

TASK FORCE TO BRING BACK THE DON

MINUTES

MEETING 6

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

The Task Force to Bring Back the Don met on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 6:40 p.m. in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Toronto City Hall.

Present:

Members:

John Wilson, Chair
Ron Ballantyne, Vice Chair
Bryan Bertie
Cvitan Brkic
Benjamin Hoff
Norah Murphy
Janice Palmer, Vice Chair
Dalton Shipway
Bronwen Smith

Regrets: John Routh
David Wright

Also in Attendance: Scott Laver, Natural Environment and Community Programs, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Confirmation of the Minutes

On motion by J. Palmer, the Task Force to Bring Back the Don confirmed the Minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2008, as amended.

6-1. Strategic Planning

The Task Force to Bring Back the Don considered lists of prioritized projects from Members of the Task Force to Bring Back the Don as requested at the meeting held on May 21, 2008.

On motion by N. Murphy, the Task Force to Bring Back the Don:

1. requested

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- i. the Habitat Restoration Team to discuss a Naturalization Project;
 - ii. the Communications, Outreach and Marketing Team to discuss Celebrating the Don; and
 - iii. the Planning and Policy Team to discuss a Trail Project; and
2. requested each Team to submit a report to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don outlining their findings on these requests.

B. Bertie agreed to follow up to schedule a hike for members.

(Chair, Habitat Restoration Team; Chair, Communications, Outreach and Management Team; and Chair, Planning and Policy Team – June 18, 2008)

6-2. Team Updates

(1) Habitat Restoration Team

J. Palmer, Chair, Habitat Restoration Team advised that:

- (i) the next meeting of the Habitat Restoration Team will be held on Monday, July 7, 2008 in Committee Room 4 at 6:30 p.m. and they will discuss the presentation that was provided by Ms. Patricia Landry concerning naturalized gardens;
- (ii) a number of Task Force members attended the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority meeting on June 9, 2008 providing an overview of the Watershed Management Plan; and
- (iii) two signs have been installed at Moccasin Trail Park.

It was moved by N. Murphy, that the verbal update provided by the Chair, Habitat Restoration Team, be received.

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(2) Communications, Outreach and Marketing Team

N. Murphy, Member, Communications, Outreach and Marketing Team advised that:

- (i) the meeting scheduled to be held on June 16, 2008 was cancelled;
- (ii) they have to start working on the newsletter for the Fall, anyone who has any information that they would like included in the newsletter should speak to Norah; and
- (iii) Norah will send an e-mail to all members providing the deadlines for submissions for the newsletter.

It was moved by B. Smith, that the verbal update provided by N. Murphy, be received.

(3) Planning and Policy Team

The Task Force to Bring Back the Don considered the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 3, 2008.

On motion by J. Palmer, the Task Force to Bring Back the Don:

1. requested the Chair to forward correspondence to City Staff thanking them for their presentation to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don at its meeting on April 23, 2008 in the form of the draft letter submitted by B. Hoff; and
2. received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Policy Team held on June 3, 2008.

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6-3. Communications

The Task Force to Bring Back the Don considered the following communications:

- (1) (June 5, 2008) from John Wilson, Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don addressed to Mayor David Miller concerning off-leash areas for dogs.
- (2) (June 3, 2008) from Maogosha Pyjor, Public Consultation Coordinator, City of

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Toronto addressed to Janice Palmer and John Wilson regarding public consultation concerning a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for proposed stormwater management measures along the Don Valley Parkway spanning from the Gardiner Expressway to the junction of the East Don river Tributary and Taylor Massey Creek.

- (3) (June 16, 2008) from Mr. Andrew McCammon, Founding Chair, The Taylor Massey Project, addressed to Ms. Adele Freeman, Ms. Sonya Meek, Mr. Phil Goodwin and Ms. Nicole Swerhun, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, regarding the Don River Watershed Plan Public Meeting.

On motion by R. Ballantyne, the Task Force to Bring Back the Don:

1. requested Bryan Bertie and Janice Palmer to draft a response, to be sent by John Wilson, Chair, to the Public Consultation Co-ordinator for the City of Toronto, regarding the Public Meeting that was held on June 17, 2008 regarding the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for proposed stormwater management measures along the Don Valley Parkway spanning from the Gardiner Expressway to the junction of the East Don River Tributary and Taylor Massey Creek to ensure that this Task Force continues to have significant involvement in this process; and
2. received the foregoing communications (June 5, 2008) from Mr. John Wilson and (June 16, 2008) from Mr. Andrew McCammon.

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6-4. Attendance at Meetings

On motion by C. Brkic, the Task Force to Bring Back the Don directed the Chair to forward an informal e-mail to members of the Task Force who have not attended the last three consecutive meetings outlining Section (6) of the Terms of Reference regarding Quorum and Attendance and to determine their interest in continuing as a Member of the

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The Task Force to Bring Back the Don adjourned its meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chair