



Revised Development Services Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting No. 12 | July 8, 2025 | 9:30 AM | Live streamed

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Information Page

Development Services Committee Members: All Members of Council

Planning - Development and Policy Matters

Chair: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

(Development Services Committee Public Statutory Meetings - Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li)

Engineering - Transportation & Infrastructure Matters

Chair: Councillor Karen Rea

Vice Chair: Councillor Reid McAlpine

Culture & Economic Development Matters

Chair: Regional Councillor Alan Ho

Vice Chair: Councillor Amanda Collucci

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Consent Items: All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine and are recommended for approval by the department. They may be enacted on one motion, or any item may be discussed if a member so requests.

Please Note: The times listed on this agenda are approximate and may vary; Council may, at its discretion, alter the order of the agenda items.

**Development Services Committee is scheduled to recess for lunch from
approximately 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

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Development Services Committee will take a 10 minute recess after two hours
have passed since the last break.**



Development Services Committee Meeting

Revised Agenda

Revised items are identified by an asterisk (*)

Meeting Number: 12
July 8, 2025, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
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Please bring this Development Services Committee Agenda to the Council meeting on July 8, 2025.

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and their commitment to stewardship of the land. We acknowledge the communities in circle. The North, West, South and Eastern directions, and Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, Anishnabeg, Seneca, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit peoples. We share the responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - JUNE 10, 2025 (10.0)

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Note: Minutes have been attached.

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held on June 10, 2025, be confirmed.

3.2 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - JUNE 16, JUNE 19, AND JUNE 25, 2025 (10.0)

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Note: Minutes have been attached.

1. That the minutes of the Special Development Services Committee meetings held on June 16, June 19, and June 25, 2025, be confirmed.

4. PRESENTATIONS

*4.1 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES DEFERRAL POLICY UPDATE

K. Ross, ext. 2126

Note: Presentation to be attached when available.

5. DEPUTATIONS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. PETITIONS

8. CONSENT REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

8.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – MAY 20 AND JUNE 17, 2025 (10.0) 33

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Public Meeting held on May 20 and June 17, 2025, be confirmed.

8.2 VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2025 (16.0) 45

1. That the minutes of the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting held March 10, 2025, be received for information purposes.

8.3 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 9 AND MAY 14, 2025 (16.11) 49

1. That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held April 9 and May 14, 2025 be received for information purposes.

8.4 FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES - JANUARY 27, 2025 (16.0) 79

1. That the minutes of the Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Board meeting held January 27, 2025, be received for information purposes.

8.5 CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MINUTES – MARCH 20 AND APRIL 17, 2025 (16.34) 84

1. That the minutes of the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

(CPAC) meetings held March 20 and April 17, 2025 be received for information purposes.

8.6 DOORS OPEN MARKHAM 2024 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MINUTES - APRIL 23, 2025 (16.0) 98

1. That the minutes of the Doors Open Markham 2024 Organizing Committee held April 23, 2025, be received for information purposes.

8.7 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, HERITAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE HERITAGE PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM, 7822 HIGHWAY 7 EAST, LOCUST HILL, WARD 5 (16.11.3) 105

E. Manning, ext. 2296

1. That the July 8, 2025, Staff report titled “Recommendation Report: Heritage Easement Agreement for the Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program, 7822 Highway 7 East, Locust Hill, Ward 5”, be received; and,
2. That a by-law be passed to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Heritage Easement Agreement with the property owner(s) of 7822 Highway 7 East, and any other documents required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and further,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

8.8 CLASS 4 AREA DESIGNATION PURSUANT TO MECP NPC-300 OF THE SUBJECT LANDS FOURO TOWERS BUILDERS LTD., 9331-9399 MARKHAM ROAD, FILE NO.: ZA 18 140091 AND SPC 22 114181 (WARD 4) (10.0) 112

S. Mailvaganam, ext. 3568/ S. Mackenzie, ext. 2205

1. That the Report titled, “Class 4 Area Designation pursuant to MECP NPC-300 of the Subject Lands, Fouro Towers Builders Ltd., 9331-9399 Markham Road, File SPC 22 114181, (Ward 4)”, be received; and,
2. That 9331-9399 Markham Road (Fouro Towers) be classified as a Class 4 area pursuant to NPC-300 “Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Noise Guideline – Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning”; and further,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

***8.9 MEMORANDUM, FIRA ROBO WORLD CUP 2025 DAEGU, SOUTH 118**

KOREA - FLAG CEREMONY TO HANDOVER TO MARKHAM 2026

H. Hare, ext. 5255

1. That the Memorandum titled, “FIRA Robo World Cup 2025 Daegu, South Korea - Flag Ceremony to handover to Markham 2026”, be received; and,
2. That Council approve two representatives from the City of Markham to participate in the 2025 FIRA Robo World Cup in Daegu, South Korea from Aug 8-19, 2025, to receive the flag in support of Markham hosting the FIRA 2026 Robo World Cup & Summit; and,
3. That the allocation of \$23,036 from Economic Development budget to cover costs related to travel and programming be approved; and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

***8.10 FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES - APRIL 9 AND MAY 14, 2025 (16.0)**

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1. That the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board meeting held April 9 and May 14, 2025, be received for information purposes.

9. REGULAR REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

9.1 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS,

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SUBMITTED BY KLM PLANNING PARTNERS INC. (C/O GLENDOWER PROPERTIES INC.) TO FACILITATE A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY WITH APPROXIMATELY 217 DETACHED, TOWNHOUSE, AND MID-RISE APARTMENT UNITS, INCLUDING PARTIAL DETACHED LOTS, PUBLIC PARKETTE, NEW PUBLIC ROADS, AND A NATURAL HERITAGE BLOCK, ON LANDS MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 11139 VICTORIA SQUARE BOULEVARD AND 11251 WOODBINE AVENUE (WARD 2), FILE PLAN 23 121495 (10.3, 10.5, 10.7)

N. Omer, ext. 2185

1. That the report titled, “RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications, submitted by KLM Planning Partners Inc. (c/o Glendower Properties Inc.) to facilitate a residential community with approximately 217 detached, townhouse, and mid-rise apartment units, including partial detached lots, public parkette, new public roads, and a

natural heritage block, on lands municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue, on lands municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue (Ward 2), PLAN 23 121495, dated July 8, 2025, be received; and,

2. That the Official Plan Amendment application submitted by Glendower Properties Inc. to amend the City's 2014 Official Plan be approved in principle by Council and the draft Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix 'A', be finalized and brought forward to a future Council meeting to be enacted without further notice; and,
3. That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Glendower Properties Inc. to amend Zoning By-law 304-87, as amended, be approved in principle by Council and the draft site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment, attached as Appendix 'B', be finalized and brought forward to a future Council meeting to be enacted without further notice; and,
4. That the Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23004 be endorsed in principle, subject to the draft conditions, attached as Appendix 'C', be brought forward to a future Council meeting once all outstanding matters have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Director, Planning and Urban Design; and,
5. That the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate, be delegated authority to issue Draft Plan Approval, subject to the draft conditions set out in Appendix 'C', as may be amended by the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate; and,
6. That Draft Plan Approval for Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23004 will lapse after a period of three (3) years from the date of Council approval in the event that a Subdivision Agreement is not executed within that period; and,
7. That servicing allocation for 217 units be assigned to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23004; and,
8. That the servicing allocation will be revoke or reallocated after a period of three (3) years from the date of Council approval should the development not proceed in a timely manner; and further,
9. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

