Dear Planning and Growth Committee:

Due to a change in my schedule, I will not be able to make a presentation to the Planning and Growth Committee today.

FRW appreciates that Toronto is no longer proposing to remove hundreds of acres of public land in Rouge Park from the existing Greenbelt Natural Heritage System overlay.

FRW still has concerns that the proposed amendment of Toronto's OP does not fully conform with the direction provided by existing Greenbelt and Rouge Park Plans.

In addition, the Federal Government recently introduced a Bill to amend the national Rouge Park legislation which states:

*Maintenance or restoration of ecological integrity, through the protection of natural resources and natural processes, must be the first priority of the Minister when considering all aspects of the management of the Park.*

FRW will address our concerns through a separate letter or Email to the City, the Province and the Federal Government.

Sincerely,
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