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February 27, 2006

The Honourable John Gerretsen
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Minister Gerretsen:

Re: Bob Hunter Memorial Park Planning

On behalf of the Rouge Park Alliance, I wish to thank the Provincial government for setting aside an area in the Rouge River watershed for the new Bob Hunter Memorial Park. This valuable parcel of land protects significant natural heritage of the area and complements Rouge Park's existing protected reservoir of biodiversity.

In order to properly preserve, and provide community opportunities to enjoy the Park, careful planning must take place. Currently, Rouge Park is developing a management plan for the Little Rouge Corridor, which is immediately adjacent to the Bob Hunter Memorial Park.

We are requesting funding to provide park planning for Bob Hunter Memorial Park, as well as the adjacent lands, so that the Memorial Park and Rouge Park can provide a continuous area of natural heritage protection consistent with Ontario's Greenbelt Plan.

Bob Hunter Memorial Park Management Plan	\$40,000
Bob Hunter Memorial Park Signage	\$15,000
Bob Hunter Memorial Park Ecological Restoration	\$45,000

We are planning an on-site announcement of Bob Hunter Memorial Park for Spring 2006 and would be pleased to announce at the same time a Provincial contribution to the planning and development of the Memorial Park.

If you require additional information, please contact me or Lewis Yeager, General Manager, Rouge Park, at 905-713-7374.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the Rouge Park Alliance.

Sincerely,

Gord Weeden
Chair, Rouge Park Alliance

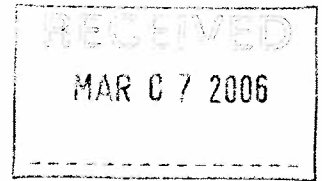
C: The Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal
Brad Duguid, MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Tracy Smith, District Manager, Aurora, MNR



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March 1, 2006



Ms Barb Cribbett
Treasurer
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Re: Provincial Funding for Rouge Park

We are pleased to hear that the Province of Ontario, a partner on the Rouge Park Alliance, is providing funding to Rouge Park to manage the planning, signage and restoration of the new Bob Hunter Memorial Park in Rouge Park in the Town of Markham on the Province's behalf. We are also pleased that the Town of Markham will receive this funding on behalf of Rouge Park.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), another Rouge Park Alliance partner, provides accounting services for our incoming funding and accounts payable. Please forward these Provincial funds for Rouge Park to the TRCA, attention Rocco Sgambelluri, Controller, Budget and Accounting.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this funding as a partner of Rouge Park.

Sincerely,

Gord Weeden
Chair
Rouge Park Alliance

Att.

cc: Rocco Sgambelluri, TRCA
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Town of Markham
Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Town of Markham
Sue Gunton, Chair, Rouge Park Finance Committee

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March 29, 2006

His Worship
Mayor Don Cousens
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Cousens:

Further to discussion ministry staff has had with Markham, I am pleased to announce a Special Assistance Grant of \$100,000 to the Town of Markham in support of the Bob Hunter Memorial Park.

The Bob Hunter Memorial Park has been created in honour of his determination and dedication to the Rouge Valley forest and surrounding Greenbelt. The government's commitment to the Greenbelt Plan is based on its belief that a healthy, natural environment and strong economy go hand in hand, and the creation of the park works toward achieving that commitment.

As discussed, this one-time grant is being provided to the Town of Markham, which will in turn engage the Rouge Park Alliance, a leading stakeholder in the project, to coordinate a Park Management Plan.

I look forward to being kept informed of the progress of this important initiative.

Thank you for agreeing to help facilitate this matter.

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