to my backyard. Such a relief.

Sincerely  
Shirley Elliott

## Item 7.69.

**From:** marie marie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Good afternoon John Mackenzie and members of the TRCA Board,

Please receive this letter as my explicit support of the TRAC's efforts in advocating for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their venture to solidify the establishment of a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRAC Agenda item EX10.4).

Sitting on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board is extremely humble and conspicuous position. Your decisions affect the protection and conservation of our natural environment and wildlife it houses. Maintaining a respect for our ecological home includes one that honours ALL life it feeds -wildlife and humans together. Unfortunately, the more we impede our natural environment with discontent for ALL life, the more injured and orphaned wildlife amount. It is our responsibility, with the backing of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, to help the wildlife that need us.

I came to know the Toronto Wildlife Centre many years ago. On two separate occasions I found injured birds in a park. I had no idea what to do but I knew I had to do something. Who would leave injured wildlife to parish if help is close by? I went home and 'googled' Toronto injured birds; a few clicks later I came upon the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I called the help centre and they advised me on what to do with the bird. I followed their instructions and brought the injured birds to their facility at Downsview Park for rehabilitation.

Years later I decided to dedicate some of my spare time volunteering. Lucky for me I was honored a position as Wildlife Care at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As we are all aware, the building is beyond need of help and slated for demolition. We must act FAST to ensure the busiest wildlife centre in CANADA has a sustainable future.

I unquestionably support the TRAC in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRAC Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRAC's 2020 budget.

It takes compassionate and dedicated individuals to sit on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board. It takes compassionate and dedicated individuals to consider Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority. It takes the same individuals to make it happen.

So let's make it happen!

Kindly,

Eirica Perruzza

**Item 7.70.**

**From:** Ainslie Willock <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Councillor Matlow; Nathalie Karvonen

**Subject:** Please allocate \$20 million towards the construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board - c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Please approve a donation of \$20 million (two thirds of the total cost) towards the construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) Facility to help enable them to establish a permanent home at the Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. TWC is Canada's busiest wildlife centre and is well deserving of your/our support.

I rescued a baby robin last spring at Bloor and Bay. I couldn't leave it there surrounded by glass and concrete. I called around and it was the TWC that said that if I could drive the bird up to their facility, they'd be able to care for it. I drove up with the baby robin and a donation and was relieved that it would have a second chance at life.

There's so much that we do that harms wildlife. It's tremendous that there's an organization that truly helps Toronto's wildlife - hospital and rehabilitation centre for wildlife - a way of giving back.

A big thank you to the TRCA for all that it does to help and celebrate wildlife. I had a fabulous time last Saturday at Tommy Thompson Park celebrating migrating birds. I was right beside Double-crested cormorants, Black-crowned Night-Herons and Great Egrets' nests. It was utterly amazing! Many of the other visitors were asking for the names of the birds and placing the names in their smart phones to refer back to next year. Great to be able to experience the best that nature has, right at our doorstep. Such a dynamic urban experience!

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ainslie Willock

## Item 7.71.

**From:** Naomi Adam <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I am writing to you, as a resident of York Region, to express my support for the work done by the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I believe that the work of this organization is very important: not only to the wildlife that is rescued, but also to humans. We need to recognize our impact on the wildlife that lives among us in urban and suburban areas and make meaningful efforts to conserve and protect injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. This is precisely what TWC does.

I have sought the help of the wildlife centre when I've found injured animals and birds and they have never failed to provide assistance, with compassion and expertise.

I wholeheartedly support the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's efforts to assist Toronto Wildlife Centre in establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park and also support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I hope that after deliberating, the Regions covered by the TRCA arrive at a decision to fund the TWC's new home as part of the 2020 budget.

Yours truly,  
Naomi Adam

## Item 7.72.

**From:** RM <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: The Chair and Members of the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority

C/O Mr John Mackenzie, Secretary-Treasurer By email:

At your upcoming meeting on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> I understand you will be considering whether or not to allocate a considerable sum towards the construction of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I cannot think of a more worthwhile use of TRCA resources than in support of local wildlife that is becoming increasingly negatively affected by the encroachment of humans on their natural habitat. To put it bluntly, in my humble opinion, nothing says conservation more than caring for displaced, orphaned, sick and injured wildlife.

Therefore I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Furthermore, I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I look forward to hearing that you have approved this sum and thank you all for your leadership in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Debra Matthews



## Item 7.73.

**From:** Barbara M <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:59 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Please fund the proposed Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. I support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Wildlife Centre provides a vital service not available elsewhere.

They have to move out of their current home which does not have adequate space anyway.

When a wild creature is hurt or their young are orphaned, there is nowhere else to turn.

Please help.  
Barbara MacGibbon

## Item 7.74.

**From:** Karen Eaton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

May 16, 2019

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

**Re: Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park--TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**

I would like the TRCA Board to know that:

- I support the TRCA to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.
- I support the motion by former Councillor Glenn DeBaeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Many of the small animals and birds that I see in my neighbourhood and greenspaces in the Dufferin/Steeles area where I live run into some kind of trouble and need somewhere to recover. I myself have brought a small rabbit and a goldfinch to the Toronto Wildlife Centre for help and I am very

thankful they were there to help. Although I have never toured through the entire facility, it looks 'cramped' to me considering all the animals they look after. Plus the parking even to drop off an injured animal is very limited.

I once had a black squirrel in my backyard who seemed to have lots of energy but kept falling over to one side. I never did know what happened to him but I wished I could have caught him and taken him to the Toronto Wildlife Centre for help. More and more animals lie on the roads, either suffering or dead, as our streets get busier and busier leaving orphaned babies on their own. Given the size of the GTA, the Toronto Wildlife Centre really needs space to grow and keep on doing what they do best....rescuing injured wildlife, treating and releasing them as well as giving orphaned wildlife a place to stay until they are old enough to be on their own. My heart is warmed by the successful animal releases I read about in the Toronto Wildlife Newsletters.

Knowing that The Toronto Wildlife Centre could have a permanent home in the beautiful Rouge National Urban Park is fantastic location and opportunity to continue the great work that they do. Of course, it would also endear the Rouge National Urban Park to all the many wildlife lovers inside and outside the GTA!

Respectfully,

Karen Eaton, Thornhill, ON

## Item 7.75.

**From:** Fred & Janet <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA AGENDA ITEM EX10.4

TO: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

The purpose of this e-mail is to express my support for the Toronto Region Conservation Authority in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

I feel very strongly that, other than helping injured/sick/orphaned animals, TWC provides a wonderful facility for educating our young people in caring for and enjoying animals. This is extremely important in today's increasingly violent society.

Respectfully,

Janet Lawrence

## Item 7.76.

**From:** Amirreza Mohimi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

I sent this email to show my support to TRC do their efforts to help Toronto wildlife center to establish a permanent home in Toronto rough national urban Park. (TRCA agenda item EX.10.4)

Thanks for your co-operating.

Amirreza

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**Amirreza Mohimi**

## Item 7.77.

**From:** Martin K <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto wildlife center

Hello.

Over the years I have seen workers at twc help hundreds if not thousands of animals, some I found and brought in myself. I support their work and without them there is nothing available but slow and painful death for animals, the same ones that we took habitat away from and hit them with our cars etc.

As humans and humane individuals we owe support to TWC and animals they care for. They are their only hope to saving these lives. Alternative is allowing to animals die in front of our eyes a cruel death. For those reasons I urge u to support development and financial help to this important team. There is nothing else like it and they are crucial organization and they are willing to work, volunteer, sacrifice, and all they ask for is a bit if support and tools/place to do this hard work. Please do not forget TWC.

Sincerely  
Martin Kinal

## Item 7.78.

**From:** Gabi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre and TRCA 2020 Budget

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board (c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer),

As a resident of the city of Toronto, I firmly believe that it is incumbent on all of us to support and care for all the elements that make our city an example to hold up to others. An integral component of this is, in my estimation, how we support the city's wildlife population. While we may not be able to effect

great change on an individual basis, we are blessed to have the Toronto Wildlife Centre and its services available to us.

Please be informed that I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (This has been a process long overdue in its realization.) I also strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor John Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I believe that it is imperative that the Toronto Wildlife Centre be assisted and supported in establishing this permanent home so that it might continue with the exemplary work that it offers to the city of Toronto and be able to expand the parameters of its mandate.

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Benedek

## Item 7.79.

From: Celine Forrester <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:12 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 - Toronto Wildlife Centre

For many years my neighbours, friends and I have relied upon the Toronto Wildlife Centre for humane intervention with orphaned and injured raccoons, squirrels, robins, starlings, rock doves, grackles, finches ... the list is long. The Centre has been our sole and vital resource both to help the animals, and to assist and educate the concerned people who bring them in. As the GTA expands, the need increases.

TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 addresses the need for a permanent home in the Rouge Park. I stand behind the efforts of Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to bring forward the necessary Wildlife Centre relocation as a priority in the TRCS budget for 2020. Please let's make this happen!

Yours,  
Celine Forrester

## Item 7.80.

From: Laura T <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:25 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am writing in support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me and I personally have utilized the services of the TWC when I have found injured birds that required veterinary intervention. In the absence of the TWC I don't know who I would have called on to help these birds and I was grateful for their assistance.

Kind regards,  
Laura Toth

## Item 7.81.

**From:** Fern Kako <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear John,

I am writing to show my support to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have taken injured birds to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am always very thankful for all of our creatures that it exists.

A permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre is so important as the need is so great for the wildlife we have.

Kind regards,  
Fern Kako

## Item 7.82.

**From:** sarma g <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** In support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

We share space in our ever-expanding city with all sorts of wildlife, and when in crisis, which is often due to contact with humans, our city's wildlife deserves proper care within a facility designed for the individualized needs of many species.

Please note that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and also

the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is the kind of support that would make our great city even better, and give us all some peace of mind in these uneven times, knowing that the staff, specialists and volunteers of the Toronto Wildlife Centre can continue their excellent work in a permanent home.

Sincerely,  
Sarma Gaide

## Item 7.83.

**From:** Gordon Ross <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:19 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Wildlife centre

To- Chair and Members of the TRCA board , c/o John Mackenzie TRCA

Dear Sirs/Madams,

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

and

**I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Please treat this as a priority as it is of the utmost importance.

Sincerely , Gordon Ross.

## Item 7.84.

**From:** Donna Cox <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

**Attention: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board**

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I sincerely hope the TRCA Board will decide it is imperative to have a Wildlife Centre. The facilities must be expanded and require a permanent home. This is an opportunity to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre and provide the space they need to continue with caring for wild animals.

Please consider the wonderful work the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to alleviate the suffering of our injured or ill wildlife when you are deciding on their future.

Donna and Borden Cox

## Item 7.85.

**From:** Greig Dunn [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:39 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** 'Nathalie Karvonen' <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA  
c/a Mr John Mackenzie

16 May 2019

Dear Members of the TRCA Board of Directors

First may I congratulate you on the support you have given to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and its application to relocate the facility in the Rouge National Urban Park.

You will of course be aware of the extraordinary record of service given to the community by the Toronto Wildlife Centre under the strong and inspiring leadership of its Director, Natalie Karvonen. Perhaps less obvious is the importance of the Centre's contribution to the health and safety of the whole area as a result of its dealings with injured and sick animals and its work in maintaining ecological balances.

You will know also that up until this point the Centre has operated almost entirely on donations. But private generosity, while it covers much of the cost of the Centre's work, would not be able to bear the entire cost of the much-needed new facility. I therefore urge you to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn de Baeremeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

Yours sincerely,  
Greig Dunn

## Item 7.86.

**From:** Janet and Gregg Taylor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:34 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In support of Toronto Wildlife Centre relocation

We are long time supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. With ever increasing pressure on wildlife by urbanization and habitat loss, their dedication to the recovery and rehabilitation of injured and displaced wildlife is more critical than ever.

We were heartened when we heard of the proposal to move the centre to the Rouge National Urban Park. This is an ideal location in support of their mission. A strong association with an urban park which shares the fundamental principle of preservation of local flora and fauna serves to further promote the work they do in the Greater Toronto Area. This makes a strong statement in support of urban parks and wildlife rescue.

We strongly support the TRCA and others in advocating for a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park. This new location will further enhance the Wildlife Centre's ability to perform their important work. In addition, the association with a national urban park will no doubt enhance their profile even further and hopefully lead to even greater public support and donations. Their proposed use of the space to allow public viewing and educational activities can only serve to energize and engage future generations.

We also support the motion of Glenn De Baeremaeker (former Toronto Councillor) and Jack Heath (Markham Councillor) to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With new subdivisions being created in our area, wildlife is ever more present right in our backyards in the GTA. More wildlife interactions obviously lead to ever more incidents requiring the services of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. The increased pressure on their services mandates the need for the permanent and modern facility that has been proposed in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Gregg and Janet Taylor

## **Item 7.87.**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To: Ms. Jennifer Innis, Chair of the TRCA,  
and the Members of the TRCA Board,  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Re: Funding for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Ms. Innis, the Members of the TRCA Board, and Mr. Mackenzie:

My husband and I are residents of Toronto and we are supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, its staff, and the amazing and invaluable work they do.

I believe that Torontonians truly care about the animals that share their space. Although people are so busy and so rushed, I have seen 4 lanes of traffic come to a complete stop on Bayview Avenue to allow a family of geese to cross.

We watched the TWC team rescue a beautiful red-tailed hawk with a broken wing on Blythwood Road last summer. Their expertise in capturing and caring for that hawk was incredible.

And, when I find injured birds, I take them to the Toronto Wildlife Centre's current facility.



When you find an injured bird or animal, you feel so helpless. But having a safe place to take them for expert treatment is wonderful.

We are so lucky to have the Toronto Wildlife Center!

This new home for the TWC will ensure the continued expert care for the birds, animals and reptiles we love to see in the city. And the educational component will be invaluable in teaching people to appreciate and respect the wild creatures around them.

We applaud your efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

And we support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Your invaluable support will ensure the timely construction of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's new facility and will provide our region's animals with the loving care they need.

Thank you very much.

Markie Cochran and Jonathan Newman

## Item 7.88.

**From:** Ryan Demchuk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please make the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project for TRCA's 2020 Budget

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

Myself and my partner have supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre for almost 3 years, with our monthly donations and my partner's volunteering efforts.

The Toronto Wildlife centre is an exceptional organization, dedicated to saving the lives of wild animals that live with us in our urban space.

My partner has volunteered feeding baby squirrels that have lost their parents due to the dangers of these creatures living in our busy city. Through many visits to the centre, we have seen so many animals who came injured or abandoned in their youth leave fully rehabilitated and ready for the next stage in returning to their homes.

The operation of the Toronto Wildlife Centre is imperative to our city, providing a facility, and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers for wild animals in need.

Our donations can't possibly be enough for the centre to get the funding they need to continue saving the lives of beautiful creatures.

**We fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).**

**We also fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you,  
Ryan Demchuk & Natalia Romanenko

## Item 7.89.

**From:** Ahmad Haris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding towards Permanent home for Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC)

To,  
Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer  
**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)**

Dear members,

My name is Ahmad Haris. I am just another TWC supporter in the GTA. I am with TWC for the last 2 years and like other supporters, I would love to see TWC grow into a full-fledged facility offering more services towards the local endangered wildlife.

TWC has done tremendous job in rescuing and taking care of sick and injured animals which would otherwise suffer or would have died.

I appreciate all your efforts in letting TWC continue their life saving journey and making our region wildlife friendly. Your approval for letting TWC use the Rouge National Urban Park long-term is beyond appreciation. I am in full support of your agenda Item EX10.4.

However, as you know TWC is in dire need of funds to build its new facility. I request you all great people to take positive steps towards **identifying TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget** (a motion which was passed by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath) and allocate the \$20 million funds (which would be under discussion in the next TRCA meet) towards its new building.

I once again appreciate all your help and support for TWC and hope this support continues to grow with time.

Thanking you.  
Regards,  
Ahmad Haris

## Item 7.90.

**From:** David Shilman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Dianne Moggy  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Attn: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasure.

As supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

It is important to have an updated, modern facility for the amazing work of this important center.

Thank you,  
David Shilman  
Dianne Moggy

## Item 7.91.

**From:** Connie Daye <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Rouge Park

Attn: TRCA Secretary/Treasurer and Chair & Members of the TRCA Board

Hello,

I am sending this email to say that I support the efforts by the TRCA to establish a new and improved location for the Toronto Wildlife Centre, moving from Downsview to Rouge National Urban Park.

I volunteered for 10 months at TWC a few years back and feel that they do really good and important work for the animals living within and around our city. It is fulfilling to see sick or injured animals get treated and then released back into the area they were found in. The veterinarians, catch and release people and trained volunteers are doing a good thing in a time when wild animals lives and habitats are disappearing.

Please make establishing a new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility a priority project for the 2020 budget. Their deadline is looming close!

Thank you,  
Connie Daye

## Item 7.92.

**From:** Chris Prefontaine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Cc:** krea@markham.ca; jheath@markham.ca  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

**Dear members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),**

**My name is Chris Prefontaine and I am a resident of Markham (Ward 4) and a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As you know, our wildlife is in dire need of a new facility so that the dedicated staff of TWC can continue their hard work in caring for and helping wildlife in Toronto as well as York and other Regions.**

**I personally help the cause through a monthly donation as well as having hosted a nest for young orphaned squirrels so that they could be released back into a natural habitat. With the amount of human expansion into areas that were once home to many species of animals and birds- especially in York Region - our wildlife is placed in critical situations and run-ins with vehicles and other hazards occur far too frequently.**

**The rescue work that TWC does is so important. BUT we need you, as voters on the TRCA to support our cause and make TWC a priority for both space for a new permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park and also with funding.**

**I support the motion put forth by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Please help us with your support and vote yes next Friday, May 24 on Agenda Item EX10.4. We need a new home by the end of 2019 - timing is crucial. We need your help now! Thank you.**

**Sincerely, Chris Prefontaine**

## Item 7.93.

**From:** Kristine Vajda <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** re TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 - my support for Toronto Wildlife Centre & personal story

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer  
CC: Nathalie Karvonen, Director, TWC

I am a longtime resident of Markham, Ontario, and I'm writing to you today, to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I wholly support the

motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Because of the destruction of habitat and rural spaces, taxpayers are living alongside wildlife more and more, including species that we would previously have only glimpsed in forested areas. The need for a credible, empathetic, and skilled organization that can intervene and help sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is a necessity and I can't think of any organization more qualified and impressive than The Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Last summer, my neighbourhood became involved and invested in a situation involving a den of foxes living under a porch across from my house that had become severely infected with mange. One of the foxes also had a large wound on its back leg and was limping. They were visible nearly every day, for hours, on residential lawns, itching, limping and suffering. Although half a dozen neighbours, including myself, ended up contacting both TWC and OSPCA for advice and help, Markham has officially contracted OSPCA to deal with these cases.

TWC respectfully monitored the situation from afar over the next six weeks as OSPCA tried over and over again to unsuccessfully capture the sick foxes. My calls to OSPCA made me feel like I was a burden on their system and finally in mid September I was told that they were giving up on the case because, despite continuing constant calls from people in our area, they no longer felt warranted in sending out officers because they felt that a successful capture seemed hopeless, and it was taking away from other animal cases they were dealing with.

We, as neighbours, were devastated because we knew that a cold winter would be fatal to the foxes due to hair loss, infection and hypothermia. Upon learning the OSPCA had given up, TWC sprang into action and arranged to have their rescue team come out. This rescue team is absolutely incredible, as anyone who has enjoyed watching TVO's City Wildlife Rescue series can attest. Andrew and Stacey blocked off all the exits to the porch den, and Andrew popped two floorboards and crawled under the porch and pulled out the foxes. Within less than an hour, they were safely crated and on their way to the wildlife hospital! This was after nearly six weeks of half-hearted attempts by OSPCA that I witnessed personally. After the foxes were treated over two months, I was invited to attend their release in November and see our efforts to save them come full circle.

TWC is a truly rare organization. They are extremely people oriented. My first call was made late on a Sunday of a long weekend and I left a voicemail on their hotline, not really expecting anyone to contact me right away, but I received a call back less than ten minutes later from a knowledgeable and empathetic staff member who immediately worked with me to set up a plan of action. I was never made to feel like I was bothering them with issues, as had been the experience when various neighbours and myself called OSPCA over the weeks that followed. TWC has the critical skillset (and the bravery and motivation) to make daring rescues, set up safe and effective live traps and properly rehabilitate and then release our beloved Canadian wildlife, caring for species both large and small. Not to mention they are fantastic ambassadors and educators on how the public can successfully live alongside wildlife.

Please, please help them establish a permanent home in Rouge Park. I'm 43 years old, and have never found a wildlife/animal organization that has impressed me as much as TWC has. In many ways, they've restored my faith in humanity and the pure goodness in charitable organizations. They can truly make an immediate and visible impact in our communities. The emotional angst of watching sick, injured and orphaned animals struggle alongside us is real, and having a reliable and public-friendly organization to turn to is vital. Organizations like OSPCA are well equipped to deal with domestic animals like cats and dogs, but wildlife (especially the rescues and capture) requires a very specific specialized skillset and knowledge-base that only TWC has. Please help them grow and thrive.

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,  
Kristine Vajda

## Item 7.94.

**From:** s f <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre: rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

### Dear Members of the TRCA

The Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) is an wonderful organization that has done a tremendous job rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife which have been injured, ill or orphaned. Unfortunately this is happening more frequently through our encroachment into their habitats, and vice versa and these cases will only increase with further urban sprawl.

I would like to thank you  
for <https://www.facebook.com/torontowildlifecentre/videos/392726204640452?s=100002078672942&v=e&sfns=mosupporting> TWC by providing the long-term use of land for a permanent home. The current TWC building is in poor condition and identifying TWC as a priority project for 2020 budget with an allocation of \$20 million would make a huge difference to their goal of \$30 million needed for a new rescue, rehabilitation and education facility.

I believe wholeheartedly in the important work that they do which is why I am a TWC monthly donor. This video is an example of their amazing work. They were able to help Universal Studios in Los Angeles with stranded goslings.  
<https://www.facebook.com/torontowildlifecentre/videos/392726204640452?s=100002078672942&v=e&sfns=mo>

Thank you for your time  
Shan Fong

## Item 7.95.

**From:** Mary Lee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:12 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New Facilities

I thoroughly support the motion that councillors Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath put forward to put the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a top priority in TRCA's 2020 budget. As well, The Toronto Wildlife Centre should have it's new home at the Toronto Rouge National Park. It's the only organisation of its kind and deserves all the support it can get. They do such a fabulous job in looking after all wildlife. What an exciting place the new Centre will be for children to visit. Such a learning experience.

Thank you for your attention to this email and for making a new home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority in your mandate.

Yours truly  
Mary Lee

## Item 7.96.

**From:** ALEXANDRA EVANS <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:10 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I write to as a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I have been a proud supporter of theirs for many years now.

As a monthly donor, I was invited a few years ago to take advantage of their "Open House" weekend. An opportunity to visit the whole Centre and see where my donations were going.

To this day, one of the most amazing moments of my life.

I was completely gobsmacked. Here, in this older remote building no animal was turned away. Pigeons, raccoons, foxes, birds. You name it, they were all being helped, fixed and loved back to health and then rehabilitated back into the wild.

My friend and I were lucky to have Nathalie Carvonen as our guide that afternoon. For an hour we spent walking the grounds in utter amazement. On the way out we witnessed an opossum being operated on. He was shot by a pellet gun, and in his weakened state mauled by a dog. We saw the X-rays and the doctor trying to save this poor animals life.