**A 30- AND 35-STOREY MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT WITH 864
RESIDENTIAL UNITS AT 4216 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 3) FILE PLAN
25 110915 (10.3, 10.5)**

M. Leung, ext. 2392

1. That the July 8, 2025, report titled, “RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Transmark Developments Ltd., Applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a 30- and 35-storey mixed use development with 864 residential units at 4216 Highway 7 East (Ward 3), File PLAN 25 110915”, be received; and,
2. That the Applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, submitted by Transmark Developments Ltd., under File PLAN 25 110915, to amend the City of Markham Official Plan and Zoning By-laws 122-72 and 2004-196, as amended, be refused without further notice; and further,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**9.3 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, CITY OF MARKHAM
(CITY-WIDE), APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO
PERMIT OUTDOOR STORAGE ON CITY-OWNED LANDS, OUTSIDE OF
LANDS DESIGNATED GREENWAY OR WITHIN ANY FLOOD
REGULATED AREAS OR HAZARDOUS LANDS, AS DEFINED BY THE
TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND
IDENTIFIED IN THE 2014 OFFICIAL PLAN (CITY-WIDE), FILE NO.
PLAN PR 25 124252 (10.5)**

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B. Roberts, ext. 2800

1. That the Public Meeting Information Report that proposes a City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment (PR 25 124252) to permit outdoor storage on city-owned lands, outside of lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands, as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and identified in the 2014 Official Plan, be received; and,
2. That the record of the Statutory Meeting held on July 8, 2025, with respect to the proposed City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment to By-laws 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, 2004-196 and 2024-19, as amended, be received; and,
3. That the City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment, be finalized and brought forward to the July 8, 2025, Council meeting to be enacted

without further notice; and further,

4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

10. MOTIONS

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

*As per Section 2 of the Council Procedural By-Law, "New/Other Business would generally apply to an item that is to be added to the **Agenda** due to an urgent statutory time requirement, or an emergency, or time sensitivity".*

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Development Services Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters:

14.1 DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

- 14.1.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - JUNE 10, 2025 (10.0) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]

- 14.1.2 UPDATE REQUEST FOR DIRECTION – ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL APPEAL BY NEWDEV INVESTMENTS LTD. AND 1375920 ONTARIO LIMITED

OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, AND SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS AT 5305 AND 5307 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 4) (WARD 4)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, SECTION 239 (2) (e)] (10.3, 10.5, 10.6)

15. ADJOURNMENT



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Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Michael Chan Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Ritch Lau Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Isa Lee
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Joseph Silva, Treasurer Chris Nearing, Fire Chief Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning & Urban Design	Stephanie DiPerna, Director, Building Standards Rick Cefaratti, Senior Planner, West District Duran Wedderburn, Manager, Policy Lily-Ann D'Souza, Senior Planner Emil Bautista, Technology Support Specialist II Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election & Committee Coordinator Anushrut Bharadwaj, Assistant to Council & Committee Audrey Farias, Manager, Planning and Urban Design

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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The Development Services meeting convened 9:15 AM. Mayor Scarpitti called the meeting to order and chaired the Staff Service Awards. Regional Councillor Jim Jones arrived at 9:30 and presided as Chair for all remaining items on the agenda.

Mayor Scarpitti acknowledged Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, for his contributions over the last seven years to the City and on behalf of Markham City Council offered him best wishes in his new role and future endeavours.

Chair Jones congratulated Mr. Prasad on his career accomplishments and wished him well in his new role.

Mayor Scarpitti acknowledged staff for their contributions that led to a successful Unionville Festival this past weekend.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:03 PM and reconvened at 1:09 PM.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - APRIL 14, AND APRIL 22, 2025 (10.0)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the Special Development Services Committee meetings held on April 14 and April 22, 2025, be confirmed.

Carried

3.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - APRIL 8 AND MAY 13, 2025 (10.0)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held on April 8 and May 13, 2025, be confirmed.

Carried**4. PRESENTATIONS****4.1 PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS (12.2.6)**

Mayor Scarpitti, Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, Claudia Storto, City Solicitor, Morgan Jones, Commissioner of Community Services, Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services, and Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, recognized the following staff members who have achieved service milestones and thanked them for their years of service. The City's new hires, transfers and retirees were also acknowledged.

Chief Administrative Office - Fire & Emergency Services

Wayne Hoover, Captain, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
 Chad Kearns, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
 Alex Pompilio, Battalion Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
 Shane Harrison, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
 Colin Quinn, Battalion Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
 Brian Snooks, Battalion Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
 Chris Tamaya, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years

Community Services Commission

Dean McDermid, Supervisor, Parks Operations, Operations, 20 years
 Stephen Plese, Sweeper Operator, Operations, 15 years
 James Taylor, Waterworks Operator II, Environmental Services, 10 years
 Adam Fairclough, Sign Maintenance, Operations, 5 years
 Leo Galang, Maintenance Assistant, Recreation Services, 25 years
 Eric Ho, Co-ord Business Systems & Budgeting, Recreation Services, 10 years

Development Services Commission

Gary Restoule, Maintenance Assistant, Culture, Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship, 20 years
 Karl Sitta, Building Inspector II, Building Standards, 25 years

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were deputations in relation to item 9.1. Please refer to the item for details.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 COMMUNICATIONS, MARKVILLE SECONDARY PLAN STUDY – DRAFT FINAL STUDY REPORT (10.8)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the written submissions from Qiang Fa Liang, Steven Langenhuizen, and Katie Pandey (Weston Consulting), Wilson Zhang, Dennis J. Condos, Haiwei Wu, Jim Levac (GSAI), Kate Cooper (Bousfields Inc.), Leigh McGrath (Urban Strategies Inc.), Lincoln Lo (MGP), Markville Community Association, Michelle Cai, Unionville Residents Association, Shunyan Cai, and John Hurlburt Holdings Limited, be received.

Carried

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS, OLT APPEAL BY PRIMONT HOMES (LESLIE/JOHN) INC., OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS AT 2300 JOHN STREET (WARD 1)

**(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS
BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE
MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001,
SECTION 239 (2) (e)] (10.3, 10.5)**

Moved by Councillor Keith Irish

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the written submissions from Edith Kangas, John Lai, Kevin (Changzhu) Yang, Cynthia Liu, James Liu, Michael Ni, Bonnie, Man Yee Chan, Hao Fan, Sharron Luo, Chi and Stephanie Le, Fan Zhang, Cindy Hui Dong, Jack Yufeng Luan, Alireza Mokhtari, Saleh Jaleel, Yasmine Dossal & Neda Jaleel, Yan, Helena, Liling Xiang, Peter Yuan, Kathy Na, Isabel Shin, Ruth Liu, Alice Wang, Amen Seyedi, Catherine Gu, Cathy and Habib Haghighat, Chak Hong (Jason) Lei, David Kwechansky, Eileen Macfarlane, Iskander Boulos, Ivy Shao, Jack Windom, Joe and Mary Luk, Johnny Ren, Jordan Gould, Judith Amoils, Junjun Zhang, Leila Rahimi, Lenard Kotylo, Linda Theodoris, Ling Li, Marc Salsky, Max Kaufman, Meezan Kotylo, Michael Yip Lee, Owen Symington, Pam Sabounji, Peng Li, Richard Chung, Ruth Bloom, Shari Kaufman, Shelli King, Sherry Pickett, Susie Zhang, Ted Wu, Trevor Paine, Vartan Kasbarian, Vaz Qazi, Vera Lu, Yi Feng, Yogesh Desai, Zhilan Xue, Sunny Zhang, and Jordan Gould be, be received.

