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Wild in the City!

October 16, 2009



Ms Mavis Urquhart
Manager, Environmental Leadership
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms Urquhart:

I am attaching additional information regarding the 2008 grant of \$25,000. We are still waiting for TRCA to give us copies of the invoices. I will forward the copies as soon as possible.

We are also attaching an outline of our 2009 and 2010 request of \$25,000 for each year. I understand from your Treasurer that it is possible to accrue the 2009 amount and pay the \$50,000 in 2010. The process that we are following is that our new Trails Committee will determine the Terms of Reference and select the Consultant. Both Lilli Duoba and Linda Irvine are on this Committee.

Thanks you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Alan Wells
Chair
Rouge Park Alliance
Office 905 713 6038
Cell 416 460 6706

Attachments

cc: Lilli Duoba, Town of Markham

ROUGE PARK ALLIANCE
Report on Town of Markham Funding
2008

The Rouge Park Alliance appreciates the continuous support we receive from the Town of Markham through a grant of \$25,000. More importantly we are pleased with the on going leadership that Deputy Mayor Heath and Councillor Shapiro provide as Members of our Board of Directors.

Our annual budget and financial statements and budget documents are approved by our Directors and audited by Horn Almand, Chartered Accountants. Your grant of \$25,000 is included with funding from TRCA as municipal revenue in our Annual Statements. A copy of the audited statements is attached.

In 2008 we used the Markham grant to off-set the additional costs associated with the unbudgeted project of building a large berm in the Bob Hunter Memorial Park north of 14th Avenue and just east of the railway tracks in Markham. We took advantage of an opportunity to use surplus topsoil from the Box Grove development. This berm provides a barrier from the development, road and railway line. It has become a major feature in the park offering a lookout point and has provided exciting planting events for students and corporate sponsors like BDO, Markham.

The berm is located near the gateway to the Bob Hunter Memorial Park. This entrance, trail, pathway, picnic area and interpretation area will be the first active area of Rouge Park in Markham. The North West section will be completed in 2010 with help from York Region.

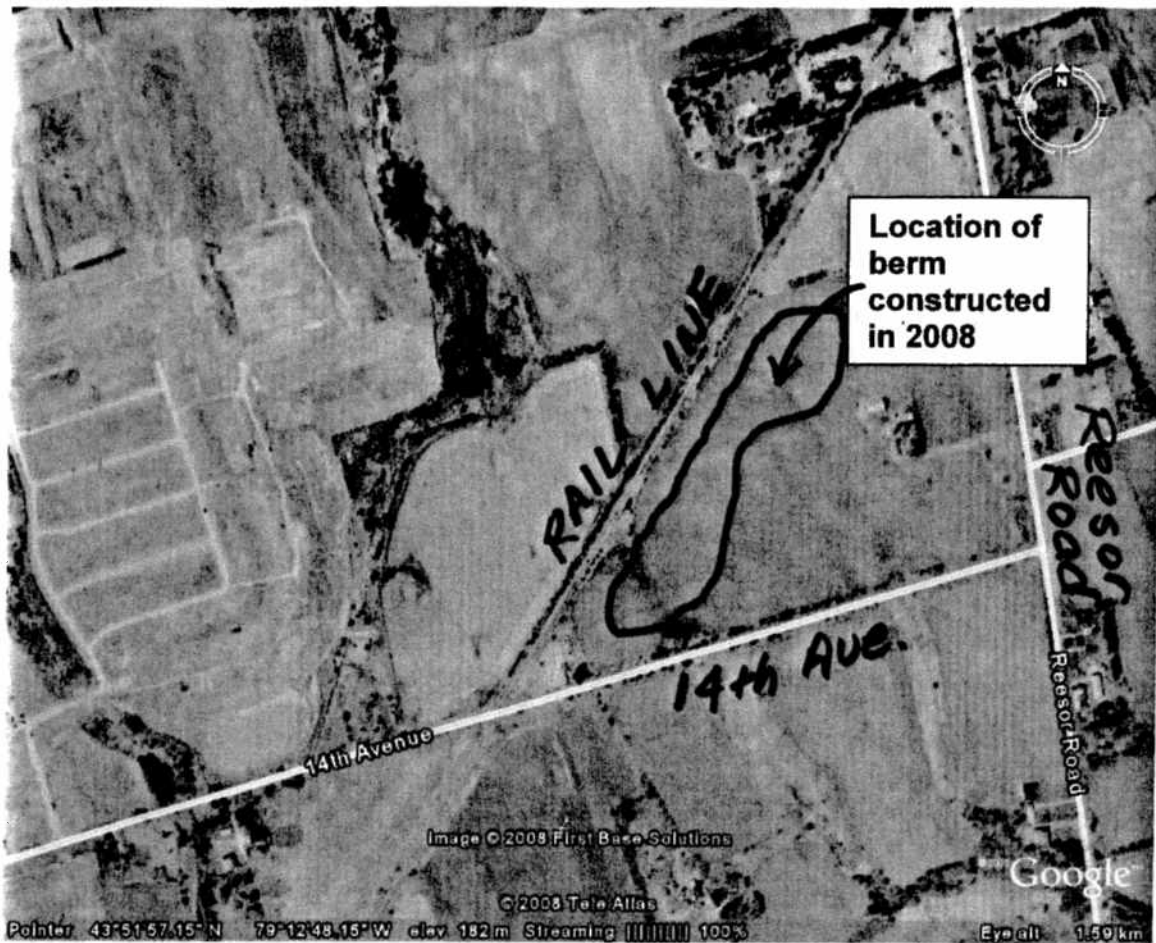
This project was a joint venture with Markham. You provided trees for the volunteer plantings and your staff was actively involved in the project. The project was an addition to your Trees for Tomorrow program. We ask you to fund the additional cost that we paid as direct salary supervision costs and charges to us from TRCA related to their project management. These items directly reduced our net revenue from the project.

