

MINO REQUEST – PK2018-02103

Bullet Points: Constituent with question about Pickering Airport Lands

- As part of Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP), Parks Canada now administers approximately 9,700 acres of former Pickering Airport Lands which were transferred by Transport Canada to Parks Canada in two separate land transfers in 2015 and 2017.
- Once lands were transferred, Parks Canada assumed all existing residential, agricultural and commercial leases and utility agreements.
- Parks Canada will transition existing leases to Parks Canada leases, beginning this year. Due to the number of leases, this process is expected to take several years.
- Should there be a vacant property, Parks Canada would assess the condition and suitability of the lands and property within the context of future plans for RNUP, including assessing the natural, cultural and agricultural heritage of the property and the potential for future trails and visitor amenities.
- Parks Canada is currently developing a fair process for selecting potential new tenants should suitable rental vacancies become available in the future. In the future, should vacancies be identified and a tenant selection process confirmed, RNUP would appreciate help with facilitating communication, and may be in contact with the MP office, as appropriate.

From: [McKenna, Catherine - M.P.](#)
To: [Ministre / Minister \(EC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Saving the Pickering Lands
Date: March 18, 2019 1:12:52 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 16, 2019 9:38 AM
To: McKenna, Catherine - M.P. <Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Saving the Pickering Lands

I want to follow-up and see if there has been thoughts on my questions from my last email.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

On Sat, Feb 23, 2019 at 5:47 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Ms. McKenna,

I am a Canadian born and raised here. I want to know if the government is doing anything to save the Pickering Lands permanently from being developed as an airport? I heard that half of the original lands have been saved in recent years but still leaves half of the lands not saved.

How come the government of Canada needs to keep the Pickering Lands under Transport Canada?

I have contacted my own MP James Maloney's office who later on passed my emails onto MP Jennifer O'Connell's office.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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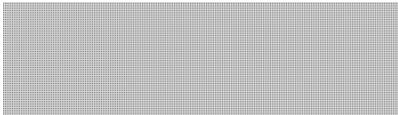
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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your e-mail message of February 23 and March 16, 2019, regarding the status of the remaining Pickering Lands and any future development related to a proposed airport.

In 2013 and 2015, Transport Canada transferred a total of 40 square kilometres of land for inclusion in Rouge National Urban Park, representing more than half of the lands committed for the establishment of the park. Since then, the Province of Ontario and the City of Pickering have also transferred lands committed to the park's establishment, while the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has transferred another portion of the lands committed. Work is still ongoing with the TRCA and the cities of Toronto and Markham to transfer the remainder of the lands committed to Parks Canada for Rouge National Urban Park.

Once completed, the park will be more than 79 square kilometres in size, making it one of the world's largest protected areas in an urban setting—19 times larger than Stanley Park in Vancouver and 23 times larger than Central Park in New York. Should additional land be made available for the park, the *Rouge National Urban Park Act* has a clause to enable enlargement of the park via the addition of lands to the schedule of the Act.

As the matter you raise also falls within the jurisdiction of the Honourable Marc Gameau, Minister of Transport, I have forwarded to him a copy of your correspondence.

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I appreciate you taking the time to write and your continued support for Rouge National Urban Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
Ms. Jennifer O'Connell, M.P.
Mr. James Maloney, M.P.



Fw: MIN-214583 - Scenario Note request for Minister McKenna Meeting with MPs Mark Holland and Jennifer O'Connell, Wednesday, April 12 at 4:15pm re: Duffins Creek Watershed

Cassandra Fulgham

to:

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Cc:

Tammy Hinsche, patrick.forest, Katheline Conway, Heidi Perren, Greg Prynne, Genevieve Brabant, "Talbot, Alexandra (PC)"

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Hi ECo,

Please open a docket and charge to Rouge input into a scenario note for a meeting between the Minister and MPs Mark Holland and Jennifer O'Connell. The input should relate to questions that may come up about the Rouge NUP.

Since this is input, the scenario note template does not need to be used, but I suggest that Rouge consult it to know what kind of input to include. The template can be found on the intranet:

<http://intranet2/about-parks-canada/chief-executive-officer/bchf-eco/bchf-outils-et-gabarits-eco-tools-and-templates/#Templates> MIN

VP-approved input due to ECO by end of day tomorrow, April 7th, please.

Thanks!

Cassandra

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Date: 06/04/2017 02:08 PM
Subject: MIN-214583 - Scenario Note request for Minister McKenna Meeting with MPs Mark Holland and Jennifer O'Connell, Wednesday, April 12 at 4:15pm re: Duffins Creek Watershed

The templates are available on ECollab at: [Templates](#).

DBU Officer responsible: Karine Régimbald
Tel.: (819) 938-9068

Due in DBU: April 10, 2017 CoB (FIRM)

CCM #: MIN-214583

REQUEST:

MinO would like a scenario note for a meeting between the Minister and MPs Holland and O'Connell to discuss Toronto Regional Conservation Authority has put together a project to revitalise the Duffins Creek Watershed.

Please provide Names of official as soon as possible and note taker. The meeting will be held in 433-C Centre Block.

TASK :

Lead: EPB / BF: April 10, 2017 CoB for SCENARIO NOTE

→ Please provide Names of official as soon as possible and note taker.

INPUT: PKS / BF: April 7, 2017 Input as required (Rouge National Urban Park). If official should attend please advise

S&T / BF: April 7, 2017 Input as required. If official should attend please advise

COMMs: for your info/input as required.