The funding needed to relocated TWC to a new and updated facility is why I write you today.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I also wholeheartedly support the TRCA in it's efforts to help establish a permanent, larger, new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

If I can help with anything in regards to this funding for this unbelievable organization, please contact me,

Sincerely  
Alexandra Evans

## Item 7.97.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Please make Toronto Wildlife Centre's new home a priority

My guess is that most people never have the pleasure of working with or meeting anyone from Toronto Wildlife. I have had that pleasure twice - once for a very ill mother racoon (she and babies made it) and for a beautiful migrating bird (turns out it was an American Woodcock).

The Toronto Wildlife provides an important service to Toronto and surrounding area and deserves to have a permanent home with proper facilities as due the creatures that come into their care. Having such a group makes for a better place and gives people an opportunity to get to know wildlife and share a moment of kindness in a far too busy world.

I was thrilled when I learned that there was an opportunity for Toronto Wildlife to move to Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park as you could not ask for a more dedicated group. Without hesitation I support:

- the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and
- the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Just think of how much more they can accomplish with this opportunity.

Cheryl & Tony Costa,

## Item 7.98.

**From:** Ashley Seki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA to support TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, Mr. John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**



I'm an Account Manager at Corus Entertainment, and my company's building is located on the waterfront. We are frequently visited by many different walks of animal life. Annually, we have a family of ducks that nest on our 6<sup>th</sup> floor roof top patio. Each year, without fail, the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** comes to their rescue after the ducklings have hatched. Without the **Toronto Wildlife Centre**, these ducklings would starve, as they cannot fly off the roof! Corus Entertainment employees (roughly 5000) all know and love this story, and look forward to the annual duckling rescue each year. Each and every one of our hearts are touched by the selfless acts the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** commits, to not only Corus Entertainment, but to all of Toronto.

We implore you to grant this incredible charity the support they need to help, educate and inspire Canadians to save our wildlife.

Thank you,  
Ashley

## Item 7.99.

**From:** Jonathan and Rosemary Oliver <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC Permanent Home  
**Attachments:** Mute swan Frenchman's Bay.JPG; Injured wing.JPG; Mute swan release Frenchman;s Bay.JPG; Trumpeter swan release.jpg; Red bellied woodpecker after release.jpg

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

We strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a new and permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

We appreciate the motion by Glen De Baeremaker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath that Toronto Wildlife Centre be considered as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

We have had many very positive interactions with TWC and can't say enough to commend their amazing work. The staff are caring, professional and always ready to assist, advise, educate and help, however difficult the situation, time of day or weather conditions. From the front line rescue team and the welcome received when visiting the Centre, to the skilled and dedicated medical team, support staff and volunteers, everyone works together with energy and dedication.

Their work is of the greatest importance in this geographic area, as the impact of human activity can be very detrimental to wildlife. Their ability to rescue, rehabilitate and safely release the vast numbers of injured creatures that pass through their doors is such an important role and makes a significant impact in the chain of life.

May we tell you briefly about a couple of the situations that we have been involved with and have called upon TWC to help us?

Red Bellied Woodpecker

We enjoy watching a wide variety of birds at our feeders. One rather special daily visitor to our feeders is a male Red Bellied Woodpecker. One day we were heartbroken to find that he had crashed into some glass sliding doors and lay injured in the snow with blood coming from his beak. We called TWC who said that, as there was bleeding, would we be able to bring him in to their centre. The staff at TWC were wonderful. They checked him out, put him in an oxygen chamber and gave him antibiotics. Next day they called to say that he was doing really well. He had been in the flight cage, seemed to have recovered and was ready for collection. We returned to Downsview to get him. He was released in our garden and has never looked back. We have been delighted to see that the blood line has been successfully continued with a partner and young coming to our feeders each successive year.

### Trumpeter Swan

Trumpeter Swans have made their home in Frenchman's Bay for many years. In 2016 they nested as usual and produced four cygnets. Sadly one of the cygnets suffered the neglect of a fisherman and became entangled in discarded fishing line. We observed its distress, called TWC and their skilled rescue team caught the cygnet and transported it to Downsview. The cygnet was found to have a fishing hook deeply embedded in its leg with much line attached, which required skilled surgery to remove. Following two weeks of rehabilitation it was time for release. The family was tracked and the cygnet was transported in its crate to a spot close by. When the door was opened the cygnet came out, carefully surveyed its surroundings and majestically made its way down to the shoreline to join its waiting family.

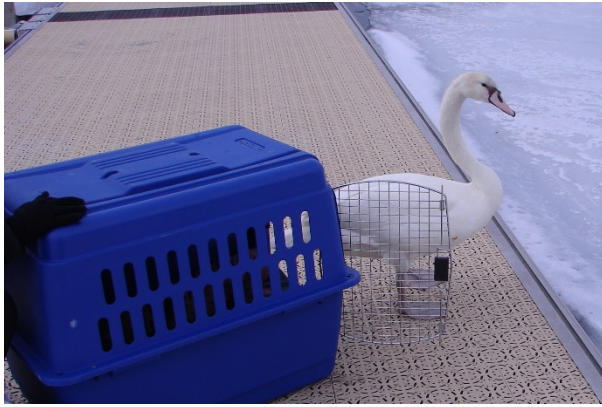
Attached are a few photos involving TWC rescues and releases

We live in Pickering and are looking forward to volunteering with TWC when they are re-located nearer to where we live. We are long-time supporters of TWC and are most grateful for all the work they do.

We sincerely hope that the TRCA see this project as something that pairs up well with the great work that they do. Living close to the mouth of the Rouge River we appreciate all the great work that the TRCA have done on habitat restoration, wildlife protection and native plantings. We applaud both organizations for taking positive steps towards addressing important environmental issues and we hope that by working together, a new TWC home can become a reality in the very near future.

Sincerely,  
Rosemary & Jonathan Oliver





## Item 7.100.

**From:** Catherine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

I am writing in support of Toronto Region Conservation Authority in its efforts to establish a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. As well, I support the motion to identify TWC as a priority project going forward.

We are desperately in need of a permanent home for injured or abandoned wildlife. Many years ago, I was living in Port Credit and I found a very small, disoriented raccoon by the side of the road. I did not have a cell phone to call TWC, but I did have a cardboard box, in which I placed this sad little guy and drove to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. They accepted the raccoon without question, but this baby raccoon had distemper and, sadly, had to be put down. However, had TWC not existed, I really don't know what I would have done. Certainly, that poor animal would have died a terrible death.

With the recent news that a million of the planet's species are threatened, we must do everything in our power to help and preserve the ones that we can. Also, taking children to this centre is a great way to build compassion in our youth. And get them off their devices!!!!

Many thanks,  
Catherine Osborne

## Item 7.101.

**From:** Kathryn Robinson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of Toronto Wildlife

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I have been a recent volunteer with the Toronto Wildlife Center in the nursery division to help sick and orphaned baby animals. Like many others, I am passionate about preserving life. Having the privilege to volunteer with TWC, it has opened my eyes to just how vital their services are.

At my place of work, two baby bunnies were left at our building as they appeared to be orphaned. I tried to take care of them on my own but realized I knew very little about wildlife care. I had them for two nights before making the move to take them to the TWC. I was so relieved and thankful for their services and wanted to give back by volunteering. It was such a beautiful and rewarding experience and I saw the love and commitment that the staff had to making a positive impact. Now, colleagues at work will bring me sick and injured animals to take the TWC and I know that many are in much better hands and have a much higher probability of survival in the care of TWC.

I am therefore writing this email to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10) and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,  
Kathryn Johnston

## Item 7.102.

**From:** GAIL BERGER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello: I am a long time supporter of The Toronto Wildlife Centre. It is an amazing place to have in our city. I am an animal lover and have brought many little wild critters to the centre for care. The last time was 3 young squirrels that I noticed on the road while driving by. I saw movement on the road and doubled back to check it out. There were 3 very young squirrels on the roadway. One squirrel attached itself to my shoe. I managed to catch another one and the 3rd squirrel ran under a parked car. I knocked on the door of a stranger and asked for help. A lovely young man came out and crawled under the car and scooped up this baby squirrel. I had a zippered cooler bag in my trunk and I put the babies

in the bag and drove right to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. They took the babies into their care and I knew they would be safe.

Ours is a world class city and we deserve a world class centre to care for our many different wild critters. We, as a wonderful city to live in and enjoy, need the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to allocate the necessary funds that will allow for the construction of a permanent centre that will continue to help wildlife. The construction of the new Wildlife Centre needs to be a priority since the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to all citizens of our great city. Caring for all inhabitants of Toronto only adds to our city being a wonderful and desirable place to live in. I hope you will identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Sincerely, (Mrs.) Gail Berger

## Item 7.103.

**From:** Michael Visser <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Members of the TRCA board,

I am writing to ask for your help in funding a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

As we expand our human presence in the Toronto region we are inadvertently causing harm to so many of the wild creatures who share our environment.

Many of our creations, our buildings and infrastructure, damage animals who don't understand how our constructed world works. The Wildlife Centre does heroic work in saving and treating these animals.

My wife and I have taken several injured animals to the Wildlife Centre and have always been impressed by the care they receive from the staff.

A permanent home for this organization in the Rouge Park would be a wonderful facility to help these injured animals, one that is badly needed.

I can't think of a better use of my tax money than this project and I sincerely hope you will agree to make this a priority project in the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you,  
Michael Visser

## Item 7.104.

**From:** Ben Levi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:51 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** ATTN: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE TRCA BOARD C/O JOHN MACKENZIE, TRCA SECRETARY/TREASURER

Dear Mr. Mackenzie

I am writing this email to inform you that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4). And I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I, myself, am a monthly donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre, ever since my first visit several years ago when I brought them a turtle that had been hit by a car and needed emergency medical care. I was so impressed with their facility and their devotion to helping wildlife, that I have been supporting them every since. And I hope you will too.

Many thanks,  
Janet Levi

## Item 7.105.

From: Shirley Eikhard <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:47 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Permanent Home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie, I am a long time supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and I enthusiastically support the TRCA in its efforts to help the TWC establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also support the motion (compassionately made by Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath) to identify the TWC as a PRIORITY PROJECT for TRCA's 2020 budget.

With the growth of the GTA, bringing with it increased unfortunate wildlife interactions with humans on road ways, through loss of habitat, etc. a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre is needed now more than ever.

Over the years, I have personally taken turtles with broken shells and wounded birds to their current facility, and left with peace of mind, knowing these poor creatures would receive the best of care from people who are dedicated to their cause and committed to helping them whatever way they can. Bravo to Natalie Karvonen and her staff! Stories like mine must list in the thousands upon thousands now and with a much expanded facility, the TWC can help even more.

I respectfully urge you to allocate the \$20 million towards construction of the new facility.  
Thank you for your time, Shirley Eikhard (singer / songwriter)

## Item 7.106.

From: Lu-Anne Marsh <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:42 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Rouge National Urban Park

- I am writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish their permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4) I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget
- As a nature/animal lover, I fully support Toronto Wildlife Centre and all they do for animals. They turn nothing away and are far and above most deserving of their new home. There will be so much more space for their staff and volunteers to carry out all the important duties associated with this type of work, not to mention much more space for wildlife to recuperate. Their goal of \$30 million would be more within reach if you would allocate \$20 million to them. As a child growing up on a farm, my brother found orphaned baby raccoons and we weaned them and raised them until they were old enough to find their way in the world as adults. I understand how lucky we were to have the land to do this. This was only 4 baby raccoons. Imagine how many more TWC sees in a single week... they really require the space especially as their current location is going to be demolished at the end of this year. Please find it in your hearts to allocate these monies towards their cause. All TWC supporters could not possibly raise this amount of money, so it is up to you to help as much as possible.

Sincerely  
Lu-Anne Marsh

## Item 7.107.

**From:** Michael Viechweg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:41 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre New Home

Mr. Mackenzie,

I am a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and I strongly support its effort to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). As such I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am Professional Engineer in Ontario and in the past I was a very active volunteer at the Centre helping to fix their existing facilities or assisting in animal rescues or releases. These days I don't have much time to help out as I have in the past. Most of my work is in the amusement industry assisting companies register their rides and attractions in a safe manner. Amusement facilities have been flourishing over the past few years and particularly outdoors. As a (semi)former volunteer I always take notice of the wildlife in the area and ask my clients across Ontario about what they do with respect to wildlife interaction. As we expand our experiences and facilities outside I feel it has become more vital to find a secure home for the animals we may injure as we displace their homes.

I hope the vote in budget will be made to support the TWC and bring it to the top of the priority list.  
Michael Viechweg

## Item 7.108.

**From:** Gary MacRae <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:40 PM  
**To:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** I support the TWC !

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I you support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

On many Occasions I have personally used the wildlife center when I've come across squirrels ,raccoons and birds who were in need of help.

Thanks !

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Gary MacRae

## Item 7.109.

**From:** Sabu Mehta <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:34 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** 'director@torontowildlifecentre.com'  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 budget

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am taking this opportunity to write and express my strong support for the TRCA to assist the Toronto Wildlife Centre's (TWC) plans to establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP). While wildlife is too often perceived by some as either a nuisance or a 'nice to see' luxury, we forget that a healthy and balanced ecosystem – that benefits all, including humans – is only as strong as the weakest link. Given the unprecedented challenges and pressure on our native wildlife from unremitting urbanisation, habitat destruction and changing weather patterns, we need to do our utmost in helping injured wildlife be treated, rehabilitated and restored to their natural environs. Let us be clear, this benefits not just them but us too. We need a resilient wildlife population to maintain a healthy ecosystem.



My wife and I want to see a healthy and sustainable environment for this and future generations of GTA residents and that is why we have put our money where our mouths are by contributing to the TWC's new wildlife centre. Mr. Mackenzie – this is a critical time for wildlife as it is under assault everywhere we turn; the TRCA can help take a stand in helping it remain a vital part of a thriving GTA. Dare I say that we can show the world a new path forward, where growth does not have to come at the expense of natural wildlife. Please make the TWC's new home in the RNUP a priority project in the upcoming TRCA 2020 budget.

This is a glorious opportunity to show future generations that when the time came for momentous decisions to be made concerning a balanced and resilient environment, there were concerned Canadians that stood up and did the right thing in 2019!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Subhash Mehta

**Item 7.110.**

**From:** Cody MacRae <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:06 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I am writing this email to you today, to voice my opinions on what is happening with our city and the future of establishing a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre! The TRCA has already been supportive in providing the long term use of land to build a, desperately needed ( amazing) home at the Rouge National Urban Park! I urge the continued support of TRCA on Friday the 24th of May, to use their powers and our tax money to fully support a 20 million dollar funding for the construction of a new permanent home for animals in desperate need. Currently as an avid supporter of helping animals that I find in need, it would make me extremely happy to see this funding move forward! As an avid lover of our great city, it is amazing to see the work the TWC does with the treatment, rehabilitation, care, and passion towards sick, injured and orphaned wildlife!

In short, I fully support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the 2020 TRCA budget!

Thanks,  
Cody MacRae

## Item 7.111.

**From:** GLENDA NOTA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:08 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you so much, Glenda Nota

## Item 7.112.

**From:** Joanne Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:03 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [executivedirector@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:executivedirector@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you so much, Joanne Smith

## Item 7.113.

**From:** Ray Husain <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [director@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:director@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) - TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

- I know that TRCA has been very supportive of TWC moving to their planned new home in Rouge Urban National Park.
- I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- And I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a resident of Toronto I fully support TWC. And a great city like Toronto needs TWC. I urge you in your decision on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 to fully allocate \$20m towards the construction of TWC new home.

With Gratitude  
Ray Husain

## Item 7.114.

From: Wendy Grant <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:47 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecenter.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre Support

Hello to the Chair and Members of the TRCA board;

I would like to extend my support of the TCRA in the efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (Agenda Item EX 10.4) I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you  
Wendy Grant

## Item 7.115.

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:45 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: TWC

Hello,

You can be a super hero.

- **you support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **you support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I personally asked for their help and they were courteous. We, Toronto need this facility for the living creatures that depend on us. It would be world renowned spectacular facility.

Won't you be kind and give your approval for this wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre.

Thanks

June Wilson

## Item 7.116.

**From:** Kathryn Penwill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I understand that the TRCA will be meeting next Friday May 24th to discuss the possibility of the Toronto Wildlife Centre establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (I believe this is TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I wanted to express my strong support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's bid to establish this crucial resource. More specifically, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank-you for your time in reading my message. I urge you to support Glenn De Baeremaeker's motion in order to ensure that this important service is established in an extremely appropriate location.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Penwill

## Item 7.117.

**From:** Kristen I. McMartin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre's home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to express my utmost support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I admire the work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to help sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. People do not realize how much wildlife there actually is around the Toronto area - and wildlife was there before humans moved into their territory. I see wildlife every night (and also during the daytime) and am thankful that there is a place where this population can receive quality medical care.

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

If we call ourselves a civilized society, we morally owe wildlife the respect they deserve, which includes quality medical care for the original wildlife inhabitants we crowded out and built over.

Kind regards,  
Kristen McMartin

## Item 7.118.

**From:** HARLEY MILLER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Wildlife Center

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Please lend your support on behalf of Toronto Wildlife by allocation of \$20 million to build a wildlife and rehabilitation center within the Rouge National Urban Park.

Our wildlife is being under pressure to ensure help with rescue and rehabilitation of our wildlife species that are slowly becoming extinct. We are in this world all a part of everything and must do our utmost to defend this principle.

Yours truly;

Harley A. Miller

## Item 7.119.

**From:** Antonia Zerbisias <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Ever hear baby racoons screaming for their mother?

*I have. It's a heart-wrenching sound, especially when you know that the mother is now roadkill.*

*Only the unique Toronto Wildlife Centre can -- and did -- save the day. -- Antonia*

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I totally appreciate the work that TRCA does to protect our watershed. In fact, my 1973 condo, of which I am president, is partially within TRCA bounds and that's allowing us to fend off development near us on Broadview Avenue.

But I am now writing in support of the TRCA's in its efforts to help TWC establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Please also convey my support to former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath so that the TWC becomes a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you!

**Antonia Zerbisias**  
**Writer | Journalist | Media Socialite**

## Item 7.120.

**From:** Hugh&Lisa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:34 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre at Rouge National Urban Park

Hello, we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Wildlife in the GTA has a difficult time surviving the hustle and bustle of cars, people and development. We should be doing everything to can to help it survive and thrive. We need an organization like the Toronto Wildlife Centre to help with this. Please do everything you can to make sure the Centre can continue to operate in the GTA.

Lisa Kerr

## Item 7.121.

**From:** Rob and Christine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:38 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

- I am a supporter of **the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Please vote for the animals! Thanks.

Sincerely,

Christine Woodley

## Item 7.122.

**From:** Walters Family <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

I urge you to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the upcoming vote on May 24, 2019.

The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to me.

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Best regards  
 Ron Walters

## Item 7.123.

**From:** Lisa Kramer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:55 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Please support TRCA agenda item EX10.4

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

Re: Support for TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

I am a long-time resident of Toronto who is writing to urge you to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am so grateful that the TRCA has allowed TWC to build a permanent home at the Rouge National Urban Park. Now I am asking you to ensure their move is successful by allocating the much-needed \$20 million dollar infusion to the project.

Wildlife in Toronto face so many threats, and there is really no other organization in the area that is able to help the way TWC does every day of the year. TWC helps not only the animals themselves but also helps educate and reduce the mental anguish of humans who strive to minimize harm to wild animals.

In my own life, there have been about a half dozen occasions when I have encountered a wild animal that, it turned out, needed direct care from TWC. Volunteers at their support line offered phone advice and then instructed me how to safely transport the animals to their facility where veterinarians and clinicians rehabilitated the animals and released them back into the wild.

TWC also provides resources to help people know when it's best not to intervene with wildlife. There have been many times that I have consulted their web site to figure out whether, for example, a baby bird is in distress or whether instead I should keep a watchful eye to learn whether their parents are still managing to care for their baby without help.

I have pointed friends, neighbours, and acquaintances to TWC dozens and dozens of times so they too could learn whether animals they encountered needed assistance (or so they could learn how to minimize or eliminate conflict with wildlife). And I know of many children who have been captivated by TWC's educational outreach.

Overall, TWC is an indispensable resource in our community. They do so much with so little. Let's support them in this initiative to become better for the long run.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kramer, PhD

## Item 7.124.

**From:** Colleen Clancy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:59 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Possible Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary Treasurer

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I understand the Toronto Wildlife Centre could have a permanent and stable home in the Rouge National Urban Park, but it has not yet been made a top priority.



As a long time donor and supporter and animal lover, I urge you to please, please, please make the Toronto Wildlife Centre the top priority . Rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the GTA is becoming more and more important as the city develops, sprawls and expands. More and more tall buildings along the migration flyway alone, cause so much damage to our travelling feathered friends; with only a few surviving being taken to TWC by kind volunteers. More and more wildlife within the city because of ravines is nice to see on one hand but so many are either hurt intentionally or accidentally and need some place for them to try to recuperate. Without TWC so many would perish. With a permanent, stable home TWC would be able to raise more money by private donors, perhaps get provincial or federal funding as well.

I have seen TWC at work on several occasions. I volunteered for a few short weeks with their hot line and I was so surprised to see how incredibly (unfortunately) busy they were and it wasn't even spring time their busiest time. Staff were so dedicated and caring especially their wonderful rescuers. Having a permanent home would make their lives easier too. There would be better facilities, more room and especially outreach for education so students could perhaps appreciate nature more and take better care of our environment - another wonderful cause!

I urge you to continue to support the idea of giving TWC a permanent home and support totally Glen De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath's motion to identify TWC as the top priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a monthly donor of TWC and as a resident of Toronto and taxpayer, I count on you to help such a worthy cause - TWC to help the hundreds of creatures that pass through their doors. Those creatures can't speak for themselves . They are innocent victims of dwelling too close to city life and make our lives a better place. They deserve every chance they can to survive and with a permanent home, TWC can help do that.

Thank you.  
Colleen Clancy

## Item 7.125.

**From:** Sid Ghosh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** RE: Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) - TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Hello to everyone concerned at the TRCA Board and to John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I just wanted to take the time to bring to your attention that I support the TRCA in your effort to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I thank you for the continuing help the city and the TRCA have given to the TWC and I hope these final steps also get your full support!

I'd also like to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC does tremendous work and they are a shining example of the goodwill and good heart of the city of Toronto. In a time of rapid climate change and the destruction of our biomes, the new TWC will not only help save the lives of countless animal friends but also be of immense educational support for young generations who are learning to appreciate the beauty and importance of the natural world. They should have a priority in your 2020 budget...I cannot think of more important project than this!

Thank you for reading this email and for your time and I look forward to a positive result on this matter.

Have a good day!

**Sid Ghosh**

## **Item 7.126.**

From: REINHARD LEHMANN <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:45 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: TRCA Agenda Item Ex 10.4

To: Chair and Members of TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I totally support the TRCA to help Toronto Wildlife in establishing a Permanent home in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park.

I furthermore, Support the motion by former Toronto Councillor, Jack Health, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre a PRIORTY for the TRCA's 2020 Budget!!

I have contacted the Toronto Wildlife centre with respect to a nest of squirrels on our deck. They guided me through the steps and provided the pertinent information to protect and save the squirrels from a most certain death.

A family of five squirrels were born and with our cooperation as instructed by the TRCA they all survived and left the nest as healthy babies able to make their to a new life. Thank you, Thank you to the support and knowledge and dedication of the staff to help us.

