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April 21, 2009

Honourable Donna Cansfield
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Subject: Notice of Motion – Wildlife Hunting
- File: A-2500-001-09

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on April 20, 2009 and the following recommendations were adopted:

WHEREAS fish and wildlife are important to Ontario as these natural resources are an important part of the Province's biodiversity that provide us with ecological, social and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS legal hunting can play a role in maintaining an abundant population within the carrying capacity of its habitat, however illegal hunting can endanger species as well as endanger the safety and well being of the public at large; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources' Conservation Officers enforce the Province's hunting regulations to safeguard the public interest and ensure the protection of our wildlife and residents; and

WHEREAS illegal hunting and poaching has recently been reported within the Rouge Park where hunting is not permitted and is considered a sanctuary for nature and the human spirit; and

WHEREAS illegal hunting has been reported in the City of Pickering. In addition, traps/equipment has been found in the City of Pickering where hunting is not permitted as well as being found outside of the Province's open hunting seasons, which is a violation of Ontario's Hunting Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council for the City of Pickering requests the Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources to commence an investigation into these illegal acts and establish a coordinated protocol leading to enhanced enforcement;

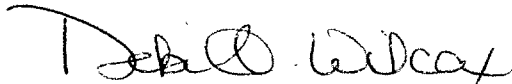
That a copy of this resolution and supporting documentation be sent to the Rouge Park Alliance and its members for endorsement;

That a copy of this resolution and supporting documentation be sent to the City of Toronto, Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for endorsement;

And further, that a copy of this resolution and supporting documentation be sent to MPP Joe Dickson (Ajax-Pickering), MPP Wayne Arthurs (Pickering-Scarborough East), MPP Bas Balkissoon (Scarborough--Rouge River) Honourable Brad Duguid (Scarborough Centre) and MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek (Oak Ridges--Markham).

A copy of the supporting documentation (photographs) are enclosed. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, ext. 2153.

Yours truly



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