Carried

7. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

8. CONSENT REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

**8.1 039-T-24 AND 022-R-19 - AGREEMENTS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF SERVICES RELATING TO
THE MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
AND THE VICTORIA SQUARE BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT (PHASE 1) (10.0)**

Moved by Councillor Ritch Lau

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the report entitled “039-T-24 and 022-R-19 - Agreements with Property Owners for Construction and Funding of Services Relating to the Main Street Unionville Reconstruction Project and the Victoria Square Boulevard Reconstruction Project (Phase 1)” be received; and,
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute agreements with property owners for the construction and funding of the Services approved by the Director of Engineering within the construction limits of Main Street Unionville Reconstruction Project and the Victoria Square Boulevard Reconstruction Project (Phase 1), provided the form of such agreements are satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Development Services; and,
3. That the construction of the Services described in such agreements be included in the City’s construction contracts for the Main Street Unionville Reconstruction Project and the Victoria Square Boulevard Reconstruction Project (Phase 1); and further,
4. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9. REGULAR REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

9.1 MARKVILLE SECONDARY PLAN STUDY – DRAFT FINAL STUDY REPORT (10.8)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services provided introductory remarks and introduced Frank Marzo, Manager of Municipal Planning, WSP Canada Inc., who presented an overview of the final Markville Secondary Plan Study and planned next steps in this development.

The Committee heard the following deputations:

Carol Wilson, expressed concerns with additional population, traffic and road safety in the planned development. Ms. Wilson also inquired on the methods used to study the development impacts on the community.

Leigh McGrath, of Urban Strategies, represented the group that owns land at 8651 McCowan Road and expressed concerns with flexibility of connectivity to the main and local roads. He suggested that there be reduced height and less density in the area.

The Committee thanked staff and the consultant for the presentation and noted that the presentation does not align with the settlement that was reached with Markville Mall. Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning and Urban Design, acknowledged that due to timing, the presentation did not reflect the settlement details and that the upcoming draft policies will align with the OPA approved by Council.

Staff and the consultant advised that there was a comprehensive traffic study conducted and that there are several significant improvements in the area. Staff further advised that the completed traffic study report is expected in the fall of 2025.

The Committee suggested that there be consideration for businesses in the business park areas and that there be a public meeting planned to review the changes and their potential impacts. The Committee directed staff to plan a special meeting or workshop on this report before coming back to a future Development Services Committee Meeting.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the report and presentation dated June 10, 2025, and entitled “Markville Secondary Plan Study – Draft Final Study Report” be received; and,

2. That the recommendations and policy directions in the “Markville Secondary Plan Study – Draft Final Study Report”, attached as Appendix “A”, inform the preparation of the draft Markville Secondary Plan policies by staff; and,
3. That staff be directed to schedule a statutory public meeting targeting Q4 2025 to consider the draft Markville Secondary Plan policies; and,
4. That the deputations from Carol Wilson and Leigh Mc Grath be received; and further,
5. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.2 CMHC HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND UPDATE (10.0)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, advised that at this time, staff are anticipating that the City will exceed the 1640 new unit target by the end of 2026. He introduced Aurey Farais, Manager, Planning and Urban Design, who presented, the key milestones, timelines, and City commitments related to this initiative. Ms. Farias also provided an update on the first annual report outlining the City of Markham's achievement in the first year which included 500 affordable housing units through partnerships and that the City was in receipt of the second tranche of funding.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the report dated June 10, 2025 entitled “CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund Update” be received; and further,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.3 INTERIM REPORT, BAYVIEW JOHN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VISIONING WORKING SESSIONS, THORNHILL (WARD 1)

Moved by Councillor Keith Irish
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the interim report titled, “INTERIM REPORT, Bayview John Community Engagement Visioning Working Sessions, Thornhill (Ward 1)”, be received; and further,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.4 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPER BUILD STRATA PARK AT 1297 AND 1307 CASTLEMORE AVENUE (10.0)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the June 10, 2025 report titled 'Recommendation Report, Capital Budget Request for Developer Build Strata Park at 1297 and 1307 Castlemore Avenue' be received; and,
2. That a new 2025 Capital Budget for Developer Build Strata Park be established and funded from Development Charges (Parks Development Reserve) in the amount of \$744,935 inclusive of HST impact @1.76% and internal charges; and further,
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.5 COMMENTS ON THE PROTECT ONTARIO BY BUILDING FASTER AND SMARTER ACT, 2025 (BILL 17) (10.0)

Staff indicated that they will submit comments on Bill 17 to the Province and hope to engage in discussions on the utilization of a proposed utility model to construct water and wastewater services.

The Committee requested clarification provided on where the responsibility of new infrastructure will lie, the structure of water and sewers, the impact of any shift of new home developments to pay for infrastructure.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the report dated June 10, 2025, titled " Comments on the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act (Bill 17)" be received; and,
2. That this report be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure, and Minister of Transportation as the City of Markham's comments on Bill 17; and,

Amendment to the Building Transit Faster Act, 2020

3. That the Province establish a formal process for consultation and coordination with municipalities in the development of provincial transit projects and the management of construction activities including traffic management plans; and,
4. That the Province work collaboratively with the City to monitor local impacts, provide regular project updates, and ensure timely notification to affected stakeholders and the public; and,

Amendments to the Planning Act

5. That the Province require formal municipal consultation to demonstrate that local transportation policies and plans are considered and aligned before issuing MZO or imposing conditions that may adversely impact transportation systems; and,
6. That the Province clarify and provide further guidance on how MZO conditions will be cleared, to whose satisfaction, and provide a specific list of the items that can be conditioned; and,
7. That the Province ensure school sites are not located in areas that are not appropriate for sensitive land uses; and,

Proposed Regulations – Complete Applications

8. That Council not support regulations that would limit the scope, type or number

of studies that may be required as part of a complete application and instead provide guidance to municipalities to facilitate consistency across the Province; and,

9. That if the Province proceeds, at a minimum sun/shadow and wind impact studies should be required as a part of Zoning Bylaw Amendment and Site Plan Control Applications; and,

10. That the Province partner with Ontario municipalities and practitioners on common practices and criteria for urban design studies to ensure consistency across all jurisdictions; and,

11. That the Province provide more details on the process and requirements for certifying professionals for which municipalities would be required to accept studies; and,

Proposed Regulation As-of-right Variations from Setback Requirements

12. That Council not support changes to the Planning Act to enable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to permit variations from the zoning by-law within a prescribed percentage; and,

13. That the Province limit the applicability of the proposed legislation to existing development with reduced zoning setbacks and legal non-conforming uses; and,