I have also contacted the TRCA with regard to a injured seagull and they provided excellent support to help the bird.

I am in full Support of the TRCA establishing a home in the Rouge Valley National Urban Park! Please do see this most Important Action in the 2020 Budget. We are requesting your Urgent attention to this matter.

Thank you,  
Patricia Lehmann

## **Item 7.127.**

From: LAURENCE CUDLIP <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 8:21 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Nathalie Karvonen  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre New Home

Dear Chair and members of the TRCA

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a one of a kind and important part of conservation in the GTA. Your support of their new facility would be greatly appreciated. It is a much needed agency that serves the city and surrounding area. A number of years ago, they were the only service that would come out when I called to Frenchman's Bay to pick up and care for an injured beaver that was plainly in distress. As our cities grow larger and encroach on wildlife and their homes, it is important to have a resource for the public to turn to and a sanctuary for those in need. Please support the motion to fund the TWC in your 2020 budget.

Thank you so much,  
Sally and Larry Cudlip

## Item 7.128.

**From:** Wendy Mills <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:53 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** The Toronto Wildlife Centre Funding

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre provides a critical service to countless injured and orphaned wildlife in our city. They also provide important education to taxpayers on how to best share our city with wildlife and what to do when we come across injured or orphaned animals.

I have personally dealt with Toronto Wildlife Centre on several occasions including when I found an injured pigeon in the middle of a busy downtown street, when a dog attacked a nest of baby rabbits near my home and when a sick raccoon was on my property. In each instance I was given great support and information over the phone on what to do and when I delivered the animals to the Centre I was amazed at the good work they do there and the huge number of animals the rescue and return to the wild whenever possible.

Please help them Toronto Wildlife Centre to continue to do their amazing work!!

Kind Regards,

Wendy Mills

## Item 7.129.

**From:** Cathy Pearson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Sick, injured and orphaned wildlife are very important to me!!!

So much so, that I included the Toronto Wildlife Centre in my personal Will.

I realize that there is a big decision to be made on May 24 and wanted you to know that I support your efforts to help the TWC establish a PERMANENT home in the Rouge National Urban Park which is Agenda Item EX10.4. I also support the motion to identify TWC as a priority project for your organizations budget for 2020 - put forward by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Jack Heath of Markham.

It amazes me what TWC does in our midst... I love getting their emails with the videos - especially of rescues of tiny vulnerable baby animals. Bless them for helping so many precious forms of wildlife that otherwise might not survive. They deserve much recognition. Please support their work with your vote.

thank you!  
Cathy Pearson

## Item 7.130.

**From:** alyssa.mackie1 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Rouge Park funding

Hello,

I'm a current volunteer with TWC. I truly believe in the work we do, but only to care for sick and injured animals, but in educating the voting public on how to react to animals in distress in their yards and workplaces. The current building for TWC is in a state of incredible disrepair, and we urgently need a new headquarters to keep Toronto's urban greenspace thriving in harmony with the public. Please help us help our ecosystem, by helping us better care for animals and engage with people.

Alyssa Mackie

## Item 7.131.

**From:** Anne-Marie Bundgard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:17 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of TRCA c/o John Mackenzie,

I am a Toronto resident. Thank you for supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre in its efforts to establish a permanent home in the Rouge park. I fully support Councillors De Baeremaeker and Heath's motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I have been helped twice with injured birds by very courteous and responsive staff from the Toronto Wildlife Centre. However, the biggest reason I support this as a priority project is because such a centre would be a beautiful and strong statement about how much we care about nature. It would be a gift to the the younger generation and would let children experience how wonderful wild animals are. Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,  
Anne-Marie Bundgard

## Item 7.132.

**From:** Carole Gray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

This is to advise you that I strongly support the TRCA and its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Additionally I also strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is so important and for the sake of our wildlife this needs to happen.

Carole Gray

## Item 7.133.

**From:** Steven Colin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I'm writing this email to commend the TRCA in their assistance with the establishment of a much needed permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Center in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a former employee of TWC I can attest to the need for a proper facility. I can also attest to the dedication shown and the daily sacrifices made by the staff of TWC at every level. Despite their sometimes dreary surroundings, they manage to remain positive and continually strive for excellence.

I believe providing medical care to the most vulnerable, innocent, and voiceless segment of our environment's population is not only a moral responsibility, but also essential in providing humanity with a greater sense of dignity, so thank you again for all you've done and will hopefully continue to do for TWC.

Sincerely,  
Steven Colin

## Item 7.134.

**From:** Donald Lamont <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Cc:** adlamont@primus.ca  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Permanent Home In Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park - John Mackenzie

Dear Chair And Members Of The TRCA Board,

I support TRCA's efforts to establish a permanent home in the Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I also support the motion by Toronto Councillor Glen de Baeremaker and Markham Councillor John Heath to make TRCA a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The Toronto Wildlife Centre plays a critical role in helping injured animals in the Toronto area, and it is a good idea for the TRCA to have a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

Sincerely,  
Donald Lamont

## Item 7.135.

**From:** Nia ... [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:45 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - New Home at Rouge Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie,

I would just like to share my experience with the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) and how much I support and am excited for the TRCA's efforts to help provide the TWC with a bigger and better home at Rouge Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I've always appreciated and loved animals and it wasn't until I started volunteering at TWC as a Nursery Assistant that my passion for rehabilitating wildlife has grown and the admiration for staff and volunteers that taught me the knowledge provided me very important experience towards what goes into properly

rehabilitating orphaned baby animals has made me realize how important helping and preserving wildlife is for our community.

Some days were tough (when we find some babies that are very ill) and some days were rewarding (when we see babies thrive and grow), but I know every time I go there to volunteer I know everyone is always putting their best efforts forward and everyone is happy to be there. The current building is definitely aging and everyone is doing their best by keeping it in the best shape possible, but from all my volunteering opportunities there hasn't been an institution like the TWC that is more deserving of a new facility so they can continue to do what they do best and offer more services and education to the public on how we can all help to support and help wildlife as we share our homes with them.

I remember picking up an injured squirrel, the founder was quite concerned but had no mode of transportation to bring the squirrel to TWC. I volunteered to drive it there. Unfortunately I received an update from TWC that the squirrel didn't survive as it's injuries were too extensive but I knew they did all they can to assess and ensure that they did all they can. I've also picked up a pigeon on the way and I heard that it did well and was on its way to recovery.

When I volunteered as a Nursery Assistant at TWC it was quite the learning experience. It was a lot to take in but it was also necessary to ensure that these orphaned babies have the best chance of survival. The amount of detail they put in to ensure that they replicate the wild (adding leaves into the babies cages) and to make sure the babies feel like they're home (inserting a heat pad under half the cage with a little box to burrow and blanket to hide in) just shows how much TWC wants these animals to be properly cared for and to be able to be rehabilitated back into the wild. It was always something I looked forward to every Sunday morning.

With that said, I'd like to voice out my support from former Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Jack Heath to prioritize the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a high priority project for TRCA's F20 Budget. As much as many people take wildlife for granted, they also acknowledge and are reminded that we share our home/land with them. As humans have hospitals, they too should have their own hospital as they depend on us to help and heal them when they get injured. Relocating to Rouge Park would be an amazing opportunity to give TWC more space and more opportunities to help more animals than they currently can (not enough real estate!).

The staff and volunteers at TWC always want to do more and help more. We all love our wildlife and would want to continue to give them their best chance of survival when they're hurt.

Thank You for taking time to read this email, as you can see I am very excited and I hope that TWC will get the new home that they deserve so much.

Thank You,

Sonia Chan

## Item 7.136.

**From:** Jill Krasnicki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:36 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** please support Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear John,

My name is Jill and I own two busy restaurants in downtown Toronto. I am writing this short email in hopes to express the importance of funding the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

The people of Toronto are animal lovers. TWC helps people help animals and that's an incredible resource for this city to have. I know that I, myself, have found animals in need over the years and have always felt immense relief knowing that help and guidance is only a phone call away.

Toronto Wildlife Centre is not only a rehabilitation centre but an educational force as well. This is something not many cities have and we should be proud to lead the way, showing other cities the importance of taking responsibility for the world around us.

In general, people are becoming more concerned about the welfare of animals. It's a step in the right direction to invest money into preserving and caring for our wildlife.

Thank you for your time.  
Jill Krasnicki

## Item 7.137.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

We feel lucky to live in mid-town Toronto, where right in our backyard we get to see a wide range of wild life, from tiny chipmunks and baby rabbits to coyote and deer families. This spring we are seeing amazing diversity in bird population - including an early visit from a hummingbird this week!

**Supporting wild life in our urban environment is extremely important to us:**

- **we support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **we support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget**

Best regards  
Tatjana and Darko Kolakovic



## Item 7.138.

**From:** Amanda Ashford <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:11 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Hi there,

I understand a decision is slated to be made next week on funding to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a new home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I'd like to express my support for the TWC and my hope that the city will recognize the value and uniqueness of the Centre and its effect on our immediate environment and the individuals which have such a strong connection to the wildlife in our area (we are many, and passionate).

Having been a volunteer at TWC, and also a supporter of its activities, I can attest that the work being done is inspiring and also educational in terms of preventing future wildlife injuries through basic knowledge sharing and helpful resources. They are also doing a lion's share of work, compared to other cities and municipalities which often have multiple organizations tackling the scope of work that the TWC handles on a daily basis.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Many thanks for your time.  
Amanda

Amanda Ashford

## Item 7.139.

**From:** Jeanne McKie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre new location

To Chair and Members TRCA Board:

As a long-time supporter of TWC and the powerful assistance they provide in the protection, treatment, and preservation of the wildlife whose homes our city has invaded, I ask for your support in their continuing efforts to build new facilities in The Rouge.

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Thank you for your support

Sincerely,  
Jeanne McKie

## Item 7.140.

**From:** Marianne Orr <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Let's Make the Protection of Wildlife a Priority

TO: The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o Mr. John Mackenzie, Secretary/Treasurer

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a proud supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (the "TWC"). My support is the result of direct contact with the TWC. I have asked them for help on the phone and have actually taken wildlife to them for care. I have seen the facilities they operate out of and I am amazed that they can actually carry out their world class work in such conditions. They are under pressure to help growing numbers of affected wildlife and frequently have to restrict the numbers and types of wildlife they can help. I myself have had to travel north of Bolton to find help for orphaned squirrels. Rehab facilities licenced by the MNR and Forestry are few and far between.

I live in Brampton and am a strong supporter of private organizations that strive to help sick and injured wild creatures. We have no public agencies that carry out this urgent work. My tax dollars would be well spent if we did have such a public agency. Instead, the work falls on the shoulders of organizations like the TWC.

The TWC needs a proper home. Why? Because sick, injured and orphaned wildlife need their help. And because in this fast-paced, increasingly brutish world, we ourselves need the serenity that a nearness to nature and wildlife brings.

I think that all of you know that urbanization exacts a heavy price on wildlife. I think you also appreciate the value that wildlife brings to an urban setting. Otherwise our official plans would not protect natural corridors and places of refuge such as swamps and meadowlands.

I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help the TWC build a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park. I am advised that item EX10.4 on the May 24<sup>th</sup> agenda is applicable.

I also support the motion made by Messrs. De Baeremaeker and Heath to identify the TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The TRCA and the TWC will be setting a first class example for other metropolitan areas to follow. The animals need this. We need this.

Thank you for considering the plight of wildlife in our communities.

Regards,  
Marianne Orr

## Item 7.141.

**From:** Mario Ostrowski. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:02 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

- **Dear TRCA**
- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)**
- **I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**I have had great experience with the Toronto Wildlife centre, for eg i once rescued a baby raccoon in the winter and they guided me on management in addition TWC does incredible work for our animal cousins.**

Mario Ostrowski M.D.

## Item 7.142.

**From:** Lucy Gervasi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:00 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

**Good morning Mr. Mackenzie,**

**I recently joined the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a volunteer for the Squirrel Nursery. Although I have not been a volunteer for very long, it was very obvious to me that there is a tremendous need for additional facilities to help our furry and feathered friends. Accordingly, I support whole-heartedly the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I**

**support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**With the heightened level of construction throughout the GTA and beyond, whether it be road, transit, residential and commercial development, the impact to our wildlife has and will continue to be harmful. It is our civic and humane responsibility to rescue, care and treat the sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.**

**I trust that Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will make the right decision for our wildlife to make this project a priority for funding.**

**Regards,  
Lucy Gervasi, CPA, CA**

## **Item 7.143.**

**From:** Sandra <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:38 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Sandra Morel  
**Subject:** TRCA AGENDA ITEM EX10.4

Good morning,

This email is addressed to Mr. Glen De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath

This item number EX 10.4 should definitely be a priority. The Toronto Wildlife Centre is one of a kind. My husband and I have been over the years been lucky to have them. I can count a dozen times where we have driven down to their facilities with injured wildlife and had been so relieved to know that they would be taken care of. We have donated money yearly to their cause with pleasure.

Toronto needs them and we need to support them 100%. The 20 million dollars should be allocated to them in the 2020 budget so as they can continue and improve the incredible work they do.

The Toronto Rouge National Urban Park is ideal for them. This park not only can be available for people to enjoy but could also serve as an example for rehabilitation of wildlife and education.

Please support them and make The Toronto Wildlife a priority in your 2020 budget.

Thanking you in advance and I look forward to seeing their new facility in this beautiful Rouge National Park.

Sandra Morel

## Item 7.144.

**From:** Maureen Boag <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:12 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

World renowned wildlife scientists predict since 1970 and by 2020, 2/3 of the world's wildlife will be gone. Canada is not immune to this. Wildlife is mandatory for a healthy ecosystem and we must do our utmost to save them.

In June 2018, I took an injured small black squirrel to TWC. It turned out she was also pregnant. So not only was her life saved, but also her babies. A little known fact about squirrels is that they are responsible for growing a huge percentage of our trees. About 10 years ago I had to find a place for 4 orphaned baby raccoons. TWC was too small and could not take anymore orphans in, so I had to drive 75 KMs to another facility. We have an abundance of wildlife in the GTA and we need to be able to house and care for the sick and injured.

I donate to TWC and have been a Toronto Tax payer since 1972. My family have been Torontonians since 1859. A new Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge Park is where I want my tax dollars to go.

Maureen Boag

## Item 7.145.

**From:** anncoulter anncoulter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

We are writing to support the centre in its new initiatives and the move to Rouge River Park, also to support Mr de Baermakers motion to make the Centre a financial priority in this years budget. We follow the activities of the centre with admiration and are really impressed by the work they do. A friend called about an injured raccoon on her property recently and they came and rescued it, reassuring her that it would get the best treatment. We need this centre to look out for the wildlife of this city because they really are the only ones. They urgently need new premises, so please add our voices to this project and support them as much as they need. They do such an excellent job.

Ann Coulter  
Dorothy Barnett

## Item 7.146.

**From:** Heather Zorzini <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear John Mackenzie and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority,

Thank you for your support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I have been to the facility several times to bring in sick and orphaned animals and the TWC is doing some very important work. Your agreement to provide them with the use of the land long-term to build a fantastic permanent home will help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre and I support this motion. (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

In a world where climate change and urban sprawl are making life challenging for many species, including humans, making wildlife care a priority will help to alleviate some of the collateral damage.

Sincerely,  
Heather Zorzini

## Item 7.147.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** The Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Attachments:** LETTER TO TRCA MAY 2019.docx

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**To:** Ms. Jennifer Innis, Chair of the TRCA,  
and the Members of the TRCA Board,  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

**Re:** Funding for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Ms. Innis, the Members of the TRCA Board, and Mr. Mackenzie

My husband and I are residents of Toronto and we are supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, its staff, and the amazing and invaluable work they do.

I believe that Torontonians truly care about the animals that share their space. Although people are so busy and so rushed, I have seen 4 lanes of traffic come to a complete stop on Bayview Avenue to allow a family of geese to cross.

We watched the TWC team rescue a beautiful red-tailed hawk with a broken wing on Blythwood Road last summer. Their expertise in capturing and caring for that hawk was incredible.

And, when I find injured birds, I take them to the Toronto Wildlife Centre's current facility.

When you find an injured bird or animal, you feel so helpless. But having a safe place to take them for expert treatment is wonderful.

We are so lucky to have the Toronto Wildlife Center!

This new home for the TWC will ensure the continued expert care for the birds, animals and reptiles we love to see in the city. And the educational component will be invaluable in teaching people to appreciate and respect the wild creatures around them.

We applaud your efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

And we support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Your invaluable support will ensure the timely construction of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's new facility and will provide our region's animals with the loving care they need.

Thank you very much.

Markie Cochran and Jonathan Newman

## Item 7.148.

**From:** Ottokar <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 Agenda Item EX10.4

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o Secretary/Treasurer John Mackenzie, TRCA

As occasional donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I have a deep interest in their mission and day-to-day important activities to help and care for God's creatures that live with us in our environment.

I been made aware of the fate of Toronto Wildlife Centre's current home in the near future at the shore of Lake Ontario and I strongly think that they deserve a better, and permanent, location.

They provide their essential services to Toronto, the GTA, and the country, and I will continue to support them as my means allow. Please give a high priority to the subject item.

I fully support the motion by former Councillors Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath as a priority project in the TRCA 2020 budget.

I am convinced of your Board's recognition for the need of a first class decision in this matter.

Thank you very much for your attention.



Ottokar Lang

## Item 7.149.

**From:** John Percy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:09 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** new home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: John Mackenzie and the Board of the TRCA

I am a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and I strongly support the proposal to establish a permanent home for the TWC. By coincidence, I have been watching episodes of a TV series about the TWC on TVO, and this week's episode specifically included material on TWC's history, and the need for a permanent home. By the way: this TV series is one indication of TWC's commitment to public education and outreach.

Before Toronto existed, our indigenous people shared the land with hundreds of species of native wildlife. Like wildlife all over the world, our local wildlife is facing stress and decreasing numbers, yet it is the wildlife that we and our children see first-hand, and can directly relate to -- whether songbirds in our feeders, and the white squirrels in Trinity-Bellwoods. It's part of our culture! TWC does remarkable work in preserving the diverse wildlife we share this city with. TWC is supported by thousands of us Torontonians, and is volunteer-driven. But it needs its premises, and its core staff. The Rouge National Urban Park would be an excellent site -- a wilderness area that is close at hand and accessible.

I therefore strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help the TWC find a permanent home, and the specific motion to identify TWC as a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget.



Yours sincerely,  
John R. Percy

## Item 7.150.

**From:** Adelina Cotognini <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Mr. Mackenzie:

I'm writing to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Protecting wildlife anywhere ensures human survival. All leading research points to the inevitable decline of human life when species (wildlife or otherwise) becomes extinct. Make the right decision next week to give the Toronto Wildlife Centre the \$20 million for their permanent home, so they can continue to do the amazing work they do.

Do it because all life matters and we're not different in any important way:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQasxDRGQCU&feature=share>

Thank you.

Adelina Cotognini

## Item 7.151.

**From:** Krista McBeth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please prioritize and support the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie,

I'm writing you today to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Humans have had such an impact on our natural environment. It really needs to be a top priority to support the organizations that support our ecosystems. Wild animals are struggling to adapt to human

sprawl. We are removing them, injuring them and ultimately eliminating them through our daily activities at increasing rates.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre has an opportunity to expand its reach by relocating to the Rouge National Urban Park. I would encourage us all and each of you to prioritize this very important initiative to help us preserve our wildlife and our environment.

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Regards,  
Krista McBeth

How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these. - George Washington Carver

## Item 7.152.

**From:** john killackey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:33 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** barbkillackey@sympatico.ca  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

### **RE: Message for you as Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Secretary/Treasurer and for the Chair and Members of the TRCA regarding the Toronto Wildlife Centre Project**

We support the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in your efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

You have already been very supportive of The Toronto Wildlife Centre moving to the Rouge National Urban Park and the establishment of a permanent home for Canada's busiest wildlife centre. The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to us as local taxpayers and so we request that you consider making this project one of your priorities.

Our personal experience with the Toronto Wildlife Centre occurred after a grebe, far from home, mistook a nearby snowy soccer field for water and injured itself in

landing. We were very grateful for the TWC being there to accept the injured bird and to nurse it back to health. All residents of the GTA benefit by having such a place that gives us a chance to connect with nature and give back to our wildlife friends, especially with all the urban expansion that has seriously diminished their natural habitats. The TWA will be a perfect fit for the Rouge National Urban Park.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy initiative. We wish you continued success in your work.

Kind regards,  
Barb and John Killackey

## Item 7.153.

From: jean wong <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 10:23 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Nathalie Karvonen  
Subject: A hospital for injured animals, birds, reptiles and everyone else in Noah's Ark

To members of the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority:

I presently work in the Film and Television industry and I am fully aware that your committee is doing positive and conscientious work that supports all of Nature. I have been made aware recently that you also have the ability to give the 'Toronto Wildlife Centre' money to start building the foundations for its desperately needed permanent home in the Rouge.

Many of us in the Film Industry became aware of the work that the 'Toronto Wildlife Centre' was doing because our studio's were located across the tracks from them up at Downsview. When a TV show or film would wrap out I would make sure that those in the costume depts became aware of the work they do but also that they are a charity. And how desperately they needed supplies and money. And that nothing goes to waste. But more importantly how they work to bring awareness to the public that they can get involved in helping injured animals, birds, reptiles etc.

We have always known about the impermanent and crowded home that they work out of thru the years. Their yearning for a permanent facility is our dream and wish also. To help them along thru the years I have brought supplies that usually get donated to popular charities that the film industry supports e.g.: Diabetes, the Red Door, Salvation Army, Take Two etc. Whenever supplies that were on their list of wants became available I would bring it up to them.

We individuals who work in the film/tv industry are able to give them things but we are unable to give them a new home. The amount of money that they will need to build their permanent home is beyond any amount that we could raise to help them. They have attempted year after year thru fundraising to get the money but it probably will take them a lifetime to get the millions needed. The Toronto Wildlife Centre's work not only helps to rescue injured animals and creatures but returns them to the Eco system that supports our air and environment and nature which inturn heals humanity whenever we visit.

Please let this time be the 'Toronto Wildlife Centre's' turn to get the funds needed for their new home. Their devotion to helping animals and creatures should not go unnoticed. If we build their new home it could change the consciousness of many people today in our City. If you could look at it as a hospital for injured creatures then maybe your committee could see how

well the money will be spent. Seeing an animal in distress and knowing that there's a place to take them gives us all hope that life matters and we are connected.

Thank you for listening to our plea

Yours Sincerely  
Jean Wong

## Item 7.154.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

**Importance:** High

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that the TRCA Board is holding a meeting on May 24th and one of the items on the Agenda is whether or not to allocate \$20 Million towards the construction of a new wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a 5 year Toronto Wildlife Centre volunteer/donor and a Markham taxpayer, the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is very important to me.

I therefore support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4); and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As an aside and as an example of how vital TWC is to the animals in our communities, my neighbours on the 15th floor of my condo building recently returned from Florida to find Mother Goose had nested in one of their planters on the balcony - a delightfully safe place with an exceptional view of the pond for her to lay her eggs but very impractical for her goslings once they hatched which they did - all 6 of them. I immediately contacted TWC and they were able to schedule the rescue for later the same day. Mother and Father Goose (who arrived on the scene upon hearing one "honk" from Mother) and the 6 little ones were contained and taken down to the nearby pond where they were all released together with 3 orphan baby geese the Rescue Team had found that day. The entire rescue took approximately 30 minutes thanks to the incredible expertise of TWC's Rescue Team.

