



Working together towards a land transfer for the creation of Rouge National Urban Park

On June 25, 2012 The Honourable Peter Kent, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada is pleased with the level of collaboration by the public landholders expressing their commitment to work together toward a recommendation on park boundaries, and subsequent land transfer processes, for the creation of Rouge National Urban Park.

With the recently announced financial commitment of \$143.7M over ten years the commitment of the public landholders is an important next step towards the establishment of Rouge National Urban Park. Parks Canada will continue to work collectively with all partners including: City of Toronto; City of Pickering; Town of Markham; Regional Municipalities of York and Durham, Toronto Region Conservation Authority; and, the Province of Ontario towards a land transfer agreement for the Fall of 2012.

Another important step taken to ensure the positive momentum built over the last decades continues is the appointment of Ms Pam Veinotte, currently the Superintendent for Banff National Park as Rouge National Urban Park's first Superintendent. As leader of one of Parks Canada's most iconic and most visited national parks, the appointment of Ms. Veinotte is another concrete federal commitment.

Help shape Canada's first National Urban Park

The Rouge National Urban Park concept and online public engagement platform are now available on the Parks Canada website. Input from the public is of great value to Parks Canada and this on-line platform will facilitate participation of interested individuals in shaping Canada's first national urban park.

The Rouge National Urban Park concept, developed this past year with provincial, municipal, Aboriginal, youth and community partners, includes conservation of natural and cultural resources, opportunities for learning, a wide range of visitor experience possibilities, and the integration and promotion of sustainable agriculture.





Interested citizens can now access the platform via Parks Canada's website to learn more about the Rouge National Urban Park initiative and concept, to provide input, or visit the calendar of events and public meetings that will be held over the course of the summer months throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

www.parksCanada.gc.ca/rouge

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