They are listed as follows:

Archaeological assessment-\$8,000 charged from TRCA
Soil run-off control - \$2,500 from TRCA
Soil Analyses - \$4,000 from TRCA
Equipment, vehicle and staff time - \$3000 from TRCA
Total TRCA costs as shown on their account sheets attached \$17,500

Rouge Park staff time by Restoration Manager 22 days at charge out rate of \$350 per day \$7,500.

This project was approved after our budget process and not included in our budget. The net revenue from this project is included in our 2009 budget.



Map 1: Location of the Berm Site in Markham.

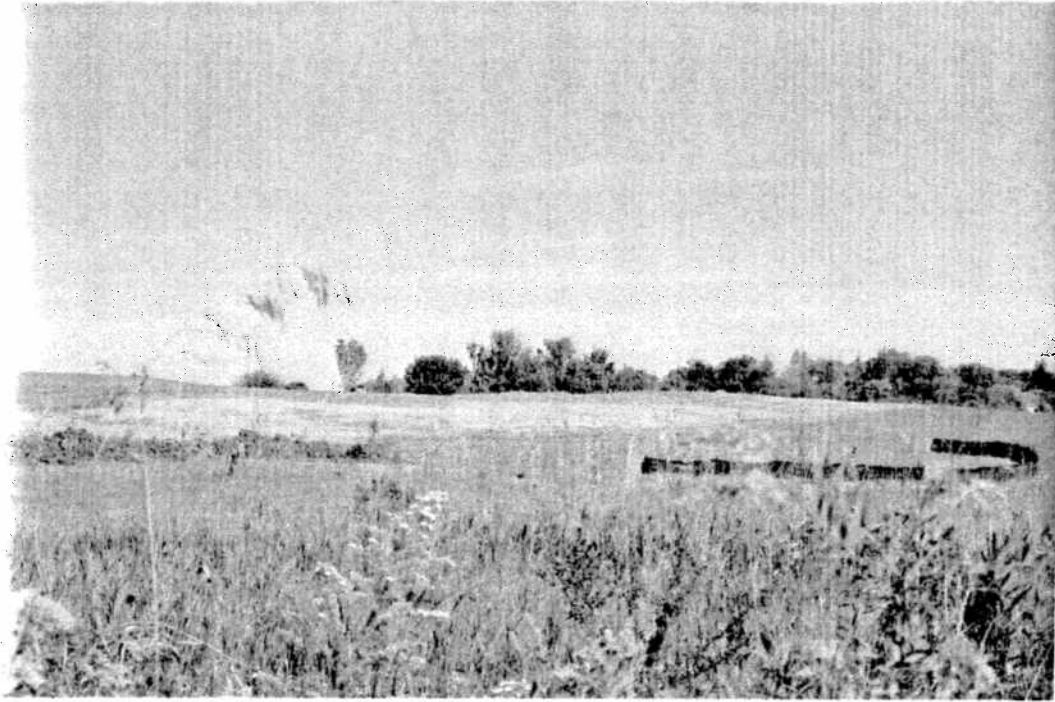


Photo 1: The Berm During Construction in 2008.



Photo 2: Planting Event on the Berm in Fall 2008.