TWC is a vital asset to all our communities so please help it to continue its wonderful work by voting to allocate the funds towards the construction of the new facility.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kerry  
(Kerry K. Brennan)

## Item 7.155.

**From:** Juliet Donald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear TRAC,

I am writing to express my support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) having a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

TRCA has already been very supportive of The TWC moving to the Rouge National Urban Park. I am aware that TRAC have agreed to provide TWC with the use of the land long-term to build a fantastic permanent home to help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre.

So next Friday, May 24th, when decision-makers from Toronto, York, Durham and Peel, decide whether or not to allocate \$20 million towards the construction of TWC's new facility, please remember that residents like myself support the TWC and their establishment at the Rouge Urban National Park.

Residents, like myself, care about the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

Kind Regards,  
Juliet Donald

## Item 7.156.

**From:** Debbie Phillips <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:30 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda EX10.4 for Toronto Wildlife

To whom it may concern;

I have been a long time supporter of the Toronto Wildlife for at least 2 decades. I have also been a volunteer and myself have brought in injured and tiny orphan babies. This facility is of the utmost importance to Toronto and the outlying areas.

With out them, where would people like myself go to help the injured and helpless animals. I have been at the facility at Downsview and I found it to be very small and myself wondered how they do the work that they do in this small space. I am not great with words, but I do know that moving to the Rouge would benefit all wildlife.

I support the TRCA in the efforts to establish a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife. I also support the motion by the former councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I hope in the future that I will be able to help out in any way that I can and I hope to see them move into a new home.

Kindest Regards

Deborah Phillips

## Item 7.157.

**From:** TT <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Info; councillor\_mckelvie@toronto.ca; jheath@markham.ca; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** TRCA - Board Meeting May 24 - EX10.4

Mr. John Mackenzie  
Chair TRCA Board and  
All Board Members  
101 Exchange Avenue  
Vaughan ON  
L4K 5R6

May 17, 2019

Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre – EX10.4 - permanent wildlife rescue/rehabilitation centre  
Rouge National Urban Park

I support the establishment of this proposed centre in Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion to make this Toronto Wildlife Centre project a priority for the TRCA 2020 budget.

George Turner

## Item 7.158.

**From:** Madelaine Hare <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I understand that a motion will be made at a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> to approve the building of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Toronto's Rouge National Park. In this respect,

as a Toronto taxpayer, I wish to add my vote in support of this motion and believe that the building of this facility should be a priority project. The rescue, care and treatment of injured, orphaned or sick wildlife has always been very important to me and there have been several instances where I have had injured or sick animals on my proper and have relied on the TRCA's services to assist and treat them.

Please make Toronto's wildlife community a priority!!

Thank you  
Patricia Holloway

## Item 7.159.

From: Lesley Halinaty <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:04 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: New Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that a meeting very important to the immediate future of the Toronto Wildlife Centre will be taking place on Friday, May 24.

I support the motion that funding the TWC be a top priority project in the TRCA 2020 budget.

It is my ardent hope that funding the new Centre will be the top priority for TRCA, who have consistently supported the establishment of a permanent home for TWC in the National Urban Park.

To my mind, this is a wonderful opportunity to not only help our increasingly beleaguered wildlife, but to establish a state of the art wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facility within the Park. With the Toronto Zoo close by, it seems to me to be a unique opportunity to show the world an amazing Park area where ongoing commitment to conservation, environmental and health sciences, preservation and health of our wild citizens and appreciation of our natural spaces is clearly showcased.

As a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I am in a good position to witness the conscientious and deep commitment of staff and volunteers to caring for and rehabilitating our local wildlife, conserving our natural spaces, and educating the public - all concepts that the TRCA continues to support.

As a taxpayer, it is a huge relief that we have a place to call and bring wildlife in crisis, where we know they'll receive the expertise and rehabilitation they need.

As time runs out for the existing TWC facility, I sincerely hope that the funding will come now to build the new TWC facility. It will be a bigger and better Wildlife Centre, within a beautiful National Urban Park setting, which we will be proud to share with the citizens of Ontario, Canada, and the world in the years to come.

Please support TWC with funding now!

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lesley Halinaty

## Item 7.160.

From: Saskia Mulders <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:04 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing in regard to the efforts of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). This is a terrific initiative by the TWC and is much needed in the Greater Toronto Area. I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC does fantastic and important work in rehabilitating sick and injured wildlife. I have myself brought a few injured animals there in the past few years and am happy to report that these animals were rehabilitated and able to return to their habitat. In today's world, where the natural environment is under threat from both people and climate, the TWC is a much needed ray of light! Helping them to achieve their goal of establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park is tremendously important.

I sincerely hope that you will give this initiative your wholehearted support and understand its importance to our community.

Sincerely,

Saskia Mulders

## Item 7.161.

**From:** robinson chris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Support For Wildlife

Dear Sir,

I'm a huge proponent for the preservation of wildlife in the GTA. My wife and I who are longterm residents of Toronto think we should all care about the welfare of the wild animals in our midst. It's not their fault that urban development has shrunken their habitat to a tiny fraction of what they need...yet still they persevere through harsh conditions to continue their species, raise their young and coexist with humans, enriching our lives in the process. I hate to think of a world without birds, raccoons, rabbits, moles, squirrels, geese, skunks, swans, you name it they're all precious in our view.

Linda and I sincerely hope that you will pledge your support for the funding of a permanent home for the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** in the **Rouge Valley National Urban Park**. By supporting the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Councillor Mark Heath of Markham you will be helping the good, hard working people of the **TWC** to continue in the ethical treatment of our precious wild animals and preserving that living legacy for our children and all future generations.



Thanks you so much,  
Chris & Linda Robinson

## Item 7.162.

**From:** Tracy Yan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** I Support Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie and Members of the TRCA Board,

I'm writing to tell you that I strongly support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My first personal experience with Toronto Wildlife Centre was just two weeks ago, when I brought an injured Ruby Crowned Kinglet to their facility for treatment. I was so emotionally moved and impressed with what I saw during my time there that I decided to become a monthly donor.

This organization is worthy of your support and deserving of a new location in Rouge National Urban Park.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Yan

## Item 7.163.

**From:** Jeff White <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre needs your full support!

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

**Re: TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4**

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help **Toronto Wildlife Centre** establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. This is a project of major importance for the inhabitants of the Toronto metropolitan area, both animal and human.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.** The lack of financial support for this project from the City of Toronto makes it essential that the TRCA allocate sufficient funding to allow the Toronto Wildlife Centre to continue to carry out its vital mission of rescue, care, and rehabilitation of wildlife and public education about the importance of biodiversity and conservation in the urban environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
Jeffrey White

## Item 7.164.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** from a Toronto Wildlife Centre Supporter

To the attention of Chair and Members of the TRCA Board

c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasure

Sir:

As a supporting financial member of the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would like to express my hope that at the May 24th meeting you will vote in favour of allocating \$20 million towards the construction of their much needed Rouge Valley facility.

I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I further support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I want my tax dollars to help in the treatment and rescue of the injured wildlife that lives in our Toronto - the city in a park.

Sincerely,

A Mazzoli

*Golden slumbers fill your eyes, smiles await you when you rise.*

## Item 7.165.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 2:55 PM

**To:** John MacKenzie; Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** toronto wildlife centre

I have been a proud supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre(TWC) for several years and appreciate the hard work they do. I understand the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) plans to build a wildlife rescue and rehab centre in this region. I consider it a priority and a necessity for the TRCA's to include the TWC in their 2020 budget.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this. I will continue to financial support as much as I am able.

Sincerely,

Susan Babbitt

## Item 7.166.

**From:** Terry McCrorie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please support a permanent home for Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I am a monthly supporter of TWC and believe in their efforts to aid wildlife in Toronto. Our efforts are needed as the environment faces the deadly impact of climate change and uncaring governments and big business. I have a small backyard in the Beach area but I have turned it into a little refuge for birds, squirrels and now for the first time a wild rabbit.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Terry McCrorie

## Item 7.167.

**From:** mike gray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; [REDACTED];  
director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer,

I have been an enthusiastic supporter of The Toronto Wildlife Centre since I delivered a little brown bat to its then downtown location in 1993.

In my opinion, TWC is a world class wildlife rescue and rehab facility.

I support the TRCA in helping TWC establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA item EX 10.4).

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Last fall I had the opportunity to rescue a boa constrictor that had been dumped by it's owner in the Don Valley. If TWC had been able to accept delivery of exotic species, I would have delivered the boa to TWC. Instead I delivered it to Little Ray's Reptile Zoo in Hamilton.

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2018/09/29/snake-in-the-grass/>



## Boa constrictor found in Don Valley Park - CityNews Toronto

It's being called a rare discovery - Mike Gray rescued a boa constrictor after days on the loose. But it's where he rescued the snake that has officials scratching their heads  
[toronto.citynews.ca](https://toronto.citynews.ca)

Best Wishes,  
Mike Gray

## Item 7.168.

**From:** Nancy Spies or Raymond Martin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:40 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [director@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:director@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Rouge National Urban Park

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

Dear Mr. MacKenzie

I am a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I am very excited to hear that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is supportive of the Centre building a permanent home to help wildlife at the Rouge National Urban Park.

I wanted to advise you that I am strongly supportive of the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre in establish a permanent home in the park. I also wanted to let you know that I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
Raymond Martin

## Item 7.169.

**From:** Dana Ward <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:37 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Living in the migratory bird route we have occasion to bring injured birds to the Toronto wildlife centre .

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.**

**I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Thank you**  
**Dana Ward**  
[REDACTED]

"A small act is worth a million thoughts"  
Ai Weiwei

## Item 7.170.

**From:** Marta Leonetti <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 1:11 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Support for TRCA Agenda item EX10.4

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto wildlife centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion to identify the Toronto wildlife centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I believe the work the Toronto Wildlife Centre provides is necessary to keep the wildlife in Toronto flourishing for us and for future generations.

Marta Leonetti

## Item 7.171.

**From:** Heather Vivien MacDonald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre and possible grant for new facility

I have been asked to send you and your members a little letter about the Toronto Wildlife Centre and possible funding for the Rouge Valley facility. My sister and I have supported the TWC for many years. I don't think a year goes by when we don't come across an injured bird or baby animal which needs care

and the expertise of wildlife conservation people. Our own vet is wonderful but she cannot provide care for wildlife and the Toronto Humane Society is overwhelmed with domestic pets and all the sad problems associated with them.

To the best of my knowledge, there is simply no other place concerned citizens can turn to here in Toronto. This is frankly amazing, viewed the size of this city and the wealth of this city. We really do need a facility for helping wildlife in danger and in need.

I am reading a wonderful book by Bill McKibbin called FALTER. One sentence in Chapter Five really illustrates what I am trying to say here. He writes:

***“One of the great privileges of living in the affluent parts of the modern world is that we’ve been able to forget that the natural world even exists.”***

Do we really even care anymore about the natural world or is it barely the backdrop to our busy lives?

Another thing the author of this book points out is that human beings, their pets and their livestock make up 97% of the sum total of vertebrates on this planet. The other 3% of vertebrates is everything else, lions, tigers, monkeys, squirrels, etc etc. I find that horrifying!

If your organization is able to help fund the new TWC facility, please know you have the gratitude of all of us ordinary people here in downtown Toronto and the greater Toronto area who do know there is a natural world out there and who want to protect and save it.

Sincerely, Heather MacDonald, [REDACTED]

PS. I attach a picture of my garden. In summer I see downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers, nuthatches, skunks, Virginia Possums, raccoons, etc etc. We leave water for them and in winter feed the birds. Yes, there is a “natural world” and we feel fortunate and blessed to live in it!



## Item 7.172.

**From:** Daniel Hau <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 5:05 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

The wildlife in our communities are a crucial part of our ecosystem. With our climate conditions eventually becoming more extreme, the loss in our wildlife becomes greater and will affect all of us as our ecosystem depends on all species.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park, specifically the TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 as I believe this will be a key requirement in helping and maintaining our wildlife through greater obstacles we will have to encounter with our future climate.

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Our wildlife is not just to look at and admire. Our wildlife keeps the balance such as our red-bellied woodpeckers and white-breasted nuthatches that eat the emerald ash borer beetle which have been killing our ash trees. These woodpeckers keep the emerald ash borer beetle's population in check so they don't spread and invade our trees exponentially. There are a number of other types of beetles that are killing our trees and without our wildlife animals, what happens to our boreal region? Have a look at the damage in BC and Alberta by just the mountain pine beetle alone (the pine trees turn orange). In other words, what happens to our oxygen when we no longer have our Boreal region in Canada? That's just one example.

How many wildlife species have gone extinct and what happens then to our ecosystem?

These are questions we should all be asking which is why helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre towards the construction of their new facility should be a top priority. The Toronto Wildlife Centre needs to move by the end of this year as their current building is in very poor condition and slated for demolition. They need a new facility for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, public education and other important programs so that in doing so, we can maintain our ecosystem and our ability to live within it.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Hau

## Item 7.173.

**From:** Sandy Cavanagh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Attention:

- Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer
- Copy to Nathalie Karvonen

I support the TRC already and have 1 little story to tell. A few years ago my husband found what he thought was a dead possum in an empty garbage can and he brought it to the centre and the staff simply poked him a bit and it started moving around. It was just "playing possum"...He brought it home and set it free again in our back yard. Not more than 3 years ago we had a possum visit our back yard and walked within 2-3 feet of us sitting at our table. The possum was huge - so I don't know if it was the same one but it wasn't bothered by our presence at all. My husband took pictures because we couldn't quite believe how tame it seemed and big.

## Item 7.174.

**From:** Barbara Simpson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** A new home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing to show my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre to be re-located to the Rouge National Urban Park. This would be a fantastic move for the centre, which has been so beneficial for rehabilitation of wildlife in the GTA. The dedicated staff and volunteers give unstintingly of their time and expertise, and are a godsend for citizens that find animals in distress, and do not know where else to turn.

I was at the pivotal council meeting in Scarborough that turned the tide on development planned for the Rouge, and was the first of many steps leading to the creation of the Rouge National Urban Park-- something we could only have dreamed of in those days. It is time for making another good decision now in giving the Toronto Wildlife Centre a new home.

So I **support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Sincerely

Barbara Simpson

## Item 7.175.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>; director <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Let's make this happen



Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I totally get that money is tight and you need to ensure that every dollar is wisely spent.

Well, this is where I think you should allocate some \$\$ - the Toronto Wildlife Centre home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a small business owner in the city of Toronto, I send the Toronto Wildlife Centre money because I want to make sure that they can continue to be there and do the work they do.

Everyone can see that this city is expanding into the natural spaces that surrounded us.

While I want to live in a Toronto that has beautiful green spaces and natural ravines, I also want a place that helps the creatures that live in those spaces, and need our help when our activities cause unexpected injuries.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre has helped me with an injured bird, (that convalesced at their facility and I helped to release) and an injured frost bitten raccoon.

I've spoken to clients and friends about the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and everyone is grateful just to know they're there to help.

Now we need to help them to do their work.

I support Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath in their efforts to make **Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget - (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).**

If you haven't been to see the Centre, then drop by and check them out - or ask the school kids who've been to visit, what they think of the amazing work that goes on at the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely

Pat Galway

## Item 7.176.

From: Karen Jakel <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 8:33 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Support for Toronto Wildlife Center

Good Morning,

I am a resident of Toronto and my name is Karen Jakel.

I would like to add my support to the staff report that would allow the Toronto Wildlife Center to establish a permanent home in the Rouge Valley (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support and hope that you will too, the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De

Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. This would help the Toronto Wildlife Center move into their new home as soon as possible.

I believe the Toronto Wildlife Center fills the gap that the other rescue organizations can't fill with their focus on domestic animals (pets).  
I myself have driven animals in distress to the Toronto Wildlife Center after refusal from multiple other agencies for help.  
I have also made numerous donations (not monetary) to them in the past, and they are grateful for any items I've been able to donate and have never refused anything.

Please support the Toronto Wildlife Center being granted a permanent home in the Rouge Valley National Park.

Sincerely,

Karen Jakel

## Item 7.177.

**From:** JAINA BYRNE <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 8:27 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Fw: Wildlife need your help now!

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Dear Chair & Members of the TRCA Board;

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

**I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I used to volunteer at the Centre and they really need the proper facility to continue their good work with wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Jaina Byrne  
[REDACTED]

## Item 7.178.

**From:** Paula Aquilla <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 6:48 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Email in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello Mr. John Mackenzie and members of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority,

We are writing in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Our family has been connected with the TWC since our girls were young. Our first interaction with the centre began with a Robin, who had flown into a window and suffered head trauma. We have been back many times since with birds, raccoon babies and a squirrel. It has been wonderful to have a place to take injured animals, knowing that they will be well cared for.

It was a great experience for our girls to see that there is a place where all living things in our community can receive care. It really helped them become adults with a strong sense of community and a strong sense that every living creature belongs.

As we encroach on the habitat of wildlife, we create many dangers for them; cars, windows, domesticated cats and we make the spaces where they can retreat smaller and smaller. The TWC has been a way to support wildlife. It has been an absolute pleasure to support this wonderful place and to watch it grow.

The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to our family and is important to local taxpayers.

We support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge Valley Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the work of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Thank you for your consideration in supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their growth. In the new facility; there will be many new opportunities for learning about wildlife and sharing the learning with students and the community. It is a very exciting time for the Toronto Wildlife Centre!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Mark and Paula Aquilla

## Item 7.179.

**From:** pdoe pdoe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 6:13 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Good Morning.

I am sending this to you on the beautiful May long weekend. I mention this as I have been out taking one of my dogs for a long walk in North York where so much of our green space is being overwhelmed by construction and high speed trafficbit. We used to be. able to see rabbits, foxes, even the

occasional coyote and possum but now - squirrels at best. The encroaching growth, continues to reinforce the need to protect and sustain our wildlife, and the need for a more permanent location for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I volunteered there for a long time until my work priorities forced me to give up my volunteer efforts, but plan on doing so again when I can. The efforts of the TWC as well as a large number of the caring public also reinforce the need and desire to take care of our Wildlife.

over my volunteer time as well as through going to the current site to drop off needed donations, i am continually in awe of what they have been able to do with limited space, crowded space in an area , like so many others, that is no longer conducive to the healthy existence of our wildlife. In my opinion and experience, wildlife is an important balance to our existence. The establishment of a permanent base will allow for this existence - the awareness throughout the area of the importance of the work of the TWC and an outstanding example of the intent of for the Rouge National Urban Park .

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn de Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath who have identified the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget. Any delays will delay the ability of the TWC to expand on the excellent work that they already do.

On behalf of those of us that care - i hope that this helps, and I am more than willing to be contacted for any additional information and support.  
Thank you.

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Pat Doe

## Item 7.180.

**From:** N. N. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Building a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear John Mackenzie, I would like to express how much great work and dedication I have seen at the Toronto Wildlife Center! Their volunteers and staff care for the vulnerable and never turn a wild animal away who are not accepted at the regular vet clinics.

Their work is very important and needed, and I fully support their need to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Please help in every way you can to make this possible, animals and people who enjoy and care about wildlife count on your support and will ve very thankful.

Thank you,  
Natalie

## Item 7.181.

**From:** Hank Bennett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:44 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie

Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Funding for Toronto Wildlife Centre

ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board - c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

We are writing to express our strong support for Toronto Wildlife Centre. A new facility in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) should be amongst the highest priority for funding. Wildlife is precious and is experiencing ever increasing challenges largely because of humans. More and more, animals of every species need our help and this type of specialized aid is only offered by Toronto Wildlife Centre who desperately need a new home now!

Several years ago, we came across an orphaned baby red squirrel in our backyard. We had no idea where to turn for help and frantically searched the internet. Local animal services would not assist with wild animals and stated we would need to find a wildlife centre. Fortunately, we found Toronto Wildlife Centre who gave us step by step instructions and accepted the tiny orphan. Ever since, we have been proud supporters of this extremely worthwhile charity. We are always amazed and grateful for the work they do.

To this end we would like to support the motion raised by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath who identified Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

We do not make it a habit of writing to government officials, but this is of such importance we feel compelled to add a voice for the animals that have none.

Hank & Corrine Bennett

## Item 7.182.

**From:** Cory Bechervaise <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing to you today to show my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre and let you know that I support TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support motions by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have witness the great work done by the Toronto Wildlife Centre first hand and was so impressed that I became a volunteer with TWC, and have been volunteering there for the past 4 years.

One of the most memorable days of my life was the day I was able to help the TWC rescue team save a White Tailed DEER from a certain death. You can click on this link

<https://youtu.be/77plaSfyGVY> to see the rescue, without this amazing centre thousands of animals yearly would die in the GTA. I respectfully ask that you approve the necessary funding to make this happen.



## TWC rescues a white-tailed buck

This white-tailed deer hadn't eaten for a week. Thin, dehydrated and extremely stressed, this poor buck had barbed wire wrapped tightly around his hind leg, ...  
[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/77plaSfyGVY)

I am a strong believer that we as Toronto residents (and the GTA) have an obligation to protect our wildlife both for ourselves and our future generations. We have the TWC so let's help them get to their new purposed location so they can continue caring for Sick, Injured and orphaned wildlife now and far into the future.

I respectfully ask that this project be fast tracked so this move can be commenced as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,  
Cory Bechervaise

## Item 7.183.

**From:** Gail Lavery <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:40 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** [director@torontowildlifecentre.com](mailto:director@torontowildlifecentre.com)  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to voice my support for the establishment of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

At a time when green space is disappearing quickly, and wildlife faces increasing challenges due to increasing traffic, people etc., it's extremely important for the Toronto Wildlife Centre to be a high priority. We need to advocate for the sick and injured animals who grace our area and need our help.

I have been involved in a community group in Markham for a number of years, taking care of a natural habitat area close to my home (Councillor Heath is an active supporter of our efforts which is greatly appreciated). Looking out for the welfare of all types of wildlife brings out the best in everyone, and fosters great community spirit.

Please make the best and kindest decision for our wildlife. To quote Mohandas Gandhi "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Thank you,  
Gail Lavery

## Item 7.184.

**From:** Robert Cooper <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:40 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** NEW HOME FOR THE TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE IN TORONTO'S ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK  
**Importance:** High

**To: The Chair and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, c/o John Mackenzie, Secretary/Treasurer**

I am writing to express my family's support for the efforts being made by TRCA to facilitate the creation of a new, permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge National Urban Park.

In particular, we strongly support the recent motion made Councillors De Baeremaeker (Toronto) and Jack Heath (Markham) to identify this project as a key priority for the TRCA budget in 2020.

We understand that the members of TRCA will soon vote on a proposal to allocate \$20 million dollars towards the construction of TWC's new facility. This is wonderful news.

Our personal experience in dealing with TWC convinces us that this generosity on TRCA's part is fully deserved. We count ourselves fortunate to have observed TWC's rescue and treatment of injured and orphaned wildlife at first hand, and we can say without hesitation that TWC's staff clearly treats all animals brought into its care in a professional and entirely humane manner.

Please do whatever you can to make TWC's new home a reality. I am confident a great majority of GTA residents share our opinion that TWC's rescue and treatment of wildlife in need of care is a cause well worth supporting.

Many thanks, and best regards,

Bob Cooper

## Item 7.185.

**From:** Donna Radia-Cox <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Relocation & Support

Hi, my name is Donna Radia-Cox and I am a proud resident of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I'm writing this note to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I understand that next Friday May 24th, a decision will be made to contribute \$20M towards the construction of the new facility.

I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years, and truly appreciate the challenging and tireless great work they do to help our wildlife.