Amendments to Transit Oriented Communities Act

14. That Council is generally supportive of the proposed changes where the implementation of Transit Oriented Communities aligns with the local municipal visions or plans are developed in consultation with the municipality to ensure local priorities are protected; and,

Building Code - Eliminate Secondary Approvals for Innovative Construction Materials

15. That Council support all proposed changes to streamline Ministers' rulings process for construction products; and,

16. That Council not support Building Code research efforts geared towards single unit four storey townhouses as these units are not affordable and only generate one dwelling unit. The Province should dedicate Building Code research resources to more affordable housing solutions; and,

Amendments to Ministry of Infrastructure Act and Metrolinx Act

17. That Council support all opportunities for municipal data tracking across the Province, where data collection is automated through open data; and,

Proposed Changes to the Development Charges Act

18. That Council not support the proposed change to exempt long term care homes; if the Province proceeds to institute this change, the City will be amenable if the exemption applies only to non-profit developments; and,

19. That Council not support the payment of development charges at occupancy; if the Province proceeds to institute this change, the City would be amenable if interest is levied to the date of occupancy and security can be obtained for the outstanding amounts; and,

20. That Council support the changes to the application of the development charge rate freeze, where collection is based on the lower of the frozen development charge amount plus interest or, the amount calculated using the prevailing rate; and,

21. That Council support the streamlined process for selected development charge by-law amendments, which eliminates the requirement to prepare a Development Charges Background Study if the amendment is to reduce the development charge rates; and,

Proposed Development Charge changes through Regulation

22. That Council request the City be invited to participate in the discussions on the proposed regulatory changes, inclusive of those related to the determination of eligible capital costs which may focus on the inclusion/exclusion of land, and the methodology for determining benefit to existing; and,

23. That Council support the need for more development and streamlined processes, but not support any changes to the development charge regime that will move growth related costs away from developers and onto existing residents and businesses in any significant way; and,

Other Proposed Cost Recovery Changes

24. That Council request the City be invited to participate in discussions on the utilization of a proposed utility model to construct water and wastewater services; and further,

25. That staff be authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.6 COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM - 2025 (16.11)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the June 10, 2025, Staff report, titled “Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program - 2025”, be received; and,

2. That Council supports financial assistance representing \$15,000.00 in grant assistance for:

- a. Paint Removal from the bricks of 4592 Hwy. 7 E. in Unionville and the re-conditioning of the original wooden window frames subject to the owner obtaining a Minor Heritage Permit for the proposed work;

3. That the eligibility requirements of the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program be revised to require Façade Easement Agreements for grants of more than \$7,500 instead of \$5,000; and,

4. That the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program be revised to make designated historic places of worship eligible for grant funding instead of requiring them to apply to the City's Designated Heritage Property Grant Program and that the program be renamed the Commercial Façade and Historic Places of Worship Grant Program; and,
5. That the 2025 grants be funded through the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program Fund, Account 620-101-5699-25011; and further,
6. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.7 DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTY GRANT APPLICATIONS 2025 (16.11.3)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the June 10, 2025, report titled, "Designated Heritage Property Grant Applications 2025", be received; and,
2. That Designated Heritage Property Grants for 2025 be approved in the amounts noted for the following properties, totaling \$54,020.00, provided that the applicants comply with eligibility requirements of the program:
 - a. 357 Main St. N., Markham Village: up to \$5,000.00, for the painting of the house in historic original colours and installation of historically authentic wooden front entrance door;
 - b. 7707 Yonge St., Thornhill: up to \$5,000.00 for the installation of historically authentic 2nd storey windows facing Yonge St.;
 - c. 218 Main St., Unionville: up to \$2,000.00 for the painting of the steeple and bellcote louvres in historic original colours;
 - d. 6 Alexander Hunter Place, Markham Heritage Estates: up to \$7,500.00 for the installation of a cedar shingle roof;
 - e. 3 David Gohn Circle, Markham Heritage Estates: up to \$7,500.00 for the installation of a cedar shingle roof;
 - f. 1 Heritage Corners Lane, Markham Heritage Estates: up to \$5,000.00 for the production and installation of historically authentic louvered shutters;
 - g. 12 Wismer Place, Markham Heritage Estates: up to \$7,500.00 for the

installation of a cedar shingle roof;

h. 1 Kalvinster Drive, Cornell: up to \$4,520.00 for the reconstruction of brick gable-end chimneys;

i. 99 Thoroughbred Way, Markham: up to \$5,000.00 for the repair and restoration of the historic wooden clapboard siding;

j. 10720 Victoria Square Blvd., Victoria Square: up to \$5,000.00 for the repair of historic brickwork; and,

3. That the grant request for 49 Church Street not be funded due to the proposed work and application not meeting the eligibility requirements of the program; and,

4. That the grants be funded through the Designated Heritage Property Grant Project Fund, Account 620-101-5699-25010 (\$60,000.00 available for 2025) and further,

5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 HOSTILE VEHICLE MANAGEMENT

Councillor Rea raised an item of new business in relation to Hostile Vehicle Management.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the new item in relation to Hostile Vehicle Mitigation be added to the agenda.

Carried by a Two Thirds Vote

Whereas the City of Markham is committed to the safety and security of all residents and visitors attending public events; and,

Whereas the implementation of Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) measures has become a requirement for large-scale events to ensure public safety; and,

Whereas the cost of these safety measures will place a large financial burden on volunteer-led and non-profit festival organizers; and,

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That City staff be directed to work in partnership with the organizers of Markham's four major festivals to coordinate and implement Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) measures; and,
2. That the City of Markham cover the costs associated with the deployment of HVM equipment (e.g., dump trucks, snowplows, concrete barriers) required as part of the approved road closure and safety plan for each festival; and further,
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That this item be added to the confidential agenda; and,
2. That the Development Services Committee resolve into confidential session in accordance with the Municipal Act section 239 (2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality, to address this item.

Carried

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Development Services Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters:

Carried

14.1 DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

14.1.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - APRIL 8 AND MAY 13, 2025 (10.0) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]

The Committee confirmed the confidential minutes of April 8, and May 13, 2025.

14.1.2 REQUEST FOR DIRECTION - ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL APPEAL FOR MINOR VARIANCE AT 59 LEE AVENUE (WARD 8) (8.0)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, SECTION 239 (2) (e)]

The Committee consented to place this item on the June 24, Confidential Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

14.1.3 UPDATE REQUEST FOR DIRECTION - ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL APPEALS RE: NEW COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW (8.0)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, SECTION 239 (2) (e)]

The Committee consented to place this item on the June 24, 2025, Confidential Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

14.1.4 OLT APPEAL BY PRIMONT HOMES (LESLIE/JOHN) INC., OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS AT 2300 JOHN STREET (WARD 1)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, SECTION 239 (2) (e)] (10.3, 10.5)

The Committee consented to place this item on the June 24, 2025,
Confidential Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

14.1.5 HOSTILE VEHICLE MITIGATION AT CITY EVENTS

**UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION - HOSTILE VEHICLE
MITIGATION AT CITY EVENTS (SECURITY OF PROPERTY;
[MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, SECTION 239 (2) (a)]:**

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM from confidential session and did not report out on any matter.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

That the Development Services Committee meeting adjourn from confidential session and not report out on any matter.

