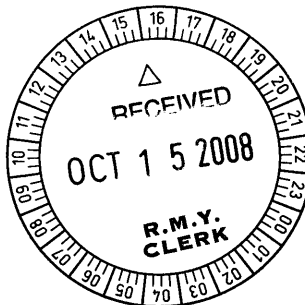


October 14, 2008

Mr. Denis Kelly
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

At Authority Meeting #2/08, of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), held on March 28, 2008, Resolution #A42/08, in regard to Rouge River Watershed Plan: Towards a Healthy and Sustainable Future was approved as follows:

THAT the Rouge River Watershed Plan: Towards a Healthy and Sustainable Future be approved;

THAT staff be directed to work with partners to implement the plan;

THAT staff be directed to use the Rouge River State of the Watershed Report, Rouge River Watershed Scenario Modelling and Analysis Report, Action Plan for Sustainable Practices and Rouge River Watershed Plan Implementation Guide as reference documents to inform and guide ongoing work and long term work planning and budget preparation;

THAT copies of the Rouge River Watershed Plan be circulated to municipalities within the Rouge River watershed and their Councils be asked to adopt the plan and commit to work with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to implement the recommendations appropriate to their municipality;

THAT copies of the Rouge River Watershed Plan be circulated to the Rouge Park Alliance and they be asked to adopt the plan and recognize it under section 3.2.6 of the Greenbelt Plan;

THAT copies of the Rouge River Watershed Plan be circulated to the provincial and federal governments as well as other relevant organizations and interest groups, including former members of the Rouge Watershed Task Force, and they be asked to provide ongoing support for the implementation of the principles, goals and relevant recommendations of the plan;

THAT copies of the Rouge River State of the Watershed Report, Rouge River Watershed Scenario Modelling and Analysis Report, Action Plan for Sustainable Practices and Rouge River Watershed Plan Implementation Guide be circulated to watershed municipalities and made available to other partner organizations and they be encouraged to use these reference documents to inform and guide their ongoing work;

THAT copies of the Rouge River Watershed Plan be circulated to local libraries and copies of the plan and all supporting documents be posted on the TRCA web site;

THAT staff be directed to work with watershed municipalities and other partners to develop five year workplans and budgets for top priority projects identified in the Rouge Watershed Plan Implementation Guide and incorporate them into the annual capital budget process;

THAT the revised Conformity Assessment for the Rouge River Watershed Plan in Attachment 4 and the watershed planning documents referenced in the conformity assessment be deemed to fulfil the watershed planning requirements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP; 2002) and be approved for use in the review of major development proposals on the Oak Ridges Moraine and that the regional and local municipalities, province and Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition (CAMC) be so advised;

THAT staff meet with representatives of the Aboriginal community to discuss the Rouge River Watershed Plan and ways they wish to be involved in its implementation;

THAT staff be directed to host an annual multi-stakeholder forum, beginning in 2009, to report on progress in implementation of the Rouge River Watershed Plan, and report back to the Authority on the results of the forum;

AND FURTHER THAT staff convene up to 3 additional meetings per year with municipal staff and other stakeholder representatives from the Rouge watershed, and in conjunction with other watershed groups where appropriate, to have input to the annual forum design and follow-up.

Enclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is the report as presented to the Authority.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the approved *Rouge River Watershed Plan: Towards a Healthy and Sustainable Future* and an Executive Summary booklet containing a CD ROM with digital copies of the plan and all supporting documents. Additional copies of this publication are being provided to staff within your municipality and can be downloaded from the TRCA web site (www.trca.on.ca).

We look forward to working with your municipality on the implementation of this watershed plan. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sonya Meek at (416) 661-6600 at extension 5253 (smeek@trca.on.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian Denney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Denney
CAO

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