Further, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I have no doubt that they will act quickly to move TWC into its new home as quickly as possible.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me, and I'm proud and thankful that we do have a facility like TWC, and people with kind hearts, in our great City to help. My own backyard is home to a few rehabilitated squirrels that the TWC brought to me last summer and I'm thrilled to be able to provide a tree for these wild animals in need.

Thank you for reading, and I hope to hear that TWC will receive the support they require on all fronts to move into this much needed new facility. Thank you!

Donna Radia-Cox

## Item 7.186.

**From:** Dusan Fil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:23 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir,

It is my understanding that the TRCA will have to decide soon on allocating funds towards construction of a new facility for Toronto Wildlife Centre that currently resides in a building that is in poor condition



and slated for demolition. I believe that your decision will have the biggest impact on future generations, including those who have not been born yet. As the human population increases, the wildlife population is in steady decline, forced by urban sprawl out of their natural habitat. I am worried about a possibility that one day the human race will be alone in this world – with no other species around. I am worried that one day the kids will only learn about other species from books, without having a chance to see them in the outside world, as they will be all extinct.

I feel it is my duty to present to you my opinion here, and to speak on behalf of those who have no voice, on behalf of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, all that caused by us, humans. Please be advised that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a new permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). Please be aware that this place could be one day in the far future one of the few (if not the only) places in the country that will help those who have no voice – the wildlife.

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham councilor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The TRCA support is needed for the wildlife survival.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With regards,

Dusan Fil, P.Eng, M.Eng

## Item 7.187.

**From:** A Shelton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** note re TRCA May24 Agenda item EX10.4

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing today re upcoming TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 going before the Board on May24, 2019. This item concerns establishing a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I would like to express my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC is a proven player in the support, care and rescue of wildlife in Toronto. Whether sick, injured or merely lost, these animals need the TWC to get back to the wild (or as close to it as it gets in Toronto) where they belong. I myself have assisted TWC by hand-feeding and nurturing baby orphaned animals until they are old enough and able to fend for themselves on release. I am always impressed by the caring and professionalism of the TWC.

TWC needs a new home to continue their good work. Please help them on their mission.

Sincerely,  
Anne Shelton

## Item 7.188.

**From:** Martin Oslinger <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 2:43 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.** I give to the Toronto Wildlife Centre on a regular basis. I believe it is very important to support wild life conservation

Martin Oslinger

## Item 7.189.

**From:** Rebecca Everett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 6:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To whom it may concern,

Please note my support in favour of voting yes to help find the Toronto Wildlife Centre for the following...

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

Kind regards  
Rebecca

## Item 7.190.

**From:** Denise king <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

**Subject:** I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

May 19, 2019

Dear Ms. Innis and TCRA Board Members,

I am writing to support the **TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I was a volunteer driver for the TWC and over the years, independently of being a volunteer, brought several wild animals to them for medical care and in some cases, subsequent release. All 3 types have been involved: sick, injured and orphaned.

My association with the TWC began in 2003 when I was walking to my then-home in Mississauga and found a baby bird fluttering around on someone's driveway in a strange manner. Concerned, I stopped to watch for a while, aware that in the springtime it is normal to see fledgling (cannot fly yet) birds that can be seen on the ground. But something looked wrong in this case. I knocked on my neighbour's door & they told me they had noticed this bird as well and it had been there for a while. They didn't know what to do.

I started calling around to see which municipal department could help. I was very surprised that the local animal shelter could not help but they gave me the number of a local man who was active in advocating for animals. He told me my only option was the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I called them & their expert hotline staff asked me a series of questions to describe the bird. They determined something did indeed seem wrong and asked me if I could drive it in to their building in Downsview Park. I collected it and did just that. Their vet examined it and determined that it had likely fallen from the tree and unfortunately had sustained irreversible neurological damage. It had to be humanely euthanized. This was preferable to what would likely have happened otherwise – suffering while being tormented or eaten by an outdoor domestic cat.

My partner and I were so impressed with the TWC staff that we immediately signed up to be volunteer drivers (for those who come across wildlife in need of care, but who cannot drive the animals in to the centre themselves). We received a seminar so we would know what to do. We were volunteer drivers for a few years before health problems prevented me from continuing. However, we did drive in other wildlife in need – including squirrels from our backyard, sick and freezing from mange in brutally cold winter weather. I recall one who was treated successfully and we were thrilled to watch its release back into our backyard safe haven.

One last story! Around 2005, there was a trumpeter swan in Lake Ontario in Burlington with a fishing line wrapped around its neck. As it couldn't eat, it was starving to death. A local trumpeter swan charity who cared for the birds had been unable to capture it over a period of weeks. I saw the story on the TV news and called the TWC. They had received calls from others who had seen the same story. I was in Burlington that day and so met the TWC rescue team to direct them to the location of the injured swan. After convincing the local group that the TWC did actually exist and could help (!), it took them about 5 minutes to humanely capture the bird and it was brought to the TWC for treatment.

Please allocate funds to the construction of a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I understand this is an urgent matter as they will be forced to move by the end of 2019 due to the poor condition of their current building. They are an excellent group, dedicated and skilled in their work, led by their wonderful Executive Director, wildlife biologist Nathalie Karvonen. All you have to do is a Google search to see how often they've been in the news, rescuing, treating and releasing wildlife. Taxpayers care about these stories for a reason: they care about wildlife.

Yours sincerely,  
Denise King

## Item 7.191.

**From:** Doreen Potter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

May 19, 2019

To Chair and Members of TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA

Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre

I am writing to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park and to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I believe the Toronto Wildlife Centre is a valuable resource for people of the Toronto area, and I am happy to make an annual contribution. Wild animals and birds have a tough time surviving the urban environment, and it's wonderful to know that there is a facility that can come to their aid when they need it. Before I knew of TWC's existence, I encountered situations with injured animals where I felt totally helpless. I know a great many people make use of its resources. It is desperately in need of a permanent home and I urge you to consider helping to fund its construction.

Sincerely, Doreen Potter

## Item 7.192.

**From:** Jen Marshall <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:17 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** support for Toronto Wildlife Centre permanent home

To the Chair and Members of TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie,

As a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I support their need for a new home at Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. The TWC does great work and is known nationally and internationally for rescue and education. I volunteer with Fatal Light Awareness Program (or FLAP), an organization that collects birds that have hit windows in downtown Toronto as they fly through the city (and the GTA) during migration. The TWC is often called on to help rehabilitate birds (sometimes endangered species) that survive collisions.

Wildlife are resilient, but are also under pressure due to habitat loss, among other reasons, mostly human caused. I support the motion by former TO councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to make TWC a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Kind regards,  
Jen Marshall

## Item 7.193.

**From:** Sandy Cipovski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

Hi,

**I am writing this email to support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and that I support the **the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Toronto Wildlife Centre does excellent work with helping animals in need in our community. After finding an abandoned baby rabbit, I called Toronto Wildlife Centre, who helped me identify that this rabbit required help.**

**I brought the rabbit to the centre where he was provided with care he needed.**

**I found the staff to be very caring and dedicated to helping animals.**

Thank you,  
Sandy

## Item 7.194.

**From:** Angela Amiri <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support new Wildlife Center project

Dear Mr Mackenzie,

As a resident of [REDACTED] area we have a rich variety of residents in our neighborhood including a lot of urban wildlife.

As an animal lover and a local taxpayer, I believe it is important to provide help to all our furry and feathered friends therefore I hope you support the Toronto Wildlife Center to be able to build their new facility

**to rescue, care and provide treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.**

**I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).**

**And I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I hope that you will too!

Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Angela Amiri.

## Item 7.195.

**From:** Charlize Martins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie and TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

As a Wildlife Care volunteer and student studying conservation biology, I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Sincerely,  
Charlize Martins

## Item 7.196.

**From:** ROBERT BAILEY <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:03 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I realize that the political situation in Ontario might be described as dire by many, and that this must bring additional pressures to bear when projects are assessed, but I hope that you will give your support to the TWC for their inspirational work and results that help make this city worth fighting for.

That might not be readily apparent on a balance sheet, but I believe it should be a substantial consideration in the approval process. I hope you do too.

sincerely,  
R Bailey

## Item 7.197.

**From:** C. Phyllis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:35 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT THE TRCA'S ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

Thank you for supporting the vital work provided by the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC), which so desperately needs a new facility to continue their unique and urgently needed wildlife rescue service.

The TWC's enormous service of ensuring that our wildlife receive the best intensive care possible can only continue if they receive the TRCA's support in establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (Agenda Item Ex10.4) for the hundreds of injured, lost, abandoned, and profoundly traumatized animals who are struggling against all odds for survival.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is the only organization in Toronto providing not only veterinarian medical care for orphaned wild animals, but they also work to restore the essential habitats required by needy wildlife.

I urge you please to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to acknowledge and identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a vital and priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The TWC is in urgent need of a large facility to provide safety and healing for hundreds of sick and needy animals. Please be on record in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre continuing to offer the best, world-class service of caring and protecting our wildlife for current and future children and families. The taxpayers of

Toronto will continue being well-served by the heroic commitment and dedicated service provided by the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Thank you so very much for ensuring the on-going stability of the vital TWC service of protecting Toronto's Wildlife by supporting this major requirement for a new building and facility.

Sincerely,  
Dr. C. Heffren

## Item 7.198.

**From:** denise murray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:41 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help The Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a new and very much needed permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park area of the GTA by allocating the funds on the agenda EX-10. I also support the motion from Glenn Debaeremaker and Jack Heath to prioritize the Toronto Wildlife Centre in the TRCA 2020 budget.

Over the years I have donated to this Wildlife Centre and have found it necessary to contact the centre for advice and have brought injured wildlife to the center for help. I truly believe in what they stand for and their commitment to help, care and hopefully release back to nature the many types of wildlife that arrive at the center. There is a serious lack of this type of help for wildlife in the GTA and since we humans have encroached on and devoured the wildlife habitats in and around the GTA then I believe we should provide a Wildlife Centre like this, to at the very least rescue, rehabilitate and preserve the many types of wildlife trying to exist.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre also provides extensive education through its hotline and wildlife rescue and rehabilitation and wildlife veterinary care and Public education. Thank you for your consideration of this extremely worthwhile and valuable Wildlife Centre.

## Item 7.199.

**From:** Deborah Bowes Stevens <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:15 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I should like to add my voice to the motion by Mr. De Baeremaeker and Mr. Heath to support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). It is my hope that you also recognize the value of this



project and agree to make its realization a priority for the TRAC's 2020 budget.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

With best wishes,  
Deborah Stevens

## Item 7.200.

**From:** mara.glebovs mara.glebovs <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:30 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** I support the funding of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello,

I totally support the funding of a new location for the Toronto Wildlife Centre which works to restore the health and well-being of wildlife in the Toronto area. Our planet is at risk of losing 1,000,000 species of life, and we humans need to cherish the lives of our fellow creatures.

Mara Glebovs

## Item 7.201.

**From:** David Scriven <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item EX10.4 - Make giving the Toronto Wildlife Centre a permanent home a priority

Dear Mr. Mackenzie.

I'm writing to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. In particular, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 Budget.

I believe that the Toronto Wildlife Centre plays a very important role in ensuring that we have a sustainable urban ecosystem. Based on real experience I have been very impressed with the dedication and service of the staff at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I believe that they are very deserving of being given priority attention in your budget setting.

Regards. David Scriven.

## Item 7.202.

**From:** Maximilian Gerlach <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:15 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

**Subject:** An email on behalf of the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

I'm writing to voice my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre with regard to the TRCA 2020 budget. I have spent the whole winter ambulancing injured and sick wildlife to the TWC and back, and they have been nothing but supportive, helpful, kind, and professional. Without them, I don't know what I would have done about these animals in need that found their way to my backyard. I donate regularly, but if it is your power to help them out more, I can't think of any organization that deserves it more.

Please find attached a picture of two of the (many) patients that have been treated by the TWC for mange this winter.

Thank you very much,  
Maximilian Gerlach



**Item 7.203.**

**From:** Joy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:42 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am writing to request your help with the Toronto Wildlife Centre's efforts to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4.)

I would ask that you support the motion made by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I have personally donated substantial amounts to the Centre because they do such incredible work that is so important, and yet they receive such little funding or even recognition. I sincerely hope that this situation changes and that the extraordinary work by the professionals and the volunteers is recognized, appreciated and helped by making a move to a better building and working conditions

possible. It seems that this is in your hands and I respectfully suggest you take it seriously. Something you will always feel proud to have supported.

Thank you.  
Helga Schmidt

## Item 7.204.

**From:** laurie arbeau <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:54 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4 ) Rouge National Urban Park

Good Afternoon to the members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

I am sending you the following email in expressing my gratitude to it's members in the much needed support of providing land to build a new permanent home to help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre.

Former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath have expressed this project be a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget and I support both of these gentleman 100% in this motion.

As a citizen I did have a first hand dealings with trying to help injured wildlife and was so grateful the Toronto Wildlife Centre was there for me.

A couple of years ago I was jogging in the early morning hours and witness in this case a car going way to fast on a road that took out a mother possum and left her for dead. I knelt

down beside her it was an awful site to see little tiny babies scattered about on the hardened road. It truly struck a nerve seeing this.

I picked up the mother and brought her over to a grassy area away from the road. I went back and started to gather up her 8 lifeless babies and took them back where I placed the mother, their lives were taken unfairly the least I could do was not have other cars running over these little bodies in such a sad situation.

As I went back to pick up the last of her litter I noticed a tiny head lifted, then I caught a glimpse about a foot away from where I just picked up the little baby that was still alive, another movement. The second one seemed to have a broken toe as it was bent backwards and blood coming from its nose. All I could think was the pain and how frightened they must have been as it seemed they were trying to crawl towards where their mother was laying before I moved her.

I picked up the final lifeless body as my plan was to get help for the two still living that I now cradled in my sweatshirt for warmth, then later come back to bury the mother and her babies that didn't survive.

As I placed the very last baby beside its mother to my shock there was another little baby clinging to the body of its mother. I am not sure if this one was in her pouch and came out, as the ones that I did gather up originally were definitely not alive. I quickly grabbed this third one and ran for home.

As soon as I got home I called the Toronto Wildlife Centre, the staff were so passionate and caring and guided me in what to do until I was able to bring the babies to the centre. I don't think there is enough words to express how so very important it is to have a centre like this to help people that need help in unexpected situations as what I had experienced.

For our urban wildlife that has lived here for generations after generations that desperately try to live out their lives peacefully, it seems far too often not enough people don't respect or try to even understand having our urban wildlife live amongst is critical in a healthy balance with mother nature and people.

Far too often this view is how wildlife ends up in bad circumstances, thankfully the TWC is there when a citizen calls on behalf of an animal that is in need of help.

I believe that by going forward with the much needed funds to build a new facility to accommodate the needs of our wildlife and the amazing dedicated staff and volunteers is a win-win situation all around. A more modern facility could arouse new interest in the public being able to come to the centre in more frequent open houses to learn how important it is to have this type of centre. Better educated public makes for a better understanding of respecting wildlife.

School boards should be incorporated into their education system to have class room field trips to the TWC. This may also lead some students down a path maybe volunteering or possible careers in helping animals that they would have not thought about until they have had the chance to experience first hand what they would be experiencing visiting the future new facility.

In today's world it seems like it is always doom and gloom people are looking for something that is truly uplifting. Not only young people, but people of all ages and backgrounds need to see and experience kindness and respect that is given to help wildlife a chance to survive from so many horrible situations. What better way for us taxpayers that do care and want to make a difference would very much like to see this go forth with the funds needed to make this happen.

I thank the TRCA again in all their efforts in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre succeed in establishing this much needed new permanent home.

yours truly

Laurie Arbeau

(a proud supportive in helping wildlife succeed and survive in supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre )

## Item 7.205.

**From:** Lea Ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:46 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie

Dear John,

I'm writing in support of Toronto Wildlife. They are DESPERATELY in need of a new facility. My daughter is a regular volunteer there. I regularly drop off wild birds via the FLAP network. It's a run down facility and really needs something better. Please vote in support.

Regards,  
Lea Ray

## Item 7.206.

**From:** Sue Campbell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for TWC

To:  
Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
C/o John MacKenzie, Secretary/Treasurer

From:  
Sue Campbell, [REDACTED] and monthly donor to Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello Chair and Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre establishing a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park.

I understand the TRCA has been very supportive of the relocation by provisioning land for the long-term. This is wonderful news.

I see the Toronto Wildlife Centre doing incredible work treating injured and orphaned animals in our urban environs. And I support the Centre year-round with a monthly donation because I believe services such as the Wildlife Hotline, Vet Hospital and public education programs all contribute to making the GTA a caring and compassionate place to live.

I would like to see the TWC continue to thrive in a new, expanded and functional space.

I hope that you agree with me and on May 24th, support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you and all the best to those at the TRCA.

Sincerely,  
Sue Campbell

## Item 7.207.

**From:** Sara <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:04 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA Funding for the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that on May 24, 2019 you will be deciding on the allocation of \$20,000,000 towards construction of a new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a long term resident of this city and long term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). **I further support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

The TWC offers unique services that are unequalled and much needed in the GTA and Ontario. With the rapid expansion of urban communities, more and more wildlife are displaced and

placed in higher risk for injury due to traffic, housing and other dangers inherent with these expansions.

I have brought injured animals to the TWC that would not have had a chance of survival without their services. Through their services they also promote much needed education for residents about how to live in harmony with Wildlife and how to co-exist in a compassionate and caring way without harming the animals.

We need to protect the environment and the creatures around us so that they can be enjoyed by our children and grandchildren. The TWC is indispensable in solidifying the future of the Wildlife around us through compassion, rehabilitation and care. Nathalie Karvonen and her volunteers unselfishly devote countless hours to make this happen.

Without your help it will be impossible for them to realize this very important initiative because donations from individual supporters, like myself, is just not enough for this ambitious and much needed endeavour.

Please help them and their “patients” this will be a rewarding experience for all.

Thank you.

S. Martinez

## Item 7.208.

**From:** Julia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:11 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Funding for the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that on May 24, 2019 you will be deciding on the allocation of \$20,000,000 towards construction of a new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a long term resident of this city and long term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). **I further support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

I have been a supporter of the TWC for many years and I have personally seen the countless hours they devote to the Rehabilitation and Care of their patients. Although I am a regular donor, I know that they cannot achieve this very important initiative solely on the basis of donations from donors like myself. Please allocate the funds to them as their services are not only unequalled but an integral part in protecting the environment and the wildlife so that they can be enjoyed by future generations.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

J. Martinez

## Item 7.209.

**From:** Linda Klan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello, my husband and I are supporters of the TWC and the vital work they do to rehabilitate our local wildlife when they are orphaned, sick or injured and in need of help.

We can not stress enough how important the work of TWC is and how necessary. Their work teaches children compassion and kindness and encourages the love of nature and the importance of the environment.

We have been fortunate enough to visit the existing facility and see firsthand the dedication of the staff and volunteers and the amazing work they do. The move to the new facility in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park will allow TWC to expand their programming and outreach and allow more animals to resume their lives as vital parts of our communities.

We wish to thank former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath for their support in identifying Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you.  
Linda Klan and Peter Coney

## Item 7.210.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:



I am pleased to confirm that I have been a regular contributor to the TWC for many years and will continue to do so as long as I can (and beyond). The rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is very high on my list of priorities and I provide assistance to a variety of birds and other species on an almost daily basis. Last winter, I encountered and obviously sick racoon along the Humber River and, with help from others, captured it and kept it in my bathroom overnight before transporting it to the TWC where it unfortunately had to be euthanized due to severe distemper.

I most strongly support the proposed establishment of a permanent home for the TWC in the Rouge and the motion to identify it as a priority in your 2020 budget. Natalie Karvonen is a national hero who I know will continue to oversee the organization in a most efficient manner.

Sincerely, John Murby

## Item 7.211.

**From:** Bruce Ramsay <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre: Proposed re-location to Rouge National Urban Park, T.R.C.A. agenda item EX10.4

To: Chair & Members of the T.R.C.A. Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, Secretary-Treasurer, T.R.C.A.

From: Bruce Ramsay ([REDACTED]), Toronto

May 18, 2019

Please receive these notes, my expression of support both for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's proposed re-location to Rouge National Urban Park, and for that matter to be provided with priority status for funding as to the T.R.C.A.'s 2020 budget.

Amid turmoil derived from the many competing, yet worthy, interests representing a person's daily life upon grounds respectively financial and practical, a small animal injured might tend to be overlooked as to the magnitude of peril in which it is entrapped --- in part, perhaps, because a person may feel powerless to give remediation notwithstanding be in possession of a heartfelt desire to be exponential by way of providing nurture's investment through offerings of life-sustaining comfort, according to spiritual principles fostering properly sacrificial expressions of consideration and care. Accordingly, the proposed substantial investment by the T.R.C.A. and its partner investors, to provide injured members of wildlife with a best opportunity for recovery, would be a fine gesture toward those who cannot express thanks but who would surely be profoundly appreciative nevertheless.

A couple of years ago, while I walked along Eglinton Avenue in Scarborough, I came across a gull that could not walk or fly, but repeatedly stumble one, or two, steps before falling forward onto its chest and face then mightily struggle to gain some measure of an upright stance, only. Were there not for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's medical assistance, the bird might have suffered alone a prolonged and serious discomfort, both physically and psychologically, in an inhospitable environment until prematurely passing away. The Centre now strives with less than truly adequate resources, to meet the needs of many distressed individuals. A new home in the Rouge, properly constituted by virtue of endowment with extensive resources, would greatly assist, I'm sure, its staff to mend the bodies, minds, hence the lives, of animals otherwise helpless yet a multitude for their great number and diversity by size and by type.

Thank you for your kindness in attention given to those sentiments.

Respectfully yours,  
Bruce Ramsay

## Item 7.212.

**From:** Janice Bearg <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 3:47 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4 (funding for TWC in Rouge National Urban Park)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board

(c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer):

As a member of the community, I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. It's essential that our urban wildlife is protected and provided safe haven whenever necessary. In order to support the TWC in its efforts to do so, we ask that you support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Without the TWC, the skunk that was recently found in our backyard, with a foot caught in an old trap stuck between our fence and our neighbour's, would most certainly have died a painfully slow death of dehydration and starvation. We are eternally grateful that a volunteer from TWC was able to come to our aid in rescuing the skunk and providing it the medical care it needed before releasing it to the wild.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely yours,  
Janice Bearg

## Item 7.213.

**From:** David Michael Bastoli <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 3:52 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Funding for Toronto Wildlife Centre (Meeting #5/19)

Chair and Members of the Board  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

c/o John Mackenzie, Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's (TWC) advancing plan to establish a permanent wildlife rehabilitation and education centre in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Specifically, I am asking you to **support the draft motion (11.1, #5/19) to include \$20 million in funding for the project** as a priority within the 2020 TRCA budget submission to its participating municipalities.

As a Toronto business owner and lifelong resident of the Greater Toronto Area, I believe strongly in the necessity of the work carried out by the dedicated staff and volunteers of the TWC.

Based on TWC's track record, I am confident that the new centre will contribute greatly to the TRCA's goal of a "Living City", both through its leading rehabilitation methods and by creating enhanced opportunities for public education, an important part of the TRCA's mission.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,  
David Michael Bastoli

## Item 7.214.

**From:** Lauren Ostrowski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre's anticipated move to Rouge Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am a current volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC), and I am emailing you today to show my support for TWC's anticipated move to Rouge Park.

