

FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE National Urban Park

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Via Email

Hon. Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.

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

Marlaine Koehler

The Friends of Rouge National Urban Park is so happy to begin the next decade by thanking Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for its support of our work to secure the best location for the Rouge National Urban Park Visitor Centre. As you know, Parks Canada has approved a site east of Meadowvale Road in a natural location that allows visitors to feel like they are leaving the busy urban environment for the peace and quiet of nature. It is only short steps from the park's amenities, trails, and inspiring vistas.

Keith Laushway

We will be forever grateful to the TRCA for recognizing our concerns and responding by immediately creating a process that brought all parties together to examine the issues and options.

John Livey

Thanks to your leadership and to many other supporters for our position, Canada's first National Urban Park will be celebrated with a beautiful gateway. The Visitor Centre will be both a tribute to more than three decades of community advocacy to protect and conserve the valley, and an inspiration to new leaders to steward the legacy.

Ted Matthews

We look forward to celebrating a ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting to a magnificent facility and destination in 2021.

Heather Moeser

With appreciation,

Larry Noonan



Pauline Browes

Chair, Friends of the Rouge National Urban Park

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