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PO No.	Fr	Opening	Debit	Credit	Closing	Net Change	Sr Date	Reference	Jrnl
10609-021		INLAND FILL:BOB HUNTER PARK							
60029/TACC DEVELOPMENTS		TIPPING FEES							
60326/TACC DEVELOPMENTS		0.00							
Allocate portion of TACC Dev BH PK Fill fund	07	105,000.00		105,000.00	105,000.00	105,000.00	AR 08/07/30	13/ 1/ 26	221
60490/TACC DEVELOPMENTS	09		140,000.00				AR 08/09/23	35/ 1/ 106	221
Allocate portion of TACC Dev BH PK Fill fund	09	245,000.00		245,000.00	245,000.00	140,000.00	JE 08/09/28	1913/ 2/ 6	222
60728/TACC DEVELOPMENTS	10		140,000.00				JE 08/09/28	961/ 1/ 2	222
Allocate portion of TACC Dev BH PK Fill fund	10	385,000.00		385,000.00	385,000.00	140,000.00	AR 08/10/24	3/ 1/ 116	222
Funds transfer to RPA	12		11,230.00				JE 08/10/26	2010/ 1/ 2	222
10609-021d	12		192,408.62		181,361.38	203,638.62	AR 08/10/26	962/ 1/ 2	222
INLAND FILL:BOB HUNTER PARK							AR 08/12/12	18/ 1/ 68	222
Deduct 08 rev carryforward							JE 08/12/31	2346/ 8/ 34	227
10609-101	12	0.00	50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	JE 08/12/31	992/ 3/ 22	224
INLAND FILL:BOB HUNTER PARK		SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME							
BW0814	07	1,434.57							
BW0815	07	1,764.67							
BW0816	07	1,615.42							
BOYD LIEU HOURS BW0817 # 318	08	4,814.66		4,814.66	4,814.66	4,814.66	PY 08/07/05	814/ 1/ 126	221
BW0818	08	179.90					PY 08/07/19	815/ 1/ 116	221
BW0819	08	1,333.23					PY 08/08/02	816/ 1/ 124	221
BW0820	08	1,890.51					JE 08/08/25	1802/21/ 422	221
BW0821	09	8,218.30		8,218.30	8,218.30	3,403.64	PY 08/08/16	817/ 1/ 141	221
BW0822	09	4,004.71					PY 08/08/30	818/ 1/ 147	221
BW0823	10	10,608.89		10,608.89	10,608.89	14,613.60	PY 08/09/13	819/ 1/ 123	221
BW0824	10	4,432.04		4,432.04	4,432.04	4,432.04	PY 08/09/27	820/ 1/ 113	221
Pay Accrual Dec 21 to Dec 31 2008	11	31,944.22		31,944.22	31,944.22	31,944.22	PY 08/10/11	821/ 1/ 113	221
Rest. Ser. Recovery to 114-20 & 114-23	11	997.74		997.74	9,112.32	9,112.32	PY 08/10/25	822/ 1/ 131	222
BW0825	12	1,223.50		1,223.50	1,223.50	1,223.50	PY 08/11/08	823/ 1/ 134	222
BW0826	12	34,165.46		34,165.46	34,165.46	2,221.24	PY 08/11/22	824/ 1/ 139	222
	12	2,338.56		2,338.56	2,338.56	2,338.56	JE 08/12/31	969/ 1/ 35	223
	12	781.11		781.11	781.11	781.11	JE 08/12/31	2212/ 8/ 75	223
	12	1,722.20		1,722.20	1,722.20	1,722.20	PY 08/12/06	825/ 1/ 124	222
	12					5,232.42	PY 08/12/20	826/ 1/ 123	222
10609-135									
INLAND FILL:BOB HUNTER PARK		PAYROLL BENEFITS - FULL TIME							
BW0814	07	305.17							
BW0815	07	330.19							
BW0816	07	252.92							
BOYD LIEU HOURS BW0817 # 318	08	888.28		888.28	888.28	888.28	PY 08/07/05	814/ 1/ 127	221
BW0818	08	38.48					PY 08/07/19	815/ 1/ 117	221
BW0819	08	217.30					JE 08/08/02	816/ 1/ 129	221
BW0820	08	339.18					JE 08/08/25	1802/21/ 422	221
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BW0822	09	692.35					PY 08/08/30	818/ 1/ 148	221
BW0823	10	1,884.46		1,884.46	1,884.46	2,576.81	PY 08/09/13	819/ 1/ 124	221
BW0824	10	738.90		738.90	738.90	738.90	PY 08/09/27	820/ 1/ 114	221
Rest. Ser. Recovery to 114-20 & 114-23	11	764.74		764.74	764.74	764.74	PY 08/10/11	821/ 1/ 114	221
	11	164.88		164.88	164.88	164.88	PY 08/10/25	822/ 1/ 132	222
	12	192.74		192.74	192.74	192.74	PY 08/11/08	823/ 1/ 125	222
	12	349.44		349.44	349.44	349.44	PY 08/11/22	824/ 1/ 140	222
	12					357.62	JE 08/12/31	2212/ 9/ 189	223