TWC is instrumental in providing care to Ontario's sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. We are the largest and busiest wildlife centre in Canada, and are a leader in the field of wildlife rehabilitation. Our Hotline staff is the busiest of its kind in Canada, and takes approximately 30,000 calls per year. This statistic demonstrates how essential our services are. 30,000 calls a year from the public shows just how much our community cares about their wildlife species. If our centre were to no longer exist, who would take these calls? We provide care to thousands of animals each year, representing around 300 species (many of which are defined as species-at-risk). We are also actively engaged in education and outreach, helping to educate the public about their province's wildlife and promote healthy human-wildlife relationships. Our current building barely allows the public to view any of the things we do at the centre, and we would love the opportunity to be able to more effectively demonstrate the work we do with wildlife.

As you are aware, the current building is in very poor condition, and is slated for demolition at the end of this year. I myself have experienced the much less than ideal conditions this building has to offer. With heavy rains, the building floods. This not only further destroys the building, but also destroys our supplies that have been graciously donated by the public (we rely entirely on donations and receive no government funding), and endangers our patients. The building can also pose hazardous working conditions. There are many cracks/holes throughout the building/windows, these are "closed" by

shoving cloths and towels in, which eventually produces mould as these get wet. These are just some of the facility issues we deal with regularly. Suffice it to say it's time for a move! We desperately require a new facility to house the hundreds of animals we have in our care at any given time. Come demolition time, if these animals are not transferred to another facility, we will have nowhere to house them and they will likely perish as a result.

For these reasons, I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your continued support of TWC! I sincerely hope the funding vote on Friday turns out positively as it will allow TWC to continue to do the amazing work they do!

Lauren Ostrowski

## Item 7.215.

**From:** Bill Walker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 4:21 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board,

**Subject; Toronto Wildlife Centre – (TRCA Agenda**  
**Item EX10.4)**

I have been a resident of Toronto and Durham all my life.

As a wildlife lover and conservationist I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for well over 20 years. I was also a volunteer with them for about 12 of those years.

I cannot express adequately how thankful I am that this organization exists in the GTA and how grateful I am to them for helping not only myself but also so many of my friends and neighbours over the years by giving us a place to treat injured wildlife and provide valuable education on how we can co-exist with the wildlife that resides along with us in our communities. This is a truly incredible organization that has become indispensable in the GTA.

My sincere thanks goes to the TRCA for the support you have given to the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their effort to establish a permanent facility in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Mr. Chair and Board Members, I believe this project strongly fits with with the vision and core values of the TRCA. I also believe this is an opportunity to not only help preserve and improve a very essential service in The GTA but this project will become a world class example of conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, education and co-existence with wildlife in our communities.

I thank you very much for your consideration of placing The Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority on your budget plans for 2020.

Sincerely,  
Bill Walker

## Item 7.216.

From: kimberly seymour <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 4:58 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com; Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham  
Subject: Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, C/O John Mackenzie

I urge you to support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Center establish a permanent home in Torontos Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4)

This is a vital service offered to help care of our sick and injured wild animals. The people at Toronto Wildlife work tirelessly to help save our orphaned animals. Just two weeks ago at the school that I work at students spotted three baby Canada geese on the second storey of our school. By the time it was reported to staff two of the babies had died, one fell over and the other probably due to starvation or dehydration as it has been up there for a few days. The last little one was being protected by its parents however it was a desperate situation. The geese had the babies on the top of the roof where there was no access to food or water other than where the rain pooled a little water. I called Toronto Wildlife Center. They told me to try to get the baby down off the roof and they were on the way to pick up the baby and parents as they just found 7 orphaned babies and they were hoping these parents would be surrogates. We got the baby down. The parents flew to the baby. The TO wildlife rescuers the group and planned to check out baby and release the family with the orphaned baby the next day.

I was so impressed with this organization. From the expertise to the quick response and the genuine caring of the poor animals. I have also known this facility to mend endangered turtles, baby racoons and other animals that have been rescued. I would urge the TRCA board to please vote to on this being a priority project.

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Center as a priority project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

With thanks,  
Kimberly Seymour

## Item 7.217.

From: Andy C <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 5:29 PM  
To: John MacKenzie

**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TWC Facility in Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I am writing in regards to the allocation of funds to the new Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) facility. I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to establish a new home for TWC in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the TWC facility as a priority project for TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a resident of GTA, I have been a volunteer and supporter of TWC's rescue and rehabilitation efforts, saving the lives of thousands of animals every year. Without their work, many threatened and endangered species would be at greater risk of disappearing. I would like to share a personal story involving wildlife. While I was driving one day in 2018, I saw a turtle on the middle of a rural road. I stopped my car to help the turtle cross safely to the other side, but realized it was already struck by a car and bleeding from a cracked shell. I was able to identify the turtle as a rare Blanding's turtle, threatened in most of its native range in Ontario due to high road mortality. I quickly took the turtle to TWC where they took x-rays to determine the extent of its injury. That was when they discovered 12 eggs! After surgery to repair the turtle's shell, she laid the eggs, which were incubated and hatched. On that day when I stopped my car to help the turtle, we saved 12 more lives! For more on this story, you can click this link: <https://youtu.be/smRjYDzM2ME>

We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to help the survival of urban wildlife. The TWC needs funding for the vital new facility that will enable them to continue their live saving work and give many species hope.

Thank you,

Andy Chang

## Item 7.218.

**From:** Erika Faust <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 5:37 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

My name is Erika Faust, and I am a resident of [REDACTED].

I am writing today to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me. I would love to see TWC expand and improve their core programs. This group is instrumental in helping to preserve and protect incredible wildlife who live in and around our great city. It is our duty as citizens of Toronto to do everything we can to protect the wildlife who live here too.

I support TWC moving into their great new home and I hope they can count on support from the TRCA.

Thank you for your time.  
Erika Faust

## Item 7.219.

TRCA

Hello all please note it would be the best thing to give the support in monetary funds to the Toronto Wildlife to help them build the new home so that they can continue to provide the help that the wild animal's needs.

I see what is happening to them now, where more and more homes and condos are going up and they are losing their homes, with that said they have nowhere to go and run on the roads where they are hit and left for dead. It is hard to see this and I do hope that you give your full support. I had a friend you found an injured bird and she did not know what to do, so I told her to call the Toronto Wildlife hotline and they had her bring the bird in, without their help I know that the bird would have died.

I support the TRCA in their efforts to help The Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda item EX10.4)

And


I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn DeBaaeremaker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife and I see all the good things they do and would hope that you continue to help.

Yours sincerely

  
Diana Greco

## Item 7.220.

**From:** Lynn McIntyre < >  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:51 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Hello,

I greatly support former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath's motion, to be discussed on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, to identify the new Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. With the Wildlife Centre's current building slated for demolition, it is urgent that a permanent wildlife rescue and rehabilitation home be established.

Thanks also to the TRCA's support of this new Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. The Centre's work is urgent in rescuing, caring for and treating sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in Toronto. And this is a perfect location for it.

Lynn McIntyre

## Item 7.221.

**From:** Artem Zaloga <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre move to Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie,

I am writing on the behalf on my entire family to say thank you for your ongoing efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Rouge Park. The TWC have been a blessing to us, and we have relied heavily on their assistance in times when we have found an injured raccoon or bird, a stray turtle or her unexpected nest, or a disoriented deer around our property.

Given the necessity (and rarity) of the service that the TWC provides, we strongly support the motion put forth by the former Toronto Councillor, Glenn De Baeremaeker, and Markham Councillor, Jack Heath, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. We sincerely hope that their relocation to Rouge Park be as simple and straightforward as possible, and we kindly ask for your help in the matter.

Thank you, and all the best,  
Artem Zaloga

## Item 7.222.

**From:** David Macfarlane <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie; Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** New home for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair/Members of the TRCA Board

I am writing to give my enthusiastic support for a new home for the TWC. I fully endorse Glenn De Baeremacker and Jack Heath in this. It is a wonderful cause and simply the right thing that it be a priority for funding. Humans are contributing to death and harm to animals and this can help mitigate the damage. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me. Thanks

David Macfarlane [REDACTED]



## Item 7.223.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 1:14 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre Priority for 2020 Budget

Hello,

I am writing to share my support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park ( Agenda item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I have seen first hand the positive impact and effect this centre has on not only helping injured animals but saving countless lives. By making the centre a top priority the impact could be exponential. Wildlife are central to conservation and by working together this would ultimately make our communities a better place.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my email.

Kind Regards,  
Samantha Whitehead

## Item 7.224.

**From:** Joanne Ingrassia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** TWC  
**Subject:** TRCA agenda item EX10.4 - supporting Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I strongly urge you to please support the much-needed Toronto Wildlife Centre, by approving the motion put forward by former Toronto Councillor Gleen De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath, to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This very much needed support will help TWC tremendously, to be able to build a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. TRCA has already demonstrated support by providing the use of the land (much appreciated, thank you) and this critical charity now very much needs support to make that move happen.

As you may be aware, TWC has been operating for many years in a very old airplane hanger out at Downsview Park, going above and beyond, year and after year, 365 days a year, to help injured, sick and orphaned wildlife be treated, care for, and released back to their urban habitat. They also operate a very active Hotline to help residents with any wildlife concerns (more than 30,000 calls a year, I have called many times myself and received excellent advice, and have also taken in injured and sick squirrels and birds several times over the years).

They help over 5,000 animals/birds,etc every year, and could help even more with more support for a larger, permanent home. And they've done all of this primarily through donations, providing a critical service that many people still mistakenly think is an already funded and supported City service. As you may know, City funded Toronto Animal Services, 311, and many others, routinely direct people to call TWC when there are any wildlife concerns. That's because TWC is licensed by the provincial government to provide their expert care, and it has a roster of dedicated volunteers as well to handle much of the day to day work. It is Canada's busiest wildlife hospital!

TWC now desperately needs a permanent home, especially given the property they have been using is expelling them in order to build new development. But to do that will take a lot of support, and the need for the City to help support it as much as possible would be so very much appreciated.

As a long time supporter of TWC, I will continue to do what I can as a resident, too. I can't imagine how awful it would be if TWC wasn't available to help me, and the wildlife we live amongst.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Ingrassia

**Item 7.225.**

**From:** Nadine Vogt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:56 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** support the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am emailing to ask the TRCA to prioritize wildlife health by supporting the building of a new centre for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge National Park.

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a former volunteer veterinarian at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, I have experienced first-hand the need for a new facility in order to improve the care we are able to provide for injured wildlife found in the GTA. Although the volunteer network at the TWC is strong and contributes immensely, the

medicine, treatments and diagnostic care we provide to wildlife are often limited by the facilities and equipment available for these purposes. I believe that the investment of \$20 million dollars towards the building of a new facility will go a long way in supporting this new project and centre, and will not only benefit wildlife, but will also provide unique and valuable educational opportunities for GTA residents to learn more about wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Nadine Vogt

## Item 7.226.

**From:** Marie Lyons <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** new wildlife centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear John Mackenzie, Chair and Members of TRCA Board,

Please do not hesitate to allocate the much needed funds for the new wildlife centre. TWC does amazing work and I have been a supporter for many years. We took in a couple of orphaned squirrels a few years ago. The TWC did all the work caring for these babies until they were able to look after themselves. We provided a backyard for them to live. The old facility is going to be demolished so it is essential that this be a priority project. Please don't let the animals, reptiles and birds down.

Thank you, Marie Lyons

## Item 7.227.

**From:** Melissa Chapman Bond <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre - Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and members of the TRCA Board c/o Mr. MacKenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing today because I want to express my full support of **the TRCA** in its efforts to help **Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park** (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify **Toronto Wildlife Centre** as a priority project for the TRCA's **2020 budget**.

My husband and I, have been monthly supporters of TWC for many years because we love animals and we feel so fortunate for the wildlife that live in our city. We also know we need an organization like TWC to help our wildlife when it's in need. I personally follow TWC on Facebook and Instagram because while it's always difficult to know that an animal has been injured, it's also extremely comforting to know we citizen have a place to bring them for care.

I am also proud that as far away as California - people from Universal Studio reached out to our Wildlife Centre for help to relocate a family of geese with goslings. We are so fortunate to have this facility and the people who work and volunteer there, caring for all wildlife in need and they need a new home they can call their own.

Thank you,  
Melissa Chapman Bond

## Item 7.228.

**From:** Carolyn Veit <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen  
**Subject:** Request to Support Construction of New TWC Facility

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary / Treasurer

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and request TRCA make it a priority to provide funding towards the new TWC facility at Rouge Park. This is an investment that will pay back two-fold.

Starting from fairly humble beginnings, its amazing how much TWC has accomplished towards care of a wide range of wildlife. Baby birds and goslings I've brought to TWC for help were given full attention from time of my initial phone call to TWC, all the way through to follow up recovery, rehabilitation and release back to their habitats.

To support all of TWC's efforts a secure and functional facility is essential and needed now.

Best Regards  
Carolyn Veit

## Item 7.229.

**From:** Arthur Manz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:47 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for building a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Members of TCRA:

This is to express my support for the funding and building of a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park. This includes:

- support for the TRCA (Toronto Region and Conservation Authority) in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).
- support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

There are a number of factors that have influenced my decision to support given the financial constraints that we now face:

1. this is a demonstration of Canadian spirit at its finest and helps to preserve our heritage,
2. this is an opportunity to physically demonstrate that we wish to share this planet with our indigenous wildlife,
3. it is a wonderful learning opportunity for our children,
4. the recent TVO series on City Wildlife Rescue hit home with its portrayal of the concerns, cares, and joys of animal rescue. These are real people who are dedicated to a worthy cause.

To sum up, I am a fairly private person who was moved to express my support for this worthwhile endeavour and I do feel that there is common ground to get this project moving.

Thank you.

Arthur Manz

## Item 7.230.

**From:** Mariana Cuitino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife: Support the Rebuild

Hello,

My name is Mariana Cuitino and I've been a volunteer driver for the Brampton Animal Shelter for a couple of years now. I transfer injured wildlife from Brampton to Toronto. I am definitely in favour of the idea to raise funds to rebuild a new Toronto Animal Shelter. I think it's very important for us to have proper facilities when we are talking about saving lives.

Thank you,

## Item 7.231.

**From:** Lyndsay Stephenson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:58 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie,

I'm writing to ask that you please support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), as well as the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping to support, protect and rehabilitate our city's wildlife is critical, and is an important part of maintaining our city's culture and wellbeing for current and future generations.

Thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely,  
Lyndsay Stephenson

## Item 7.232.

**From:** Fernandes, Roy (St Sylvester) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 10:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Please make the Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing this email in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's stellar daily work.

I understand that former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath have made a motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I think this is an excellent use of budget money.

I am in full support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I had the good fortune to take a group of students for a three day experience with the Toronto Wildlife Centre this past school year. I came away extremely impressed with the fantastic work the Toronto Wildlife Centre is doing. Their commitment to selflessly giving their time to help animals that we have impacted through human activity is commendable. It is my sincere hope that you will support their work and pass the budget motion.

Looking forward to hearing about your positive decision for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely,  
Roy Fernandes

## Item 7.233.

From: Cindy Shigetomi <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:05 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: New Wildlife Centre in The Rouge

Dear Sir:

With the recent sad news that our TORONTO City Council denying and voting against the need to announce a climate emergency, I think it is just as important to realize and support our wildlife live and assist them with the extreme conditions of survival they are subject to within and around our city and our need to establish a permanent new home.

I support the motion by councillor Glenn de Baeremaeker the TRCA and the TORONTO Wildlife Centre in The Rouge. They are linchpin to the survival of our precious wildlife.

Please help this become a reality by recognizing this as a priority project.

Thank you!  
Cindy

## Item 7.234.

From: Morris St. Pierre <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 7:20 PM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Toronto Wildlife Centre  
Subject: I support motion to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 Budget

Attention: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mac Kenzie Secretary/Treasurer

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is an organization which plays a crucial role in taking care of injured wildlife in Toronto. They are an organization for which I have great respect and admiration. They need support, encouragement and more facilities to help them meet their goals.

With this in mind I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Your assistance in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre reach this goal would be a legacy accomplishment for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for generations to come.

Best regards to all decision makers in determining the destiny of the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Respectfully yours,  
Morris St. Pierre

## Item 7.235.

**From:** will smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 6:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Re. Toronto Wildlife Centre/TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer,  
Re. TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4

For nearly two decades my wife and I have been modest financial supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. More importantly though, we've been users of their services in the care of sick, injured or distressed wild life that have stumbled onto our property. Visits to TWC at Downsview Park have been too numerous to mention, but no matter whether the potential patient was an injured bird or an orphaned racoon, the attention and care received has always been stellar. As taxpayers living in [REDACTED] we cannot overstate the importance of these services to us.

We're aware of how supportive TRCA has been in connection with the move of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to the Rouge National Urban Park. A long-term land-use agreement allowing for the building of a purpose-built facility will provide a more than appropriate base for Canada's busiest wildlife care centre.

We would also like you to know that we wholeheartedly support the motion introduced by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath identifying the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

In closing, we support the TRCA's efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), allowing for the potential expansion and improvement of its core programs: the Wildlife Hotline, Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, Wildlife Rehabilitation, and Public Education.

Nancy and Bill Smith



## Item 7.236.

From: "Pam Lootsteen" <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, May 20, 2019 at 11:21 AM -0400  
Subject: Wildlife rescue and rehab centre in the Rouge  
To: "John MacKenzie" <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: "director@torontowildlifecentre.com" <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

Dear Mr. Mackenzie and the TRCA Board,  
I am sending this email to support the TRCA in helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre build a permanent space in Rouge Park. I support councillor Jack Heath's motion to make this a priority for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

A few years ago I asked the TWC's help with an injured racoon that had put himself on my front porch for safety. The temperature that evening was going to be -25C. I could not watch an animal freeze to death. The Toronto Wildlife Centre helped both that racoon and us in a timely, professional manner and prevented a horrible death. I have donated to this organization when I can.

I understand the new centre will increase public viewing of their work and educational activities. This is very important. There is empirical data showing links to how much moral value we accord animals and how we treat other human beings. If we raise our children to value the lives and feelings of animals, we will likely raise children who are kind to other people and tolerant of diversity.

Please help to make the centre a reality!  
Pam Lootsteen

## Item 7.237.

From: "Genevieve Lumsden" <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, May 20, 2019 at 10:19 AM -0400  
Subject: Support for the TRCA to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park  
To: "John MacKenzie" <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: "director@torontowildlifecentre.com" <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

The majority of wildlife injuries stem from anthropogenic activities (directly or indirectly), it is therefore our responsibility to what we can to care and treat these injured and sick wildlife. Therefore, I am emailing to voice my support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your time to consider my opinion.  
Genevieve Lumsden

## Item 7.238.

From: Janet Jazairi <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:24 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre to find a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

I also support the motion by Glenn De Baeremaeker and Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project.

I have supported TWC for several years now, ever since I cast around for help with a wounded squirrel which used to visit my garden. I was so impressed with the spirit of this place when I went up there to get a squirrel trap. I do hope that the Centre gets its funding so that it can continue to help and protect wildlife.

Yours,  
Janet Jazairi

## Item 7.239.

From: Peter Ladouceur <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:33 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a beacon of hope for vulnerable creatures.

I fully support the efforts of the TWC in acquiring a facility where they can do so much good.

Sincerely;  
Peter Ladouceur

## Item 7.240.

From: Linda Fischer <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:35 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre in the Rouge Park.

- **I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home** in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- **I support the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

- I have taken many orphaned and injured animals to the wildlife centre over the years. I was comforted to know they would be cared for. I wholeheartedly support the motion.
- This is what the Rouge Park should be used for!

Linda Fischer

## Item 7.241.

**From:** mert ozcan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 12:10 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** Support for the new Toronto Wildlife Centre project

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I apologize for taking your time but I'd like to tell you a short story, please bear with me 😊

Last year on a cold winter morning, I found a little bird laying still in front of our building entrance. Poor thing was traumatized and wasn't able to fly. After taking it to a local neighborhood veterinary they told me that there Toronto Wildlife Centre would know how to treat it, so I took the little bird all the way to the Wildlife facility in Downsview in a shoebox with openings for air, some water, some cotton and food (although I have a fulltime in job in downtown, and I don't have a car).

There, after examining the poor little thing, the veterinary doctors told me that it was a migratory bird and it smashed into the building head on while flying to migrate to south (probably due to light pollution). Although they couldn't save it since its head injury was unrecoverable, I was assured that it was the best place/team to be able to understand the situation and diagnose and treat it properly. There is certainly a specialty adhered to Toronto Wildlife Center – they are experts in wildlife animals and the local veterinary clinics don't have much experience other than pets.

One thing I noticed however was that, their facility was really a rundown. I even thought to myself – I clearly remember to this day – how come Canada, having world's second largest land area and most beautiful nature and a precious wildlife and its biggest city, main hub, Toronto, doesn't have a proper facility for the wildlife protectors/savers?

The staff there seems like amazing people, very hardworking and doing this job enthusiastically but they seemed to be understaffed...

Witnessing this cold fact made me empathize with the institution, its staff and the poor animals being taken care there, so I donated a couple of times.

However now that I heard there's a possibility that a new center can be built, I'd like to let you know that as a [REDACTED] resident, I'm a big proponent of this project!

Therefore, I'd like to let you know that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thank you for your time and support for Toronto's wildlife and its precious habitants!

Mert Ozcan

## Item 7.242.

**From:** Ilse Joubert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 8:41 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Toronto Wildlife Centre  
**Subject:** New HOME for TWC

Dear Chair and Members of TRCA Board

I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help TWC establish a permanent facility for their amazing rescue and treatment of our urban wildlife in the Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4)

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

They have saved thousands of orphaned and injured animals - even a fledgling robin I brought in a few years ago!

Urban wildlife makes Toronto a special city - we need to preserve and protect them!

Sincerely  
Ilse Joubert

## Item 7.243.

**From:** bernice zimnicki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2019 8:37 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** twc need

Good morning,

I would like the committee members to know that I totally support the Toronto Wildlife Centre

and their need for a new facility in the Rouge Park.

As also supported by members of the Toronto Council, it is a project that I hope gets onto your list for priority actions.

This is such an essential service in the Toronto area , really the only kind of its sort and funded only by donations.

Thank you,  
Bernice Zimnicki

## Item 7.244.

From: Ardith Merton <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:36 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Rehabilitation Centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board I support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and the Markham Councillor to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. The Toronto Wildlife Centre does great work and supplies a much needed service to helpless injured and orphaned animals of all species. They email me heartwarming stories of the animals they rescue and save with delicate surgeries. They take the time to personally telephone me to thank me for my donations! A new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre building would be a tremendous help to them and allow them to continue the awesome services that they do.

Best regards, Ardith Merton

## Item 7.245.

From: Monica 09 <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:18 AM  
To: John MacKenzie  
Cc: Nathalie Karvonen  
Subject: Priority Allocation

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am a long standing monthly financial donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre and I am writing this email to express my gratitude for the support the TRCA has shown in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Given the nature of the work this centre is doing, and that they are the only one of its kind in the city of Toronto, I would like to emphasize the need to support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

With urban sprawl further encroaching on rural lands, it is inevitable that wildlife, people and city/building infrastructure will sometimes clash , thereby necessitating a modern, state of the art facility that can handle all types of emergencies whenever the need arises.

Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Sincerely,  
Monica Orlowski

## Item 7.246.

Glenn De Baeremaeker



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Jennifer Innis  
Chair, Toronto and Region  
Conservation Authority 101  
Exchange Avenue  
Vaughan, Ontario, L4K 5R6

Dear Chair and members of the board:

Please accept this letter as my request for your support of the motion to make the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) a priority project in the 2020 budget.