Carried



Special Development Services Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 9
June 16, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Canada Room

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Ritch Lau	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Deputy Mayor Michael Chan	
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Chris Nearing, Fire Chief Joseph Silva, Treasurer Alice Lam, Director, Operations Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability & Asset Management	Chris Bullen, Manager, By-Law Services Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning & Urban Design Eddy Wu, Director, Environmental Services John Wong, Technology Support Coordinator Emil Bautista, Technology Support Specialist II Anushrut Bharadwaj, Assistant to Council/Committee Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election/Council & Committee Coordinator Rajeeth Arulanantham, Election & Committee Coordinator Samson Wat, Manager, Transportation Policy & Strategy

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1. CALL TO ORDER

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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The Special Development Services Committee meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM. Regional Councillor Jim Jones presided as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none disclosed.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 CITYWIDE PARKING STRATEGY - COUNCIL WORKSHOP #2 IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING PLAN

Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering, addressed the Committee to provide opening remarks. Consultants from WSP Canada, Sharon Sterling, Shannon Holness, Josie Li, Christine Huynh and Natalie Armstrong, were in attendance and presented an overview of recurring themes from members of the public and Council, the vision of a parking strategy with guiding principals, and the future implementation plans. They facilitated a workshop with three breakout sessions where Members of Committee and staff participated and provided feedback on the various topics that will be used in the development of a Citywide Parking Strategy that aligns with City building objectives.

The Committee suggested that there be public meetings planned in the fall to discuss the purpose and objectives of these initiatives and to provide an opportunity for additional feedback from members of the public.

Staff indicated that a final report will be presented to Members of Council in the fall 2025.

Moved by Regional Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That the presentation entitled “Citywide Parking Strategy - Council Workshop #2 Implementation and Monitoring Plan” be received.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Regional Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the Special Development Services meeting adjourn at 11:50 AM.

Carried



Special Development Services Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 10

June 19, 2025, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Canada Room

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Michael Chan Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Ritch Lau Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Isa Lee
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Joseph Silva, Treasurer Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning & Urban Design Stephanie DiPerna, Director, Building Standards John Yeh, Manager, Strategy & Innovation	Duran Wedderburn, Manager, Policy Nadia Lawrence, Special Project Coordinator Brad Roberts, Manager, Zoning and Special Projects John Wong, Technology Support Coordinator Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election & Committee Coordinator Rajeeth Arulanantham, Election & Committee Coordinator Anushrut Bharadwaj, Assistant to Council & Committee

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The Special Development Services meeting convened at 10:05 AM with Regional Councillor Jim Jones presiding as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 INCLUSIONARY ZONING ASSESSMENT COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Trinela Cane, Commissioner Corporate Services and Interim Commissioner, Development Services addressed the Committee to provide opening remarks and introduced Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning and Urban Design, who provided context related to the objective of this workshop and how the information will be used to create more inclusionary zoning to successfully expand housing options and secure more affordable housing in the City.

The Committee participated in a consultant led workshop with break-out sessions to discuss and provide feedback on various aspects of inclusionary zoning, offers, incentives and their administration to develop a wholesome Inclusionary Zoning Framework and Housing Strategy.

The following consultants were in attendance to facilitate the session:

LURA Consulting

Zoie Browne

Nico Zucco

N. Barry Lyon Consultants (NBLC)

Matthew Bennett

Margot Hayward

SHS Inc.

Matt Pipe

Christine Pacini

Keir Matthews-Hunter

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the presentation dated June 19, 2025 entitled "Inclusionary Zoning Assessment Council Workshop" be received; and further,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Keith Irish

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Michael Chan

That the Special Development Services meeting adjourn at 12:05 PM.

Carried



Special Development Services Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 11

June 25, 2025, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

To Be Determined

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Ritch Lau	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Deputy Mayor Michael Chan	Regional Councillor Joe Li
Staff	Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Joseph Silva, Treasurer Chris Nearing, Fire Chief Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning & Urban Design John Yeh, Manager, Strategy & Innovation	Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development Abbie Kar, Senior Planner, Urban Design Lawrence Yip, Senior Planner, Urban Design Richard Fournier, Senior Manager, Parks & Open Space Development Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election & Committee Coordinator Steven Bell, Sr. Manager, Urban Design Planning & Urban Design

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

Chair, Regional Councillor Jim Jones called the Special Development Services Committee meeting to order 9:30 AM.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 URBAN DESIGN BUS TOUR

The Development Services Committee participated in a bus tour of three City of Toronto neighborhoods: the Canary District, Regent Park, and Concord Place, to observe successful urban design strategies and challenges. The tour aimed to help visualize key aspects relevant to future development in the City's intensification areas.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Regional Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Special Development Services Committee meeting adjourn at 4:25 PM.

Carried



Development Services Public Meeting Minutes

Meeting Number: 9
May 20, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Michael Chan Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Ritch Lau Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Councillor Andrew Keyes	
Staff	Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator Brendan Chiu, Planner I Barton Leung, Senior Planner	Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development Melissa Leung, Senior Planner

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Development Services Public Meeting convened at 7:06 PM.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. DEPUTATIONS

Deputations were heard with the respective item.

4. REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, JAHANGIR CHOUDHRY, AT 17 OAKCREST AVENUE (WARD 3), APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**TO FACILITATE A FUTURE SEVERANCE FOR THE CREATION OF
TWO NEW LOTS WITH SITE-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS AT 17
OAKCREST AVENUE (WARD 3), FILE NO. PLAN 24 193958 (10.5)**

The Public Meeting this date was to consider an application submitted by Jahangir Choudhry (c/o Mohammad Choudhry).

The Committee Clerk advised that 182 notices were mailed on April 30, 2025, and a Public Meeting sign was posted on April 29, 2025. There were no written submissions received regarding this proposal.

Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development, introduced the item.

Brendan Chiu, Planner, gave a presentation regarding the proposal, the location, surrounding usages and outstanding issues.

The Applicant provided a presentation on the proposed development.

The Committee had no objections to the application but suggested the number of variances should be limited. The Applicant noted that they are working with Staff to update their initial designs to conform as much as possible with the new Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2024-19, which includes changing the design of the driveway to a linear two-door garage rather than a circular driveway with a three-car garage.

Staff clarified why a site-specific by-law was required for their application.

Members of Council requested that the application be sent directly to a future Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones.

1. That the report entitled “PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, Jahangir Choudry, Application for Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate a future severance for the creation of two new lots with site-specific provisions at 17 Oakcrest Avenue (Ward 3), File No. PLAN 24 193958”, be received; and,
2. That the Record of the Public Meeting held on May 20, 2025 with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, be received; and,
3. That the application by Jahangir Choudry for the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (PLAN 24 193958), be approved and the draft implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be finalized and enacted without further notice; and further,
4. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

4.2 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, SOHAIL KHAN, ENGENIUS DEVELOPMENT INC. AT 10 RIVER BEND ROAD (WARD 3), APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ACCOMMODATE A FUTURE SEVERANCE FOR THE CREATION OF FOUR NEW LOTS WITH SITE-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS AT 10 RIVER BEND ROAD (WARD 3), FILE NO. PLAN 24 189460 (10.3, 10.5)

The Public Meeting this date was to consider an application submitted by Engenius Development Inc. (c/o JKO Planning Services Inc.).

