

ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK STUDY

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 Study Objectives and Scope

1.1 The objectives of the Rouge National Urban Park Study (the Study) are:

- To understand the potential effects, including cumulative effects, of past, ongoing, and potential future development on the Rouge National Urban Park (the Park).

1.2 The Study will focus on:

a) Future potential development activities in lands adjacent to the Park, notably in the area known as the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve, and the potential effects of these activities. In doing so, it will also consider the effects of other past, ongoing and future physical activities in the Park, the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve, federal lands adjacent to the Park as well as other areas if these have the potential for effects in areas of federal jurisdiction within the Park;

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b) The ecological integrity of the Park and the ability of the Park to meet its management objectives, including as described in the Park management plan:

- the protection of biodiversity, natural resources, and natural process;
- enhancement of ecological connectivity throughout the Park;
- maintaining beneficial working relationships with Indigenous communities; and
- supporting a vibrant park farming community;

c) Any other potential effects, including cumulative effects, on areas of federal jurisdiction (e.g., species at risk, federal lands), that may have implications within the Park; and,

d) Consideration of how provincial laws and regulations, as well as other laws and regulations including Indigenous laws, would apply to such developments in order to predict potential effects.

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5.0 Committee Activities and Requirements

5.1 In conducting the Study, the Committee will:

d) Rely on publicly available information, and information made available to the Committee by Indigenous communities, government, industry, academia, or the public.

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The Committee may request specialist or expert information, knowledge, analyses or advice with respect to the Study from federal authorities, or any person or body in possession of such information or knowledge.

Information provided to the Committee must be made accessible to the public through the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site in a timely manner, unless it is required to keep certain information confidential.

The Committee may also retain the services of independent non-government experts to provide advice on certain subjects within the Study Terms of Reference. The names of the experts retained and any documents obtained or created by the experts and that are submitted to the Committee must be made accessible to the public through the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site in a timely manner, unless it is required to keep certain information confidential.

Analyses of Potential Effects

h) Identify, consider and characterize the valued components and potential effects, including cumulative effects, of potential development activities on the identified valued components. The cumulative effects assessment must include all physical activities that are certain, reasonably foreseeable, including those on federal lands adjacent to the Park, those described in the Official Plans and the Park Management Plan, and those that are likely to be induced by developments in the Duffins Rouge Agriculture Preserve following relevant Government of Canada guidance. Provincial laws and regulations must be explicitly considered.

Commented [WP4]: FYI – As of June 8, 2023, Orders by the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing are not bound to conform with Provincial Plans and/or local Official Plans.
At the rate that Provincial legislation is changing, the Study should select a firm date on which to base their policy review.

Analyses of potential effects on valued components must:

- vi. Where appropriate, predict the impact of development activity scenarios on valued components.
- vii. Where appropriate, include spatial information in the analyses and predictions.
- viii. Where appropriate, describe the magnitude of potential impacts, including any uncertainty.
- ix. Where appropriate, identify specific locations or areas that would minimize effects on valued components.
- x. Where appropriate, describe any relevant avoidance, mitigation or compensation measures, which may address potential adverse effects.
- xi. Where appropriate, describe any relevant monitoring and follow-up program.