The services provided by the Toronto Wildlife Centre will have a positive impact in every single municipality that is represented on the TRCA, and the TWC is the only organization that can provide the education, rescue, veterinarian care, rehabilitation and public awareness required to help GTA residents live in harmony with our wild neighbours.

**The TRCA and all municipalities continue to do great work planting trees, creating new wetlands, creating new meadowlands, resorting creeks and rivers, and even mandating the building of green roofs. The TRCA and its partners create the habitat which makes the wildlife hospital necessary. In fact, the very existence of our cities makes the wildlife hospital necessary.**

While the TRCA has included the Wildlife Centre project in our 2018 and 2019 budget submissions, the project, unfortunately, remains “below the line” in terms of funding priorities. I believe it is important to pass this motion which directs our staff to work with municipal staff - at the start of the 2020 budget process - to ensure the project is funded in 2020, either through additional funding or finding offsets within our current budget.

The wildlife centre motion proposes, for Toronto, a \$1 million per year allocation to the Wildlife Centre project until the wildlife centre construction costs are paid for. If Toronto provides additional funding, then moving forward is relatively easy.

If Toronto does not provide additional funding, then the motion directs staff to keep this project above the line by finding offsets. Offsets would most likely come from lowering our tree planting and habitat restoration budget allocation, thereby requiring us to find additional funds for habitat restoration. I am comfortable suggesting this as I believe there are several

initiatives that will help ensure our habitat restoration projects continue, including:

- New funding from the Rouge National Urban Park. The National Park did not exist just six years ago, which means the \$143.7 million investment by Parks Canada is new money we did not have in the past. Parks Canada will continue to spend millions on tree planting and habitat restoration over the next 10 years. Sometimes Parks Canada may contract the TRCA to do the habitat restoration, sometimes they may contract NGOs like 10,000 Trees for the Rouge to do the habitat restoration, but either way, there will be millions of new dollars spent in our jurisdiction by a branch of government that had no presence here just six years ago.
- New funding from the Don River restoration project. The \$1.2 billion project to renaturalize the Don River is relatively new funding, spread over 10 years, and includes substantial habitat improvements including 60 acres of new wetlands, meadowlands and tree planting.
- New funding from the City of Toronto Forestry initiatives. The City of Toronto has doubled its tree planting budget from \$7 million per year (in 2010) to \$14 million per year (in 2018) and is looking for locations to plant trees and conduct habitat restoration.
- New funding from the Ashbridges Bay landfill project. The project is a new \$90 million project that includes significant new land creation, tree planting and habitat restoration.
- New funding from the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Project. The project will see over \$160 million invested - and over 50 acres of new habitat created – over the next ten years.
- New funding from The Scarborough Waterfront Trail Project. The project EA has just been approved by the provincial government, which means this \$370 million project will bring new funding to the TRCA and will include substantial tree planting and habitat restoration. While not funded yet, Toronto already allocated \$5 million in the 2019 budget to help fix Brimley Road access for cars and pedestrians and may get full funding soon. The project includes 20 acres of new habitat creation and restoration.
- New funding from federal programs. Some \$22.31 million, for example, has recently been allocated to the TRCA to fund erosion management and hazard mitigation projects over ten years; all these projects will include habitat restoration components.

In conclusion, in a TRCA budget that is over \$130 million per year (and is estimated to be over \$200 million in 2019), I believe we can find the funding necessary to help create the largest wildlife hospital and rehabilitation centre in Canada. The Wildlife Centre project should be embraced and supported by the TRCA, and I encourage you to vote accordingly.

Cheers,

Glenn De Baeremaeker

## Item 7.247.

**From:** Una Stirling <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 7:43 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>; director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Important re - 2020 budget TRCA

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA

I want to bring to your attention the important work carried out by the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I personally know 3 people who have had dealings with this organization, where they have found an injured (and in one case orphaned), animal and brought it to the attention of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. All 3 cases ended well with lives saved thanks to the intervention of the Centre. While I haven't had to deal with a sick animal, I have been for a tour of their current facilities. They are doing the most impressive work in the shabbiest of conditions. The volume of injured and sick animals that they take care of is staggering. As this city continues to grow the need for their services will also grow.

I support the motion by Glenn DeBaeremaeker and Jack Heath to make the Centre a priority project for the upcoming 2020 TRCA budget. It's Item EX10.4.  
This would be to help the Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park - Toronto.

Please do everything you can to make sure they get the funds.

Your help is much appreciated!  
Una Stirling

## Item 7.248.

**From:** Gayle McIntyre <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 2:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** • Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

***I support the TRCA in its efforts to help The Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.***

***I am writing in support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and the incredible work they have accomplished for decades. People are extremely grateful to have someplace they can take wildlife they find in distress. Having been to their building I find it amazing they have for years carried out the essential work of caring for injured wildlife from such an old, small, dilapidated building for 26 years with no government funding relying on donations and volunteers. Our precious wildlife is being inundated by human settlements which invade their territories and destroy their habitat compromising their ability to survive and thrive. It is inevitable they will have confrontations with humans and infrastructure so we need to provide a safe location with professional care to supply adequate recovery and rehabilitation.***



***Our city is growing and the public is concerned that our wildlife is protected in a new accessible location to provide for this essential service of rescue, care, and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. The Toronto Wildlife Centre is Canada's busiest wildlife centre deserving of a permanent home in the beautiful Rouge National Urban Park. I hope this is a priority and thank you for your consideration.***

## **Item 7.249.**

**From:** Lina Dajani <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 10:47 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Centre at Rouge National Park

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing you today to express my support of the TRCA and its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). Furthermore, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

A couple of years ago, my husband and I found a dazed and confused red squirrel in our back yard. We didn't quite understand what was wrong with it, and through calls to 411, were directed to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. The Wildlife Centre coached us over the phone while we captured the poor squirrel, and then took us in at the end of a long Sunday to assess their condition. It appeared that the squirrel had suffered from head trauma, and was lucky to have been rescued before night time, when they might have fallen prey to a bigger animal.

While at the Wildlife Centre, we noticed the wealth of data that was being collected on urban wildlife. I believe that the work of the Wildlife Centre in both rescuing wildlife and in contributing to our understanding of how wildlife co-habituate our cities is significant and should be prioritized.

Sincerely,  
Lina Al-Dajani

## **Item 7.250.**

**From:** Sharon Kirsch <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 9:22 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for funding of new Toronto Wildlife Centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

We are writing to express our support for your organization, the TRCA, as you help Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX 10.4). To this end, we

are in favour of the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA 2020 budget.

Like many citizens of the Toronto region, we have encountered injured wildlife—a red-winged blackbird with a broken neck, a newly fledged robin caught in a cat's jaws—and found ourselves with almost nowhere to go for advice or support. Toronto Wildlife Centre serves as an essential source of help and advice for injured wildlife in the city, but their existing space and resources have not been adequate to meet the needs of a city and region abounding in wildlife. With the stresses of urban development, climate change, and dwindling biodiversity, our wildlife will need increasing support. We therefore urge you to designate Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for your 2020 budget.

Yours sincerely,  
Sharon Kirsch and Mark Laird

## Item 7.251.

**From:** Michael Savoie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 8:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Re: The Toronto Wildlife Center

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

My name is Michael Savoie. My wife, Anne Frank and I are supporters of the Toronto Wildlife Center (TWC) and have been for years. We are as generous as we can be with our donations.

Anne and I are home owners. We own [REDACTED]. Our home is situated in a beautiful area known as [REDACTED].

If you know our neighbourhood you will know that we are surrounded by ravines in which every wild species of animal that we have here in Toronto lives. We are very aware of the diversity of animal life that we in Toronto have come to marvel at.

But admiring the wild life is not enough.

We have to take some responsibility for wild animals.

Anne and I believe part of our responsibility is caring for sick and injured wild animals, and that is exactly what the Toronto Wildlife Center does.

Whether it's a sick coyote, injured deer, oil-covered ducks, abandoned baby raccoons or a snake, TWC has taken on the role of caregiver to one and all.

As you know the present Wildlife Centre located in the Downsview Park is no longer an appropriate location.

We feel it is important for us to acknowledge the generous support the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been, and hopefully will continue to be towards the TWC as it works to establish a permanent home for it's vital work within the Rouge National Urban Park.

Anne and I think it is also important for us to acknowledge and support the hard work done by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The officers, staff and volunteers not to mention the number of industry professionals, have all worked long and hard to finally arrive at the point where the TWC is asking the TRCA to please continue their support and consider very carefully whether to allocate the badly needed funds which will be used to help construct the new home for the TWC. With the TRCA backing the TWC will be in perfect shape to fulfill their dream of having a permanent home in an appropriate location.

We are encouraged that Toronto City Staff have agreed that the permanent home for the TWC is warranted at the 6461 Steeles Avenue East location.

We are in support of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie's (Councillor Scarborough-Rouge Park) efforts to bring the TWC to their permanent home quickly.

No doubt you are aware that the plans for 6461 Steeles Avenue East are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), as well, the plans conform to the Greenbelt Plan.

The plans conform to the City of Toronto Official Plans as they relate to Heritage Conservation and the Natural Environment.

Toronto is a big city. We have all the benefits of living in a world-class city. We are blessed with our environment and the creatures that go with it. When those creatures are sick and hurt the TWC is called in to treat the patient. TWC presently does this work while existing from donations, and at the same time working out of a building that is slated for demolition.

Now with your approval the Toronto Wildlife Centre will have a permanent hospital, rehab space and office space that has been needed for years.

Michael Savoie and Anne Frank

## Item 7.252.

**From:** Ingrid Brown <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** May 20, 2019 7:19 PM

**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>

**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com

**Subject:** Urging you to allocate \$20 million for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

- I have dealt with the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years. I have brought them soil, blankets, pine cones, boxes, dishes, weigh scales, heating pads, .... I have sewn covers for laundry baskets to house song birds and I have sewn new nets for large hoops to catch injured animals. They work on a low budget and recycled items are always appreciated.
- I have seen them intently working the phones, so I know that they are a resource for thousands of people who don't know what to do when an animal is either a nuisance or needs help.

- I live in a forested area and my dogs and I have incurred mange. The Toronto Wildlife Centre cures these animals so they do not become a health issue for the public.
- My dog took pity on an orphaned baby coyote that had gone blind. The Rescue Team diligently worked with me to rescue that animal. I live near a conservation area and that team went all over the hills tracking where it hung out. I kept a diary whenever the kit came around the house (with my dog notifying me by barking); they set up a video camera; they set up a trap with bait. They knew its movements so well that they eventually were able to give it a series of meatballs that cured it. So we did not incur mange that time. (My dogs had collie in their blood and regular over the counter pills to cure mange are lethal for them, so mange is a huge expense.) I was constantly given directions regarding this coyote.
- That coyote had a sibling who did not fare as well. It had a bad leg and decided not to hang around when I tried to help it. So it went to a park on the other side of the road. It had to be trapped by several people, including Vaughan Animal Services, and was hospitalized for several weeks. There were pets in the area saved from getting that cruel mange.
- [REDACTED] also found a young fox with mange dying on her property. It probably would have been dead within hours. They trapped it and took it back to the centre.
- Of course there is the humane aspect, not just for the animals and birds, but for people who can't stand to see the suffering and don't know how to help. Truly, the Toronto Wildlife Centre is not just about animals, but about taking worry from humans. The Centre prevents the spread of disease--and that has to be worth a large financial expense.
- Then there is the education aspect. Children and adults are taught that these critters have feelings and there are proper ways to handle them. By understanding that, people are less likely to abuse. That means less work and expense for the police and judicial departments.
- They serve a big region with a lot of wildlife that need to live with humans harmoniously. I would like you therefore to allocate \$20 million or more to the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Regards, Gail Brown,

## Item 7.253.

Heather L. Kelly

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer  
john.mackenzie@trca.on.ca

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board of Directors,

Thank you for your established and ongoing support of the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and its move to the Rouge National Urban Park. Providing long-term use of land to build a much-needed permanent home for Canada's busiest wildlife centre is a significant commitment. It is genuinely appreciated. And the next step of commitment is vitally needed now.


I support and encourage the TRCA in its effort to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. Further, I ask the TRCA to approve the investment of \$20 million in the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility. This commitment is urgently needed from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

I first found the Toronto Wildlife Centre after I had witnessed a horrific scene where a bird was seriously injured as it was dragged under a metal carry-cart in downtown Toronto. I knew nothing at the time about Toronto Wildlife Centre - only that this living creature, an inhabitant of our city, desperately needed medical help. I took the bird home in a taxi, found the TWC, the next day I took the bird there for assessment and care, and I left. A few months later I became a monthly donor to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. And more recently, I have become a wildlife care volunteer. I work a weekly shift around my demanding schedule as a consultant, small business owner, Director of Marketing for a major downtown venue, Board Member of two organizations, Committee member for two national organizations, and other responsibilities. Why? Because wildlife – a myriad of different animal species - are essential in the GTA and around the globe. Because wildlife needs our help - often to address harm that humans have caused directly or indirectly. Because rescue, care, and treatment of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife is important to local taxpayers like me. And because the Toronto Wildlife Centre's excellent work needs additional resources – human and financial resources.

Staying where the Toronto Wildlife Centre currently is located is not an option. The building is in poor condition and slated for demolition. With your support, the new facility will increase public viewing of the fascinating and valuable work that Toronto Wildlife Centre does; it will ensure that a wide range of educational activities will be offered; and it will provide adequate space that is urgently needed for the rescue, treatment, and rehabilitation of animals. All TWC programs – the Wildlife Hotline, Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, Wildlife Rehabilitation, and Public Education – will improve, which will benefit the animals and the public.

Please vote to support the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. And please approve the investment of \$20 million in the construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility.

Sincerely,



Heather L. Kelly



## Item 7.254.

**From:** Sharon Morris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Support for Toronto Wildlife Centre

To The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

It has been brought to my attention that there will be a vote on Fri May 24<sup>th</sup> in which a very important decision will be made on whether to allocate \$20 million (of the required \$30 million) towards construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). These funds would be critically important, as their current facility at Downsview Park is slated for demolition, and they have to move out of it by year end 2019.

I understand that TRCA has already been very supportive of the Toronto Wildlife Centre in their move to the Rouge National Urban Park, and have provided them with the use of land long-term to build a new permanent home to replace their current one. I am very proud of the TRCA for their contribution to this initiative to date and would like to see them take the next step.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is very important to Toronto and to me, and so I am writing to ask that you please give them top priority in allocating funds towards the construction of their new facility. They do an incredible job helping wildlife in need via rescues as well as care & treatment of sickness or injuries. The city of Toronto calls upon this organization frequently whenever there is wildlife in danger or distress and the TWC never fails to deliver. They are an amazing, dedicated group and one the city of Toronto can be proud of. I personally have supported them with donations for years and will continue to do so in the future.

I am very pleased to see the TRCA providing their support to the TWC in establishing a new permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I fully support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thanks so much for your attention to this item.

Kind Regards,

Sharon Morris

## Item 7.255.

From: Gloria Lindsay Luby <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: May 20, 2019 5:40 PM  
To: John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: director <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
Subject: Wildlife centre

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

As a past board member of TRCA and former vice chair of the Toronto Zoo, I am well acquainted with this issue.

My purpose in writing you is to request that you identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the 2020 budget. I realize that funds will be tight given the recent provincial budget and the cutbacks on the conservation authorities, however this project is essential for saving animals who cannot save themselves.

We must take a long term view and think about the future beyond these next few years. I have been a donor to the Wildlife Centre for many years and recognize the valuable role it plays, particularly since it operates on a shoestring.

I know there are many competing needs for this money. Please make this project a priority in your budget deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Gloria Lindsay Luby

## Item 7.256.

**From:** Carlos Garcia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 5:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** We support the Toronto Wildlife Center

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

We have long known the amazing work of the Toronto Wildlife Center, which is one of the organizations we've chosen to financially support through monthly donation, as they are critical for the care and well being of the wildlife around us.

A few years back, we have found an injured swan on the road who had been hit by a car and we were glad we have their number to call and someone on the line to guide us through the process of properly picking up and transporting the injured bird to their rescue facility.

We were also thrilled when they announced they were moving to a new facility that would be perfect for the animals they care for and for staff who will have better resources to tend for the injured ones.

We've been to their current facility a few times and in one of their open houses, we were able to see with our own eyes how they do this amazing work.

With our constant invasion of our wildlife's habitat causing these defenseless creatures so many problems, the least we can do is to provide them with decent care.

Therefore, I fully support **the motion** by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

**Best regards,**  
**Carlos Garcia & Katia Picada**

## **Item 7.257.**

**From:** Kerry Morris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 5:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I understand that TRCA has been very supportive of helping the Toronto Wildlife Centre in moving to the Rouge National Urban Park, and have provided them with the use of land long-term to build a new permanent home to replace their current one at Downsview Park.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a vote on Fri May 24<sup>th</sup> in which a decision will be made on whether to allocate \$20 million towards the construction of a new facility for TWC. This is very important, as their current facility is in poor condition, and they have to move by year end 2019.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is very important to me, and I am writing to ask that you please give them top priority in allocating funds towards the construction of their new facility! They do such an amazing job helping wildlife in need, and I have supported them for many years, and they are such a worthy and important resource for wildlife in the GTA.

I applaud the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Thanks so much for your attention to this important matter!



Regards,

Kerry Morris

## Item 7.258.

**From:** Melanie Isbister <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 4:56 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** 'Nathalie Karvonen' <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

As a resident of [REDACTED] (both personally and my business), I am contacting you to express my strong support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Toronto Wildlife Centre has been very helpful to wildlife in need from both my home and office locations in King Township on various occasions over many years.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Isbister

## Item 7.259.

**From:** rauni taylor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Supporting Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I have supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years and have had the opportunity to also visit their facility at the Toronto ( Downsview ) location.

My husband and I have brought numerous wildlife to the Centre for help as we have found injured squirrels and birds throughout the years.

The current building is in poor condition and is slated for demolition forcing them to move by the end of this year.

We hope and pray that the Toronto Wildlife Centre will move to the Rouge National Urban Park and build a fantastic permanent home to help wildlife at Canada's busiest wildlife centre.

We totally support Toronto, York, Durham and Peel to allocate 20 million dollars towards construction of the new Toronto Wildlife Centre facility and that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is so very important to us and local taxpayers.

We support the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda item EX 10.4)

We also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This endeavor will make Toronto and the GTA stand out as an even greater city than it already is !

Sincerely  
William and Rauni Taylor

## Item 7.260.

**From:** Star & Ben <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Support for TWC

Greetings Mr. Mackenzie!

I wanted to write to you today to tell you that I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4), and that I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Toronto Wildlife Centre has always been an important part of my life, and my husband and I have been involved with the organization in some way for at least ten years. My husband and I frequently make use of the fabulous services that the TWC provides as we often find animals around the city in need of help. Also, as we have donated our services to edit videos for the TWC, my husband and I have witnessed so much of the great work that the TWC does for wildlife and it always inspires us to be better stewards of the natural world.

We are not alone in our cities, we share our streets and backyards with so many other species and it's sometimes hard to remember that. In a world that is struggling under the weight of human civilization it is more important than ever to support and take good care of the wildlife that we share our planet with, and I strongly believe that the Toronto Wildlife Centre plays a huge and vital role in doing just that.

Thank you kindly for your time and have a great day! :)

Sincerely,  
Star H. Spider

## Item 7.261.

**From:** Heather Slater <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre is a fantastic organization that does amazing work and I have been a long time supporter. Looking after our wild neighbours should be a priority.

Please ensure they get the funding they need as a matter of urgency.

Thank you,  
Heather Slater

## Item 7.262.

**From:** Susan Metcalfe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Chair and Members of TRCA Board,

We would like to add our support to the proposal for the Toronto Wildlife Centre to establish a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park.

We have used the Toronto Wildlife services on several occasions over the years as well as giving donations and supplies. Their service is unique to the city and preform it exceptionally well.

Perhaps our most unique experience was "the travelling muskrat". While visiting friends in Grimsby there was a severe late spring ice storm and unbeknown to us a muskrat sought shelter above the skid plate of our car.

The day after returning home ( about 100km at highway speeds, plus a trip later that day to Canadian Tire), the muskrat was seen by our neighbour to emerge from under the car. Fred was able to feed carrots and celery to it by opening the hood of the car, and ultimately caught it and put it in a large cage we used for cat shows. We phoned Toronto Wildlife and they said to bring it in. They took a complete accounting of the episode and kept it for several days of

observation. The muskrat did well at the Centre and was apparently a staff favourite. Then in spite of the inconvenience they appropriately returned the muskrat to its place of origin. We feel it's important that their service be given the opportunity to continue and expand, that would be provided by including them in the TRCA 2020 budget.

Susan Metcalfe and Dr. Fred Westman

## Item 7.263.

**From:** Phil Mostowich <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** New Toronto Wildlife Centre facility - TRCA Agenda item EX10.4

To : Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

We have been financial supporters of the TWC for well over a decade. My wife and I believe in helping those who dedicate themselves to helping wildlife, and especially those who are helping animals that are negatively impacted by human activity. The folks at TWC do a great job in such endeavours. We would all benefit from the construction of a new rescue and rehabilitation facility in that it would quite simply make our world a better place. We urge you to grant the funding required.

Philip and Joanne Mostowich

## Item 7.264.

**From:** Chiquita Phillips <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Wildlife Centre

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

I am writing to let you know of my support & my family's support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre. We hope this worthwhile commitment to wildlife in an urban region can find a permanent home in the Toronto Rouge National Urban Park. I understand this item will be on the TRCA (Toronto & Region Conservation Authority) agenda as item EX10.4.

I would also urge you to support the motion by councillors de Baeremaeker & Heath to make the wildlife centre a priority in the 2020 budget.

Thank you for taking time to read this message.  
Chiquita Phillips

## Item 7.265.

**From:** Lorna Kennedy-Johnson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 10:53 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are monthly contributors to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Years ago we discovered an injured skunk that was clearly in distress. It was a Saturday morning and the city's animal services were closed for the weekend. I had heard about TWC and gave them a call. Within an hour they appeared and were able to catch the young pregnant female. She was very badly injured with paralysis to her hind quarters. I was told by the young man that she would probably have to be put down but I knew she would not have to suffer any more. He was so kind and gentle with her that I couldn't help getting very emotional. Since then we have been contributors.

On numerous occasions I have called to ask questions about animals that I thought were in trouble. Their phone number is on our speed dials on our mobile phones. I also give this number out to anyone who might need it.

With so much discussion on climate control and saving our species I feel the contribution proposed by TRCA is extremely important. It is a little step to save our urban wild animals and educate people about their importance but little steps lead to a big step.

Please make Toronto Wildlife Centre a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.  
Thank you, Lorna Kennedy-Johnson and John Johnson

## Item 7.266.

**From:** HENDERSON Gail -C I O <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:02 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Good Morning,

- I'd like to offer my support on the intended move of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to its permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)
- I support the motion by former Toronto Councilor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councilor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

This is extremely important to have an upgraded space for the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. I'm not sure if you've visited the current building used, it's seen better days to say the least.

All we seem to do is develop areas for more housing and don't take in to consideration how this affects the wildlife around us. We keep disturbing their homes forcing them to move which can lead to injuries and homelessness for the animals. This is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to local taxpayers that have any sense of compassion for these poor defenseless creatures that they at the very **LEAST** have somewhere to be treated if they become injured.