The Committee Clerk advised that 356 notices were mailed on April 30, 2025 and a Public Meeting sign was posted on April 28, 2025. There were 3 written submissions received regarding this proposal.

Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development, introduced the item.

Brendan Chiu, Planner, gave a presentation regarding the proposal, the location, surrounding uses and outstanding issues.

Jim Kotsopoulos , JKO Planning Services, provided a presentation on the proposed development.

There were no comments from the audience with respect to this application.

The Committee expressed a preference that all four lots have a minimum frontage of 50 feet and that the proposed dwellings comply with the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2024-19.

City staff explained that a site-specific by-law is necessary to accommodate the current application.

Members of Council requested that the Applicant continue working with staff to address the Committee's feedback. The application was requested to be brought directly to a future Council meeting.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. **That the written submissions by Raj Bissoon, Annette Sabatini, and Carmelo Lamanna, be received; and,**
2. That the report entitled "PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, Engenius Development Inc., Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate a future severance for the creation of four new lots with site-specific provisions (Ward 3), File No. PLAN 24 189460", be received; and,
3. That the Record of the Public Meeting held on May 20, 2025 with respect to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, be received; and,

4. **That the Applicant work with staff to ensure all four lots are minimum of 50 feet wide; and,**
5. That the applications by Engenius Development Inc. for the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment (PLAN 24 189460), be approved and the draft implementing Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment be finalized and enacted without further notice; and further,
6. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

4.3 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, TRANSMARK DEVELOPMENTS LTD. AT 4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 3), APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TO PERMIT A MIXED-USE, HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF A 30- AND 35-STOREY TOWER WITH 864 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND 2,335 M2 (25,131 FT2) OR RETAIL SPACE AT 4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 3), FILE NO. PLAN 24 25 110915 (10.3, 10.5)

The Public Meeting this date was to consider an application submitted by Transmark Developments Ltd.

The Committee Clerk advised that 175 notices were mailed on April 30, 2025 and a Public Meeting sign was posted on April 29, 2025. There was one written submission received regarding this proposal.

Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development, introduced the item.

Melissa Leung, Senior Planner, gave a presentation regarding the proposal, the location, surrounding uses and outstanding issues.

Stephan Kuzoff, Transmark Developments Ltd., provided a presentation on the proposed development application. Mr. Kuzoff expressed concern about the City's future plans to extend the Rouge-side Promenade through his property as it would leave him with little land to develop.

Mr. Lue explained the rationale for the future extension of Rouge-side Promenade, noting the extension is needed to accommodate the planned population of Markham Centre. Mr. Lue emphasized that the purpose of tonight's Public Meeting is to review the Applicant's development application.

Sandra Tam, representing the Unionville Residents Association, provided a deputation in strong opposition to the development proposal. Ms. Tam suggested that the proposal should follow good planning principles and the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan, and that the heights of the towers should be limited to 3storeys and decrease towards the heritage district. Ms. Tam also expressed concern that the development application does not include the proposed road through the property, as indicated in the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan. Ms. Tam asked Council to reject the application due it not aligning with emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan.

The Committee provided the following feedback on the proposed development:

- Expressed concern that the proposed height of the towers in the development application does not align with the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan or the vision for the Unionville Conservation District.
- Expressed concern that the plans for the Unionville GO Station are not known at this time.
- Suggested that the City could possibly support four to eight storeys on the Subject Lands due to it being located far enough from the Unionville Conservation District while remaining respectful of the Heritage District and the Mainstreet Unionville Vision Plan which only envisions three-storey developments along this stretch of Highway 7.
- Noted that the road network being proposed in the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan is critical to the overall plan for the area.
- Suggested that the City needs to understand what an underpass through the rail tracks would look like in this area along with any impacts of potential grade separation on Highway 7.
- Noted that City should work with the Applicant to optimize the development potential of the lands.

Staff responded and provided clarification to inquiries from the Applicant and the Committee.

Moved by Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

1. That the deputation by Sandara Tam, Unionville Residents Association, be received; and,
2. That the written submission by Kate Cooper (Bousfield's Inc.) be received; and,
3. That the report entitled "PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, Application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a mixed-use, high-rise development consisting of a 30-and 35-storey tower with 864 residential units located at 4261 Highway 7, Ward 3, File No. PLAN 25 110915", be received; and,
4. That the Record of the Public Meeting held on May 20, 2025 with respect to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, be received; and,
5. That the application by Transmark Developments Ltd. for a proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment (PLAN 25 110915) be referred back to Staff for a report and a recommendation; and further,
6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Public Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.



Development Services Public Meeting Minutes

Meeting Number: 6

June 17, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Michael Chan Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Ritch Lau	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Isa Lee
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Development Services Public Meeting convened at 7:05 PM with Regional Councillor Joe Li in the Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. DEPUTATIONS

Deputations were heard with the respective item.

4. REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, CITY OF MARKHAM AT CORNELL CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN AREA, CITY-INITIATED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO

INCORPORATE A NEW SECONDARY PLAN FOR CORNELL CENTRE INTO THE 2014 OFFICIAL PLAN AT CORNELL CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN AREA (WARD 5), FILE NO. PLAN OP 15 155158 (10.3)

The Public Meeting this date was to consider an application by the City of Markham.

The Public Meeting Notice was posted on the City of Markham website on May 26, 2025. There were 10 written submissions received regarding the application.

Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development, introduced and provided a brief history of the item.

Duran Wedderburn, Manager, Policy, provided a presentation on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan.

The following deputations were made on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan:

Nick Pillegi, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., representing 605918 Ontario Limited (landowner of 8561 9th Line), provided an overview of the landowner's development proposal for the site and feedback on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan relative to the site. The site borders key locations: 9th Line, Highway 7, Russell Woods Drive/Markham Stouffville Hospital, and the Bus Rapid Transit and Go Station. It is also near the Cornell Community Centre. The proposal includes towers up to 33 storeys in height but limits the height to six stories on 9th line to be sensitive to nearby low-density housing. The proposed FSI is 5.2, which falls into the draft secondary plan target range, but the proposed building heights exceeds the secondary plans height caps for the site. Mr. Pileggi expressed concern regarding the discrepancy between the allowed density and the proposed heights in the draft secondary plan. Mr. Pileggi requested on behalf of the landowner that the building heights be permitted to be higher while maintaining the

targeted density on this site due to its strategic location and the development respecting the 45-degree angular planes from 9th line.

Emily Grant, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., representing the Cornell Rouge Developments Corporation, owner of three parcels of land 8724 Reesor Road, 8600 Reesor Road, and Block 20 on Highway 7, provided feedback on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan, including: 1) Greenway - a new greenway designation has been applied to 8724 Reesor Road, which is being questioned. The owner is conducting an environmental impact study for the subject lands this summer and is requesting that the land use schedules be revised to reflect the findings of the study prior to Council approving the secondary plan. 2) Mixed Use Permission – a mixed-use permission is being requested for the Reesor Road properties due to the province’s narrow definition of employment land uses, as industrial uses may conflict with nearby residential areas and the Rouge National Park. 3) Building heights - a range of 4-25 storeys is being requested in Block 20 to match heights of the adjacent properties and to ensure consistency in the corridor (draft secondary plan is proposing 5-12 storeys). 4) Affordable Housing – the owner asks for either a reduction of the 25% affordable housing target or more flexibility to reflect market conditions and government funding. Ms. Grant thanked staff for their support and advised that the landowner will continue to provide input on the secondary plan as it progresses.