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BW0826	12		280.33		6,673.60	752.39	PY 08/12/06 825/ 1/ 125 222 PY 08/12/20 826/ 1/ 124 222		
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08 final surcharge & actual expenditures	12								
2008 project surcharge	12	0.00	3,582.00						
10609-330 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12		56,065.50		59,647.50	59,647.50	JE 08/12/31 2215/13/ 90 223 JE 08/12/31 2246/ 7/ 31 227		
5-05-15 GMC 4x4 PICKUP TRUCK	10								
8-02-17 INTERNATIONAL TANDOM DUMP-CRANE	10								
J.D. TRACTOR 4x4 60 HP	11	0.00							
KUHN GARDEN TILLER	11	285.86				285.86	VE 08/10/25 6/ 1/ 31 222 VE 08/10/25 6/ 1/ 32 222 VE 08/11/22 14/ 1/ 44 232 VE 08/11/22 14/ 1/ 45 222 VE 08/11/22 14/ 1/ 46 222 VE 08/11/22 14/ 1/ 47 222 VE 08/12/31 7/ 1/ 54 223		
J.C. 20 TON TANDUM AXLE TRAILER	11								
4-98-47 FORD RANGER EXT. CAB PICKUP	11								
1-06-41 2006 NISSAN XTEREA SUV	11								
10609-336 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12	627.06				341.20			
Rental Vehicle Usage June 22 - August 2, 200	06					40.50			
Rental Vehicle Usage Aug 3 - 30, 2008	09	0.00	2,740.00		2,740.00	2,740.00	JE 08/06/22 1605/ 8/ 51 221 JE 08/09/28 1903/ 8/ 210 221 JE 08/09/28 1903/ 8/ 217 221 JE 08/10/26 2011/ 1/ 1 222		
Rental Vehicle Usage Aug 31 - Sep 27, 2008	09	2,740.00	2,353.75		7,231.25	4,491.25			
Rental Vehicle Usage Sep 28 - Oct 25, 2008	10	7,231.25	2,137.50		10,021.25	2,790.00			
10609-348 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12								
TOR 5215//ATLAS FENCE TORONTO LTD.	12								
10609-353 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12								
00302//LOWE, MARK TRAVEL	07	0.00							
00367//HATTON, DAVID EDWIN TRAVEL	07								
8-65//WILCOX CAR AND TRUCK RENTALS LTD.	07								
LOWE, MARK P. COPPER CREEK GOLF CLUB (R	10	44.22	18.84		44.22	44.22	EX 08/07/19 3/ 1/ 181 221 EX 08/07/19 3/ 1/ 198 221 AP 08/09/15 29/ 1/ 81 221 VS 08/10/20 8010/ 1/ 256 222 EX 08/12/31 22/ 1/ 62 222 JE 08/12/31 980/ 1/ 16 223 JE 08/12/31 980/ 1/ 28 223		
Hatton David 2008 expenses	12	73.47	29.25		73.47	29.25			
Mark Lowe 2008 expenses	12	102.57	138.10		102.57	29.10			
10609-363 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12		35.71						
20480018//FUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	12		67.14		343.52	240.95			
10609-365 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12								
2008 RSC Plotter charges.	12	0.00	5.07		5.07	5.07	AP 08/10/10 17/ 1/ 121 222		
10609-395 INLAND FILL, BOB HUNTER PARK	12								
Review of External Arch Assessments	10	0.00	27.50		27.50	27.50	JE 08/12/31 2208/ 6/ 72 223		
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EQUIPMENT RENTAL

501L RUNOFF CONTROL

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Archaeology

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CP2483262//MAXIAM ANALYTICS INC.								
CP2466604//MAXIAM ANALYTICS INC.								
132929//AGRI-FOOD LABORATORIES								
CP2506083//MAXIAM ANALYTICS INC.								
Account totals:								
Report totals:								

LAB ANALYSIS

DH0022 10	0.00	958.75		2,359.75	2,359.75	AP 08/09/04	37/ 1/ 74	241
DH0024 10		1,401.00				AP 08/09/30	40/ 1/ 82	221
DH0025 11	2,359.75	167.00		2,708.75	349.00	AP 08/07/29	5/ 1/ 145	222
ML0049 11		182.00				AP 08/10/17	7/ 1/ 91	222
DH0033 12	2,708.75	1,508.75		4,217.50	1,508.75	AP 08/12/18	6/ 1/ 34	223
Account totals:	0.00	665,000.00	665,000.00	0.00	0.00			
Report totals:	0.00	665,000.00	665,000.00	0.00	0.00			

SOIL ANALYSES

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End-of-Report. 70 GL Transaction(s) Printed.
Memo: Please forward printout to Brenda.