Karine Régimbald

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Parks Canada's input to MIN-214583 (PK2017-00769)

POINTS TO RAISE (PROACTIVE)

- While Parks Canada is pleased to have had over 40 square kilometres of former Transport Canada lands committed for Rouge National Urban Park, the Agency has always directed questions and suggestions regarding additional Transport Canada land transfers to Transport Canada.
- There is a mix of opinions regarding the future use of the remaining Transport Canada lands located in Durham, including among Parks Canada's municipal and other stakeholders.
- Parks Canada will work closely with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program partners to undertake restoration projects that enhance the habitat and ecological connectivity between Lake Ontario and the Oak Ridges Moraine. The Oak Ridges Moraine is critical for its role as the headwaters of 65 rivers and streams flowing south to Lake Ontario.

BACKGROUND

The West Duffins Creek is a key watercourse within the Duffins Creek watershed. The northern reaches of West Duffins Creek lie partially within the lands to become part of Rouge National Urban Park and partially on lands being retained by Transport Canada for a potential future Pickering Airport.

The Duffins Creek Watershed was selected for its healthy habitats as one of three rivers targeted for the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program, which is a partnership between the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Power Generation and various private sector supporters.

Over the past ten years, TRCA has undertaken numerous restoration projects on lands managed by Transport Canada in support of the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program and contributing to the overall watershed health of Duffins Creek. Parks Canada will work closely with TRCA and Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program partners to undertake restoration projects that enhance the habitat and ecological connectivity between Lake Ontario and the Oak Ridges Moraine. The Oak Ridges Moraine is critical for its role as the headwaters of 65 rivers and streams flowing south to Lake Ontario.

Parks Canada has begun trail planning for Rouge National Urban Park, including in the north, on former Transport Canada lands. The final Rouge National Urban Park trail plan would most likely contain a connection to the existing trails network near Glasgow in Uxbridge. It is probable that the new trails will follow parts of the West Duffins Watershed located in Rouge National Urban Park.

One of TRCA's goals is to provide nature-based public use and a link to the greenspaces in the West Duffins Headwaters. The project will involve engagement with local trails groups, residents and municipalities.

Parks Canada has entered into an agreement with TRCA in November 2016 to develop a trail plan for the Goodwood Resource Management Tract in the Township of Uxbridge, which is part of the Regional Municipality of Durham. The goal of the Goodwood Resource Management Tract Trail Plan project is to provide connected and accessible trails for appropriate nature-based public use on the property and to link

greenspaces in the West Duffins Headwaters and Rouge National Urban Park, which is located to the south of Goodwood.

Green Durham Association (GDA) is a non-profit, registered charity dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the forests, farmlands and natural areas that lie northeast of Toronto in Uxbridge, north of Pickering and adjacent to Greenbelt lands.

Parks Canada officials have had several constructive and positive discussions with one of GDA's officers, Mr. Brian Buckles, regarding GDA's work on trails and its desire for better regional trail connections with Rouge National Urban Park.

It is Parks Canada's understanding that GDA, a local environmental non-government organization, has been approaching various elected officials to advocate for the transfer of an additional two parcels of land to Parks Canada that are currently under the administration of Transport Canada for a potential future airport.

In a recent meeting with Councillor Pickles from Pickering on March 23, 2017, intended to discuss trail entry points and connections from the Pickering and Durham trail systems, the Councillor raised one item concerning GDA's desire to have additional parcels of land added to the park in two areas: along West Duffins Creek south of the Canadian Pacific Railway Havelock Subdivision and in the northeast of the Park to improve connections with the Claremont community. As these parcels are on the section of Transport Canada land that is not slated to transfer to the Park, Parks Canada officials referred the Councillor to Transport Canada.

During the Standing Committee in the House of Commons, a Member of Parliament raised this issue to Mr. Daniel Watson, Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada. At the time, Parks Canada believed the request was related to parcels in Uxbridge, Ontario. It was not until the meeting with Mayor Pickles that Parks Canada became aware of the interest by GDA in the parcels in the remaining Transport Canada lands. These parcels are located in the riding of Member of Parliament Jennifer O'Connell.

The 21 square kilometres of lands recently transferred to Parks Canada from Transport Canada on April 1, 2017 (note: transfer is not yet public), also fall within Member of Parliament O'Connell's riding. These lands are not included in the Bill C-18 amendments currently before Parliament and will be added to the Act's Schedule by an Order in Council at a later date.

The Province of Ontario has also recently indicated its interest in transferring at a later date a few additional parcels of provincial lands, also within the Duffins Creek Watershed.

We have been asked to provide MinO with input for a scenario note regarding a meeting between the Minister and MPs Holland and O'Connell to discuss Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's project to revitalise the Duffins Creek Watershed.

Note regarding response: We have included points to raise and background information beyond the scope of the MinO request, as we anticipate these other issues may be raised, in addition to the TRCA project.

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Formulaire d'approbation et de consultation

For your APPROVAL		CCM Number	
Subject/Objet: Input to Snote for Minister's meeting with MP Mark Holland and Jennifer O'Connell RE: Duffins Creek Watershed		PK2017-00XXX <i>0769</i>	
FUS/DUG: Bill Brake	Requesting SrVPO approval by/Approbation de la VPSO: April 10 Due to ECO / Due à BCHF: April 10, 2017		
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We have not yet received the official tasking from ECO (reason for PK2017-0XXX). Received heads-up request from CEO office April 7 th , with deadline of April 10 th . Received ED approved version April 7 th , reviewed by Sr. Advisor, ready for approval. Merci Kat ☺			