



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Rouge National Urban Park Management Plan (Draft)

Review of the Rouge National Urban Park Management Plan (Draft)

Overall the document appears quite supportive from a cultural/built heritage perspective. However, the Plan is somewhat unclear as to how the many built heritage resources will be conserved and maintained over the long term unless they are associated with a farm operation, a commercial enterprise or in a public park adaptive use.

The following are some areas of concern regarding the proposed Management Plan (Draft) as it relates to cultural heritage resources:

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First paragraph

"...Rouge NUP is rich in natural and cultural heritage values" (should also include "and resources" for better clarity).

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Third paragraph

The text mentions that the Plan will "lay the foundation to make long-term commitments for the use and protection of the landscape in terms of farm, commercial, and residential leases..." but then later says very little about non-farm, residential leases as they relate to heritage resources.

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Overall Approach to the Management Plan

The *relationships* as noted which are reflected in the plan include "Cultural" but the associated description does not mention "individual heritage resources". These should be added.

Key Strategy 2- Objective 1- Targets

- "all known archaeological sites and cultural artifacts are recorded and protected". Why not use the term "cultural heritage resources" in this statement?

Key Strategy 2 Objective 2-

- only mentions a long term, farm leasing strategy. There are other important buildings that are cultural heritage resources that may be vacant or not currently associated with farming that would benefit from a long term residential leasing strategy.

The actions speak to residential units to be used for “cottage industry” type commercial operations but not for just residential use alone. The opportunity for long term, residential leases to ensure the ongoing (non-publicly funded) conservation and maintenance of built heritage resources needs to be an option for further exploration.

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Key Strategy 4- Success through Collaboration

- this strategy should indicate that a shared objective of cultural heritage resource protection could be achieved through long term, residential leases that allow people to live in the park and restore and maintain the heritage resources not needed for specific visitor experiences. Given the number of built heritage resources and the desire to conserve them within the park, they cannot all be used for public functions or commercial leases.

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Transition Strategy- Objective 1

- not sure what the following action related to obtaining baseline information really means:

"identify cultural resources through evaluation, and establish management priorities to guide the assessment of the condition of cultural resources...". This should be re-worded to provide better understanding.

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- unclear as to what is a "Cultural Resources Values Statement"- not defined, nor its purpose.

If you require further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (ext. 2080)