**Gail Henderson**

## Item 7.267.

**From:** Lisa Mastrobuono <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre as a Priority Project for TRCA's 2020 Budget  
**Importance:** High

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board (c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer),

I am writing to express my support for the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA) in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) establish a permanent home in Rouge National Urban Park (Agenda Item EX10.4). I understand that a motion related to this issue is being debated on May 24, 2019.

First of all, I would like to thank TRCA for its support of TWC's move to Rouge Park. It is heartening to hear that you've agreed to provide the use of Rouge Park land on a long-term basis to build a permanent home for this country's busiest and highest-profile wildlife centre, the TWC. But TWC needs a bit more support from TRCA -- specifically, identifying TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I think many Torontonians who have had positive experiences with TWC would support the move to making it a fiscal priority in the 2020 budget. I have had many experiences over the years with TWC where they have provided me with advice about wildlife issues, as well as actual assistance to protect ill and vulnerable animals in my neighbourhood. As a born Torontonian and local taxpayer, I know that I am very supportive of the TRCA providing funding to TWC to realize a very worthwhile effort like building its permanent home.

In conclusion, I would like to re-iterate my strong support for the motion by former Toronto Counsellor De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Lisa Mastrobuono**

## Item 7.268.

**From:** Fong, Judy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife rescue rehabilitation centre

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I'm submitting this email in support of the TRCA's efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support

the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My family and I live by a lake in [REDACTED] and we have been able to save injured wildlife because of the Toronto Wildlife Centre. Without a place to bring them to, these wildlife would have perished as road kill. I hope the Toronto Wildlife Centre gets their permanent home built. I fully support my tax dollars going toward this important endeavour.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

*Jai (Judy) Fong-McNeil, M.Ed., RP, ADS*

## Item 7.269.

From: Derek R Thomson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: May 21, 2019 11:18 AM  
To: John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in the Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Mr Mackenzie,

I am writing in support of the planning and funding of a new facility in the Rouge for a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). I think this would be a great opportunity for the GTA and for the TWC. The GTA is an unique environment in that from East to West and North into the York Region, many ravine systems have been preserved as a place of recreation for people across the region. Although no longer natural environments, the ravines and the many creeks, rivers and associated parks and green spaces act as homes and corridors for all kinds of wildlife. I have seen White Tail deer in the Don Valley literally a ten minute bike ride from the downtown core of Toronto. As well, across the GTA, the emphasis that has been made to preserve trees has enhanced our interaction and observation of many kinds of birds.

This access to green spaces and the wildlife that inhabit them is one of the things that makes the GTA such a great place to live. We all benefit from being able to observe and interact with wildlife. It creates a sense of curiosity and wonder for children and adults alike. However, for all of the animals there is inherent risk in their interaction with us. Having an organization like the TWC to provide support of injured or orphaned animals, and to act as a resource of information about what to do when we encounter an animal that we think may be in distress, should be a significant priority in the long term planning of the continued growth and development in the GTA. Therefore I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify the TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

My own initial interaction with the TWC occurred many years ago when I think they were still on Dundas near River Street. I had a raccoon mother with pups in the chimney of my house in [REDACTED] and we had hired an ill-prepared wildlife removal company. This company traumatized the mother during the removal. However, she did escape them. The TWC advised me over the phone to put the pups in a safe place where the mother could come back to retrieve them. She did return, but only retrieved one of the pups and did not come back for the others. The TWC agreed to take them. I felt pretty bad about the whole thing but was very thankful for the advice and support of the TWC in this situation.

This is a worthy organization that I will continue support.

Thanks for your consideration,

Derek Thomson

## Item 7.270.

**From:** BYRNE Patricia -PROJMANOFF <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Mr. Mackenzie

I am a volunteer at the Toronto Wildlife Centre, so I have first hand experience working with the dedicate staff and volunteers there. Their work is vital to support the diverse population of wildlife we share the city with. The current location is unsuitable for the work they do and is rapidly deteriorating, they need a permanent facility to continue the work they do for the GTA.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Patricia Byrne

## Item 7.271.

**From:** Annette Pivnick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 10:19 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre new facility funding

Chair and Members of the Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority ("TRCA") c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear TRCA Chair and Board Members,

Please approve the \$20 million funding that will be allocated towards the construction of the Toronto Wildlife Centre's ("TWC") new facility at the Rouge National Urban Park.

For 29 years the staff and many volunteers of TWC has been rescuing and rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife within the Greater Toronto Area. The TWC is Canada's largest rehab facility for wildlife, taking in over 5,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals in 2018, a phenomenal number of patients!

A modern and permanent facility for the TWC will be beneficial not only for wildlife but also the residents of the the Toronto, York, Durham and Peel regions as all need to coexist in an ever changing environment. In addition to their rescuing and rehabilitating of wildlife, the TWC's educational and outreach programs will provide valuable learning and life experiences for the communities.

Please make the TWC's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in the Rouge National Urban Park a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.



Yours truly,  
Annette D. Pivnick

## Item 7.272.

**From:** Barbara Edwards [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** Our wildlife face habitat loss, destruction, and fragmentation

**To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer**

I am writing this letter about a serious problem that I care about. Today's wildlife is suffering. We need to start paying more attention to this matter, and doing everything we can to help. This is a problem that we caused and now we need to start making up for it by protecting our wildlife.

Our wildlife face habitat loss, destruction, and fragmentation. This impacts animals, plants, habitats, sea life, and even our environment. There are so many things we need to work on in helping to protect our wildlife. **The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority** is already taking steps towards this by supporting the **Toronto Wildlife Centre** to establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Please do a little more by providing the Funds for this new Wildlife Facility which will allow the Toronto Wildlife Centre's trained volunteers and staff expand and improve their important rehabilitation and rescue services.

Most people have an idea what to expect when handling dogs and cats. Unlike pets, wild animals aren't used to human touch, and may panic and lash out when handled. It's best to call your nearest wildlife center and have trained volunteers and staff provide required guidance. I live in Whitby and recently took a wild pigeon with a contagious virus to the **Toronto Wildlife Centre**. I had tried to obtain help, without success, from local and regional animal services before contacting the **Toronto Wildlife Centre**, so was relieved when a volunteer on their phoneline responded and immediately offered guidance and assistance, which meant that I had to drive to their Facility in Toronto.

For the above reasons, I urge you to please support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Sincerely, Barbara Edwards

## Item 7.273.

**From:** Irina Lytchak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** In Support of Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear John Mackenzie:

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Toronto Wildlife Centre was the only place in the City to take in an injured bird I found on my balcony a few years ago. Ever since then, I've been following their journey and watching their team rescue and rehabilitate hundreds of injured animals in and around the GTA.

Their work is not only integral to preserving the wildlife in our city but also positively contributes to the much larger, global climate change landscape.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
*Irina Lytchak*

## Item 7.274.

**From:** Katherine Hartley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,  
I congratulate you all for your support of the Toronto Wildlife's Centre move to the Rouge National Urban Park.

As a fairly new donor to the TWC I recognize the important role it plays in caring for our urban wildlife and I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

As a former school age daycare teacher I also realize the importance of having a place in our city where our children can go and not only experience nature in it's glory, but also to see how humans happily and with dedication

take on the responsibility of caring for all critters that might be in distress. Who knows what the positive impact of this might be on young people.

What a feather in Toronto's cap to put a place like TWC at the Rouge where people come to recreate, socialize and heal.

It is my belief that the rescue, care and treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife is important to local taxpayers and having a building placed in an area where taxpayers and visitors to our city congregate

helps to spread the word.

With my best regards,

Kathy Hartley

## Item 7.275.

**From:** Jamie Bascevan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support of 20 Million Dollar Donation-Toronto Wildlife Centre

Toronto Regional Conservation Authority  
John Mackenzie

Good day: We are sending this email as a support to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. We are donators and we volunteer for the City Of Brampton and we bring in sick and injured animals to the TWC on a regular basis. We are also in support of the 20 Million dollar donation to Toronto Wildlife Centre's construction of their new facility. They deserve this help if not more in our opinion. The great work that they do is AMAZING. They worked in our community to help capture and rehabilitate an injured Mallard Duck (Cupid) that was shot with a pistol bolt in the not so distant past here in Brampton. We and the local community have always been grateful to them for that. Have a wonderful day, and good luck to the Toronto Wildlife Centre with their future endeavours.

Best Regards,

Jamie Bascevan  
Loretta Balanzin

## Item 7.276.

**From:** Pat Stone <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre

To: the Chair and the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

I am writing to urge you to support the construction of a new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

The Centre has been caring for wild animals in need for a long time, supported by concerned citizens in the community, of which I am one. A civilized society takes care of those in need, and this should include the natural world which is your important concern. I have participated in studies done by the TRCA to help establish the presence of populations of various flora and fauna in the greater Toronto area and know the importance of ensuring the survival of these in the midst of this very concentrated society. A first-class facility for the Centre would greatly help their work and further your broad mission.

I urge you to support the motion by councillors in Toronto and Markham to make the establishment of the new facility a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. We must care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the best possible way. Your substantial support would make this possible.

Sincerely  
Patricia Stone

## Item 7.277.

**From:** Christine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** New facility for Toronto Wildlife Centre

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board,

I am writing to urge you all to allocate \$20 million towards the construction of the new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park. Ontario's wildlife is in need of this facility as humans encroach further and further into their space.

I have brought a small song bird in who was blinded by conjunctivitis, a rabbit that was hit by a car, a seagull with a broken wing who was found in an industrial area, and a turtle who was run over by a car and suffered a broken shell. Three of these animals were impacted by human activity, and if it wasn't for the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would not have been able to get help for them.

I support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baermaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

On Friday May 24, please vote in favour of allocating the funds to help build the new facility for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely,  
Christine Reiman

## Item 7.278.

**From:** JILL EDWARDS <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>

**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre - permanent home

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

I am writing in support of the TRCA in your efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Rouge National Urban Park. I understand that you will decide this Friday on whether or not to allocate a significant budget to this project. I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn de Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am a local tax payer, who strongly supports the work of TWC in their ongoing efforts to rescue and care for sick and injured wildlife in Toronto. Part of the reason I support TWC is because I am an active volunteer with FLAP Canada (a non-profit organization that has been advocating for bird window collision reduction in the GTA). I actively rescue and recover injured and dead birds in the downtown core during spring and fall bird migration. As such I have seen first hand the work that the Toronto Wildlife Centre does to care for and treat the injured birds that I rescue, in order for them to continue their journey north in the spring and south in the fall. Without the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and their expertise, it would be very difficult for FLAP to find adequate facilities to assist these birds.

I hope that you will strongly support TWC this Friday.

Many thanks,  
Jill Edwards

**Item 7.279.**

From: Stuart Philpott <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: May 21, 2019 12:59 PM  
To: John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
Cc: director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre funding

To Chair and Members of the TRCA Board:

As a taxpayer and pensioner who has supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre with monthly donations for some time, I am delighted with the role the TRCA is now playing in helping the Wildlife Centre find a permanent home.

The Centre is unique in the vital services it provides to the sick and injured creatures in the GTA's thriving wildlife population.

I also deeply urge the board to include the funding requirements of the Centre in its budgetary allocation for the coming year so that it can start functioning in its new home without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Philpott

## Item 7.280.

**From:** Byrne, Joanne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA

To: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA  
Secretary/Treasurer

I support the TRCA with its wonderful efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National urban park (TRCA agenda item EX10.4)

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

On a personal note my sister volunteers at this facility and always speaks highly of the work the Toronto Wildlife Centre does.

Thank you,  
Joanne

**Joanne Byrne**

## Item 7.281.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Support of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

To the Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Friends

As an animal lover and concerned citizen about the uncertain fate of our animal fellow beings who share our planet, I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I also would like to express my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Mr. Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Mr. Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I wholeheartedly support the wonderful work that is lovingly carried out by all the people of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am humbled by their devotion to even the smallest of our animal friends when they are hurt and in need of our help and compassion.

Kind Regards  
John Mastrofini P. Eng.

## Item 7.282.

**From:** Lynda Massey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:24 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 Budget

Memo to: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Subject: TRCA 2020 budget

From: Lynda Massey

As a long-term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

In addition, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

## Item 7.283.

**From:** Daveral <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:25 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** TRCA 2020 Budget

Memo to: Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Subject: TRCA 2020 budget

From: Daveral Prins

As a long-term supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre I would like to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

In addition, I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

## Item 7.284.

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>  
**Subject:** Permanent Home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority Board c/o John Mackenzie,  
TRCA Secretary/Treasurer,

I am writing to you to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also wish to express my support for the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget. I understand that this motion will be considered at the TRCA meeting on Friday, May 24th.

I have been a member of the Toronto Wildlife Centre since 1994 and cannot overstate its importance to the City of Toronto. My first contact with TWC involved a salamander that my neighbours had accidentally brought home from a beach in Florida, in a bag of shells. My veterinarian recommended taking it to TWC. TWC staff were able to identify the species and, with the information gathered from my neighbours about where they had stayed in Florida, arranged for the little salamander to be transported (with a volunteer travelling to Florida, and with advice from the Metro Toronto Zoo as to how to safely "package" him for transport) to a wildlife centre in Toronto which was able to return the salamander to his original home. That is dedication and I have been a supporter ever since.

I honestly don't know the number of times I have taken injured or orphaned birds or animals to TWC for care or have called and spoken to staff about what to do in a specific situation. From a group of hummingbirds that flew into my window during a storm, to orphan squirrels, sick or injured raccoons, pigeons, opossums, and concerns about a red-tailed hawk on the side of the road, a duck at High Park and a fox in my neighbourhood, TWC has always been ready to help.

We are very fortunate to have a leading wildlife facility in Toronto where we live so closely with animals and birds who often need assistance. I have seen TWC grow through the dedicated leadership of Nathalie Karvonen from a small facility downtown, and I strongly support its move to a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park where it will have the space to meet the ever-growing need for its services and where it will be able to provide expanded public education opportunities for all of us.

Yours truly,

Janine Denney-Lightfoot



## Item 7.285.

**From:** Susan Trankovits <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board, c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the TRCA in its efforts to help the Toronto Wildlife Centre's goal of building a new facility in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4). I also support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath **to identify the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.**

The Toronto Wildlife Centre performs an absolutely vital function for this part of southern Ontario, as the foremost provider of medical aid to sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. I became involved with the Toronto Wildlife Centre when my cat caught a young chipmunk in my backyard and let it go in my kitchen. They provided much needed advice on how to capture the poor animal and lent me a trap, then provided medical care for the chipmunk when I brought it to them. They were amazing! Unfortunately, their current facility is too small and in very poor condition. The wild animals of this region badly need this new facility. All lovers of wildlife badly need this new facility.

Please provide as much support as you can.

Yours truly,

Susan Trankovits

## Item 7.286.

Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Chair and Members of the TCRA Board:

I am writing to you to express my strong support of:

- the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4) and,
- the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Having lived in [REDACTED] for over 25 years, I have come across numerous wildlife issues requiring immediate attention:

- (1) In one case, a lost or orphaned baby raccoon was running back and forth at a major intersection causing a traffic jam and a dangerous situation for the public. With my assistance, local wildlife responders did eventually capture the raccoon. Later, I was able to speak to the site where they brought the animal. The site was an unlicensed individual who kept no logging records, relied on neighbours to bring in table scraps and food, and would release the animals *en masse* into an unspecified forest.
- (2) In another situation, a raccoon with an obvious broken leg was on our property. Again, I called the local responders but was told that they couldn't help unless I could corner and confine the animal. They also mentioned that numerous neighbours had already called with their concern. This discouraging response suggested that I put myself in danger by trying to confine the animal and I felt hopeless as to how to handle the situation.
- (3) In a third instance, I found a bat lying on my stoop in the middle of the day. I decided to try calling the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I was given clear and ready instructions on how to safely move the bat into a container and take it to the Centre. The bat was appropriately received by the Centre and given immediate attention.
- (4) In a fourth instance, I observed a sick raccoon and was able to take a photo to send to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. I was able to speak directly to a professional who was able to advise me what to look for if the animal returned. They offered continued assistance if required.
- (5) While speaking with a veterinarian specializing in ophthalmology who was treating my pet, I learned that he worked on a *pro bono* basis to help wild animals with eye problems at the Toronto Wildlife Centre. He spoke very highly of the Centre and its excellent work.

These examples bring to light the necessity for a responsive, professional, and caring organization such as the Toronto Wildlife Centre. They act rapidly and professionally to animal emergencies, thereby not only helping animals, but also restoring safety to the public. In addition to animal rescue, they appropriately care for orphaned, injured and sick animals and, if possible, upon recuperation, release them into their original habitat. Through their excellent reputation the Centre has been able to establish ties with community veterinarians and specialists.

The GTA is rapidly growing. Those areas on the fringes of the GTA will be increasingly affected by wildlife emergencies. As the natural habitat of wildlife becomes increasingly encroached and natural green corridors cut off, human encounters with sick or injured wildlife will inevitably become more and more frequent and dangerous for the public as well.

I am fortunate to have toured the current facility of the Toronto Wildlife Centre and am impressed by the quality and dedication of the staff. But the facility is bursting at its seams and the situation is URGENT. I would like to think that we are a humane society, one that cares for wildlife. I hereby offer my strong and ongoing support of the TRCA in establishing a permanent home for the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Sincerely,  
Isobel Ralston

## Item 7.287.

**From:** Nancy Moysiuk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 8:13 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre new facility vote May 24th

To: The Chair and Members of the TRCA Board  
c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer

Re: Toronto Wildlife Centre Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre

I have been a supporter of the Toronto Wildlife Centre for many years and recognize the valuable services that they have provided at their Downsview location.

On a personal level, they have responded to my call when a baby squirrel was left abandoned from a neighbour's home demolition and was trying to crawl up my leg, and when a robin hit my glass window. In each case, these animals were successfully released after a short hospital stay. When an endangered blanding turtle roamed into my urban yard, they gave me direction by phone as to where to release her. Locally, they also responded when ducks were caught in oil discharge in the Mimico Creek and they came to collect a sick raccoon outside a storefront on Bloor, thereby preventing local residents from coming into contact with an unpredictable large mammal. Without the veterinary care provided by TWC, I would have tried to hand rear the squirrel/ feed the robin and would risk picking up a zoonotic disease, or generally being scratched or bitten. Many people in Toronto, like myself, have sympathy for our native wildlife and wish to help when they are in need. TWC does not try to tame the animals in their care. Their goal is to rehabilitate and release them back to resume their wild existence. Their staff are dedicated and much of their work is performed by volunteers.

I am very grateful to TRCA for the support they have given TWC in securing the use of land in the Rouge National Urban Park for their new Centre. I am concerned, however, regarding their upcoming eviction from their existing location at the end of 2019. They have no building to house them at the new site. They are in a difficult position and I am hoping that you will support them. I believe that most people in Toronto, like myself, want the TWC to continue their work of rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife, as well as providing direction in situations where there is conflict with wildlife. I think that Toronto is a large enough city to support their work.

Specifically, I support, and hope you will support, TWC establishing a permanent home in the Rouge National Urban Park, TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4.

I support the motion by former Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify TWC as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

I am worried about their future without your support. Thank you for considering this,

Nancy Moysiuk

## Item 7.288.

**From:** Candace Dukhan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 8:18 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Cc:** director@torontowildlifecentre.com  
**Subject:** Toronto Wildlife Centre (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4)

Dear Chair and Members of the TRCA Board c/o John Mackenzie, TRCA Secretary/Treasurer:

I am writing in support of the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4).

I support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget.

Helping wild animals in our city is an important issue for me and TWC has directly helped me on two separate occasions - when I came across an injured pigeon, and another time an injured squirrel. In the absence of the TWC I don't know who I would have called on to help these animals and I was immensely grateful for their assistance.

Sincerely,  
Candace Dukhan

## Item 7.289.

**From:** Bohui Gao <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** May 21, 2019 9:44 PM  
**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>  
**Subject:** About helping animals

Hi John Mackenzie,

My name is Bohui Gao. I am resident lived in [REDACTED]. I like animals very much. I think that animals are best friend with human. I support the TRCA efforts to help Toronto wildlife centre establish a permanent animals home In Toronto Rouge National Urban Park. They can help more have sick, injured animals get the rescue care and treatment. I have been sending sick birds to Toronto wildlife centre and got better treatment. I appreciate wildlife centre staff. I support wildlife centre move to Toronto Rouge National Urban Park new place for helping animals life. I think that is animals recover best place.

Thank you very much ,

Have nice day.

Bohui Gao

## Item 7.290.

**From:** Leanne CASAUBON <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** May 21, 2019 11:43 PM

**To:** John MacKenzie <John.MacKenzie@trca.ca>

**Cc:** Nathalie Karvonen <director@torontowildlifecentre.com>

**Subject:** For May 24, 2019 TRCA meeting: Letter of support for the Toronto Wildlife Centre's new permanent home as a priority development in Rouge Park

Dear Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board Chair and Members:

I am writing you, as a long-time resident of [REDACTED] to express my strong support for an important matter that will be tabled at the upcoming meeting on May 24, 2019, TRCA Agenda Item EX10.4. Regarding this Agenda Item, I fully support the TRCA in its efforts to help Toronto Wildlife Centre **establish a permanent home in Toronto's Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP)** in Scarborough. Also, I strongly support the motion by former Toronto Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker and Markham Councillor Jack Heath to **identify Toronto Wildlife Centre as a priority project for the TRCA's 2020 budget**.

As you know, the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) is the busiest centre in Canada that provides veterinary and wildlife rehabilitation services for wild animals of the natural world living in proximity to humans. The TWC supports hundreds of species of animals that live among us in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The centre provides expert care for over 5,000 sick, injured, and orphaned animals annually – **many that have experienced untoward effects of humans**. The TWC is mostly funded through donations, and is supported by several hundred volunteers that work with the staff to provide care for all of its wild patients.

I have been a volunteer in wildlife care at TWC for over two-and-a-half years and have witnessed, first hand, the incredible things that TWC does to support animals of our natural world in and around the GTA. With limited resources, the staff and volunteers give these wild animals a second chance at life. It is a duty we have as humans to protect the natural world, and TWC's prime purpose is to do just that for the animals within it. Additionally, TWC staff provides essential education for residents of Toronto, young and older, about wildlife, how to protect wild animals and our natural world, and how to live in harmony with all of the beautiful creatures around us. I have recently been witness to human ignorance and sometimes outright cruelty that has impacted wildlife living among us in the GTA and beyond, including some species that are now at risk – and it makes more poignant the need to promptly develop the new, permanent home for TWC so that it can enhance its services to care for wildlife and to educate the public regarding wildlife and our natural world, as well as living in harmony with wildlife. **It is urgent that the build of TWC's new home begin, as the current building is deteriorating, and the lease is ending at the end of 2019.** To ensure that the excellent care and services of TWC are not diminished during this transition, prompt movement toward building the new centre is imperative.

The City of Toronto and surrounding municipalities should be proud to have the Toronto Wildlife Centre as a premier organization that supports the natural world and wildlife living among us! Beyond that, the City of Toronto, the TRCA, and other leading organizations and policy-makers must help to support this essential organization so that it can continue the amazing and important work it does. At this juncture, the support of the TRCA with a priority for funding of the new TWC in the TRCA 2020 budget will allow for the next phase for TWC with the development of its new, permanent home in the Rouge Park! The staff and volunteers of TWC will be most grateful for the support by the TRCA to move the development of the new site forward as soon as possible; as will all of the wildlife that TWC cares for!

I look forward to hearing a positive outcome from the TRCA meeting regarding this important issue. I would also appreciate a response to confirm your receipt of this letter of support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leanne K. Casaubon, MD MSc FRCPC