



SC4.5.38

Statement from Parks Canada

Scarborough Community Council, Tuesday March 19, 2019

Re: SC4.5, 6461 Steeles Avenue East - Zoning Amendment Applications - Final Report

Thank you for the opportunity for Parks Canada to provide a statement in support of the relocation of the Toronto Wildlife Centre to 6461 Steeles Avenue East, located within the future boundaries of Rouge National Urban Park.

As per the park's first ever management plan, Rouge National Urban Park will serve as a vital and dynamic meeting place for diverse communities. Indigenous partners, volunteers, conservation groups, park farmers, visitors and a host of other individuals, organizations and levels of government will contribute to this sense of community. The Toronto Wildlife Centre's commitment to building a healthy community for people and wildlife will not only contribute to the vitality of the park community, it will enable their tireless efforts to provide medical care to sick, injured and orphaned wild animals with the ultimate goal of releasing healthy animals back into the wild to continue.

Parks Canada strongly supports the recommendations made by city staff, and we reaffirm our commitment to continue to work closely with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in all matters related to the proposed relocation of the Toronto Wildlife Centre.