Kate Cooper, Bousfields Inc., representing Lindwide Developments (Cornell) Limited, provided an overview of the current development context and Lindwide’s ongoing and planned development applications for the lands located on Highway 7 in the north, Reesor Road in the east, Highway 407 in the south, and 9th line in the west. The following feedback on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan in relation to Lindwide’s landholdings was provided: 1) Building Heights and Densities – seeking heights and densities that align across both side of Highway 7 and that are consistent with neighbouring developments. 2) Employment Land Viability – recommend land blocks be designated as residential or mixed use rather than employment to reflect market realities. A memorandum from Tate Economic Research concludes these blocks face challenges for employment use due to their limited visibility, nearby natural features and other constraints. The landowner has also been trying to generate interest in the land for employment use for almost 20 years without success. Ms. Cooper advised that the landowner will continue to work with staff but requested flexibility in the land use designation to better support the evolving community.

Rupneet Mangat, Weston Consulting, representing Primont Homes, provided the following feedback on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan in relation to 6881 Highway 7 located near the intersection of Highway 7 and 9th Line: 1) Land Designation – recommend that the land designation should be residential-high-rise rather than residential mid-rise due to the lands being in a Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) and

to be consistent with the land designations on the north side of Highway 7. 2) Greenway Designation – asked that the woodland on the site not be categorized as a natural heritage feature as it does not connect to the Rouge National Urban Park. 3) Height Limitations – requested that Map SP3, which limits the height from 3-6 storeys on the site, be deleted and that this be regulated by the Zoning By-Law instead as it does not consider the site-specific design. 4) Density Restrictions – the maximum FSO of 1.0 to 4.5 for the site is too restrictive and incompatible with the goal of MSTA. 4) Cultural Heritage and Built Form – policies need to be more flexible to allow for the Lewis J. Burkholder House to be integrated into the development and built form requirements are too specific for a secondary plan, suggesting that they should be regulated via a Zoning By-Law.

Darrin Cohen, Weston Consulting, representing Primont Homes (landowner of the lands located on the northwest corner of Highway 7 and Donal Cousens Parkway), provided the following feedback on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan: 1) Land Designation - requested that the land designation be changed from mixed-use Cornell Centre to residential high-rise due to a mixed-use designation being more appropriate for lands near the GO Station or hospital, noting that a residential high-rise designation would still permit small-scale non-residential uses. 2) Mapping Error Correction – SP2 map incorrectly identifies the site in an employment node – asked that it be updated to residential neighbourhood as per OPA 252 (2018). 4) Height and Density Limits– suggested that the height and density maximums are too restrictive and that the related appendices be removed to permit for more flexibility. 5) Built Form – requested specific rules already covered in the Official Plan or other Urban Design Guidelines be removed, such as tower separation distance and set-backs. Mr. Cohen was generally supportive of the secondary plan but suggested it needed to be more flexible.

Michael Gannon provided a deputation expressing concern that there is a large discrepancy in density targets between the Cornell Centre and Markville Secondary Plans. Mr. Gannon questioned why Markville has double the density when they are both Major Transit Station Areas that should follow similar provincial planning principles, especially since Metrolinx is making no significant improvements to the GO services for Markville.

Frank Yen provided a deputation requesting that there be low-rise development on the west-side of Bur Oak Avenue in the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan as high-rise would block his view and sunlight. Mr. Yen also indicated a preference for housing units for sale versus rentals.

Members of Council provided the following feedback on the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan:

- Thanked the deputants for their feedback and noted that they understood their comments.
- Suggested that a mobile sign be used to support the notification
- Expressed concern regarding the capacity of the existing Bus Rapid Transit route to adequately support higher residential density in the area.
- Hoped that higher density could be postponed until there was more infrastructure in place to support the density.
- Indicated a preference for higher density to be located on the north side of Highway 7 to protect existing low-rise development on the south side of Highway 7.
- Suggested there should be a buffer between the existing low-rise community on the south side of Highway 7 and any new development.
- Noted that it was too early to discuss the specific types of housing that will be built, such as condominium or rental units.

Staff responded and provided clarification to the inquiries from the Committee and the Deputants.

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1. That the written submissions by Kate Cooper, Maurizio Rogato, Nick Pileggi, Rupneet Mangat, Darrin Cohen (2 submissions), Michael Larkin, Lincoln Lo, Daniel Steinberg, and Emily Grant, be received; and,**
- 2. That the deputations by Kate Cooper, Nick Pileggi, Rupneet Mangat, Darrin Cohen, Emily Grant, Mike Gannon, and Frank Yen be received; and,**
3. the Record of the Public Meeting held on June 17, 2025, with respect to the proposed Official Plan Amendment for the Draft Cornell Centre Secondary Plan File No. OP 15 155158 (Ward 5), be received;
4. That the city initiated Official Plan Amendments (OP 15 155158), be referred back to staff for a report and a recommendation; and further,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Public Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM



Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham

Monday, March 10, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Art Gallery

<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Board of Directors Present: Jim Schmidt (Chair), Craig McOuat (Vice-Chair), Connie Leclair (Governance Chair), Amin Giga (Treasurer), Nik Mracic, Paul Cicchini, and Sophia Sun</p> <p>Staff Present: Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery; Francesca Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer, Laura Gold, Clerk</p> <p>Regrets: Councillor Reid McAlpine, Josy Jamieson, and Arpita Surana</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting convened at 6:10 PM with Jim Schmidt in the Chair.	
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests	There was no disclosure of pecuniary interests.	
3. Review of Minutes of Board Meeting held on September 9, and June 10, 2024	<p>Moved by Craig McOuat Seconded by Nic Mracic</p> <p>That the February 10, 2025, Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Minutes be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	

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4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>	
5. Destination Markham	<p>Nik Mracic introduced Andrew Baldwin, Acting Director of Culture and Economic Development, and Destination Markham.</p> <p>Mr. Baldwin spoke about ways to promote awareness of the Varley and Destination Markham grants that the Foundation can apply to. Some of Mr. Baldwin's suggestions included: combining the promotion of the Varley with the promotion of Main Street Unionville; ensuring there is effective wayfinding signs guiding patrons to the Gallery; using mobile signs to promote the Gallery and Main Street Unionville; promoting the Varley's summer hours; promoting the Varley at the theatre and museum and vice versa; promoting the Varley in the Destination Markham booklet created quarterly; continuing to use volunteers to help support the operations of the Gallery; and holding staff meetings or an open houses to introduce City staff to the Gallery.</p> <p>The Directors briefly discussed the Municipal Accommodation Tax and Foundation's annual fundraising event "Glitter and Gold".</p> <p>Nik Mracic explained that the Charter the Foundation has created combines key documents into one simplified document.</p>	
6. Directors Report	<p>Niamh O'Laoghaire, Director of the Gallery, provided her Directors Report. Some of the highlights of the report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated Art Gallery 2025 request to the Foundation. • Visitors Statistics since 1997. • An overview of the 2025 exhibitions. • An overview of the Varley's spring/summer public programs. • An update on rentals and community partnerships. • An update on facilities. 	