2009/2010 REQUEST

PROJECT NAME:

Rouge Park Trail Master Plan

PURPOSE:

We are interested in hiring a consulting firm to help Rouge Park develop a trails master plan for Rouge Park for the next 5-10 years.

BACKGROUND:

As Rouge Park continues to grow new habitats, offer exciting visitor experiences, and protect important green spaces, the partnerships we form throughout the process prove to be an integral part of the Park. As such, the partnership with the Town of Markham has been very valuable to us, from assisting us with habitat restoration, to the development of many of our planning documents, including the Heritage Appreciation and Visitor Experience Plan. We have exciting plans for our park trails, both future and existing, and we hope that the Town of Markham will help us reach the full potential of our trail system.

Rouge Park is over 47 km², encompassing a unique mosaic of river valley, creeks, forests, meadow and rural landscapes, within the Rouge River, Petticoat Creek and Duffins Creek watersheds in the Greenbelt, and represents Canada's largest natural environment park in an urban setting. The Park offers a range of enhanced visitor experiences, from exploring rustic hiking trails to participating in exciting wildlife monitoring programmes. We are now in a position where striking the balance between habitat restoration and visitor experience is more crucial than ever in order to ensure that Rouge Park is able to meet it's full potential as Canada's largest urban wilderness park.

Rouge Park is proud to be part of the Greenbelt and offers a natural sanctuary to millions of people in and around the GTA. With such close proximity to the Box Grove, Cedar Grove and Cornell communities in Markham, the Park provides a nearby wilderness retreat for thousands of people who will embrace their own nature and history discoveries. We offer visitors the opportunity to hike along trails that were once ancient logging routes, see active farms, and become actively involved in the restoration and enhancement of this valuable green space in the Protected Countryside.

THE NEED FOR A TRAILS MASTER PLAN:

- Rouge Park is a growing park. Established in 1994, Rouge Park was 2350 hectares (5800 acres) and has since grown to 4672 hectares (11 500 acres). As new parcels of land are added, such as the Bob Hunter Memorial Park Area and the Rouge Park East Lands in Markham, planning documents are created to guide us in managing these lands. How Park visitors will interact with these newly acquired lands must be considered.
- Rouge Park has a strong focus on restoring the land to a thriving and diverse habitat. In order to plan for future restoration efforts we must first establish where the location of public use areas thus preventing conflict between sensitive habitat and visitor impact.
- The population of the surrounding area, including Markham, is growing at a rapid pace. This, in addition to the pressures faced by our five member municipalities, two regional governments, the province and federal government, creates enormous and occasionally conflicting demands on Rouge Park lands. By establishing our Trails Master Plan we will develop a set of guidelines for trails, assisting us as we work with our partners to protect and enhance this natural sanctuary.
- There are numerous plans in place for lands within and surrounding Rouge Park. Our most recent Rouge Park planning documents include the Heritage and Appreciation and Visitor Experience Plan, the Bob Hunter Memorial Park Area Plan and our Heritage Action Plan. Our member organizations have also developed plans that will have an impact on the Park, including the Greenbelt Plan, York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan, and Markham's Pathways and Trails Master Plan. With a diverse collection of plans, a comprehensive Trails Master will give us direction for our existing and future trails, while integrating well with other existing planning documents.

NEXT STEPS:

Rouge Park have invited their partners and other interest groups to join a Trail Master Plan committee. This working group will establish a Terms of Reference, further outlining the goals for a Trail Master Plan. With the TOR we will seek an outside consultant who will work in conjunction with our partners to develop the Trail Master Plan. While our partners will be able to offer some expertise, we hope the consultant will be able to provide the bulk of the plan and its recommendations.

TIMELINE:

This committee will convene in October, 2009. Once the committee has established a Terms of Reference and a request for proposal, we aim to have selected a consultant by the end of 2009.

BUDGET

Rouge Park has committed \$15 000 towards the creation of a Trails Master Plan and Trail Association, and we have also received a generous grant from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. We are also pursuing additional funds from our Rouge Park Alliance partners. We are asking that the Town of Markham approve a grant of \$25 000 for 2008 and an additional 25 000 for year 2010 to hire a consultant who will assist us in developing the Rouge Park Trails Master Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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