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<p>7. Development Officer Report</p>	<p>Francesca Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer, presented the Development Officer Report. The report provided an update on grants, corporate sponsorship, special events, volunteer programs, the Wallace Joyce Scholarship, and William J. Withrow School Visits Bursary. Some of the highlights of the report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grant submitted to the Gay Lea Foundation in hope to launch a Creative Minds: Art Therapy for Youth Wellness at the Gallery. • Grants in progress, including applications to Stantec, and Honda Canada for exhibition support and technology to support the Gallery's educational programs. • An update on corporate sponsorship received. • The tentative date of the Glitter and Gold Event - October 2, 2025. • A reminder of the Third Party Wine Tasting Event to be held at the Gallery on March 27, 2024. • That recruitment for Spring volunteer opportunities is now underway. <p>Amin Giga, Treasurer, encouraged all Directors to purchase a ticket for \$95 to the third party Wine Tasting event being held on March 27, 2024.</p> <p>The Development Officer reminded the Directors to submit their director profiles prior to the deadline.</p>	
<p>8. Financial Report</p>	<p>Amin Giga, Treasurer, presented the Draft 2024 Financial Statements, and the proposed 2025 Budget for the Foundation. The goal is to approve the final audited 2024 Financial Statements at the next meeting. The proposed 2025 Budget was presented as conservative and attainable. The 2025 Budget included a \$40K transfer to the Gallery.</p> <p>That the Board approved the following motions:</p> <p>Moved by Connie Leclair Seconded by Craig</p>	

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	<p>That the 2025 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Budget be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Moved by Jim Schmidt Seconded by Paul Cicchini</p> <p>That the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham approve that transfer of \$40K from the Foundation to the Gallery.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
9. Committee Updates	<p>A) Governance Committee</p> <p>Connie Leclair provided an update on the Business Plan. Directors were thanked for attending a business planning session on February 22nd. A high-level timeline for the creation of the business plan was presented to the Board. A second business planning session was proposed to be held in May 2025.</p> <p>Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, advised that she is in the process of updating the Directors onboarding manual. An updated version of the manual will be provided to the Directors at a future meeting.</p> <p>B) Fundraising Committee</p> <p>Sophia Sun advised that she had received a sponsorship of \$2,000.</p> <p>The Board discussed possibly having an open house at the Gallery for staff or for Members of Council.</p>	
10. New Business	The next meeting of the Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham will be held on April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM.	
11. Next Meeting Date	There was no new business.	
12. Adjournment	The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham adjourned at 8:06 PM.	



Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 4
April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM
Electronic Meeting

Members	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea, Chair Councillor Keith Irish Ron Blake David Butterworth Richard Huang	Victor Huang Tejinder Sidhu Kugan Subramaniam Lake Trevelyan Vanda Vicars
Regrets	Steve Lusk	
Staff	Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner	Rajeeth Arulanantham, Election & Committee Coordinator Jennifer Evans, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:03 PM by asking for any disclosures of pecuniary interest with respect to items on the agenda.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PART ONE - ADMINISTRATION

3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A. Addendum Agenda

B. New Business from Committee Members

That the April 9, 2025 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

Carried

3.2 MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2025 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)

See attached material.

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on March 12, 2025 be received and adopted.

Carried

4. PART TWO - DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

5. PART THREE - CONSENT

5.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS

**DELEGATED APPROVALS BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF
22 PARADISE AVENUE, MARKHAM VILLAGE; 9392 KENNEDY
ROAD, PART IV (16.11)**

File Numbers:

A/022/25

A/008/25

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on Committee of Adjustment applications reviewed by Heritage Section staff on behalf of Heritage Markham under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.2 BUILDING AND SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

**DELEGATED APPROVALS BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF
5560 14th Ave.; 61 Main St. N.; 75 Main St. N. (16.11)**

File Numbers:

AL 25 111507

SP 24 200253

SP 24 178401

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on building and sign permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.3 MAJOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

PROPOSED ENCLOSURE OF THE REAR PORCH

151 MAIN STREET, UNIONVILLE ("SAMUEL EAKIN HOUSE") (16.11)

File Number:

HE 25 111194

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the proposed enclosure of the rear porch as detailed in the Major Heritage Permit application submitted for 151 Main Street.

Carried

6. PART FOUR - REGULAR

6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION

PROPOSED 2-STOREY REAR ADDITION AND SUNROOM

**293 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT (16.11)**

File Numbers:

MNV 24 195830

A/125/24

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced the item as a variance application submitted to the Committee of Adjustment for 293 Main Street North, located within the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District. Mr. Wokral advised that the application proposes construction of a second-storey addition to the existing house, which would include a sunroom that provides shelter for car parking below.

Mr. Wokral outlined the variances required for the proposed addition, as detailed in the Staff memo, and noted the following: Heritage Section staff have no objections to the requested variances and recommends that the future Major Heritage Permit application be delegated to staff to address items such as conformity with bird-friendly design guidelines and modifications to the proposed glass railing.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Requested clarification regarding the design checklist (page 9), which notes that “paint colour has not yet been determined but will be reviewed and approved by the City.” The Committee asked whether this review would be handled by Heritage Section staff or if this will return to Heritage Markham Committee for approval. Staff confirmed that the paint colour will be reviewed and approved by Heritage Section staff, as it is recommended that review of the future Major Heritage Permit application be delegated to Staff.
- Inquired whether the applicant is proposing to pave additional area in the rear yard. Staff clarified that the area is already paved, and that the sunroom will be constructed above the existing pavement, providing shelter for the parking space underneath.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the requested variances from a heritage perspective to permit the construction of the proposed rear addition and sunroom at 293 Main Street North and delegates review of the future Major Heritage Permit application to the Heritage Section Staff, provided the proposed glass railing of the rear balcony is revised to a traditional wood or simple metal railing.

Carried**6.2 MAJOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION****PROPOSED RELOCATION AND RESTORATION OF THE
SOMMERFELDT HOMESTEAD
10379 KENNEDY ROAD (16.11)**

File Number:

HE 25 111626

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced the item as one of two Major Heritage Permit Applications related to the Sommerfeldt Homes, and that this item concerns the restoration and relocation of the Sommerfeldt Homestead, located at 10379 Kennedy Road.

Mr. Wokral noted that the Heritage Markham Committee had previously reviewed the Draft Plan of Subdivision application for the property and supported the proposed relocation. Staff are now in receipt of the permit application for stabilization and restoration work required for the relocation of the dwelling (phase 1) and restoration work once the property has been relocated to its final site (phase 2).

Mr. Wokral advised that Staff have reviewed the detailed Conservation Plan submitted as part of the Major Heritage Permit application, and a summary of the proposed work is included in the Staff memorandum. Mr. Wokral also highlighted that the dwelling, is a solid brick house, which is currently covered in stucco. Heritage Section Staff prefer that the stucco be removed to restore the building to its original appearance, however this may not be feasible depending on how the stucco was applied. Staff would like to explore the feasibility of stucco removal and recommend that the Heritage Committee delegate approval of the application to Staff to determine whether the removal is feasible.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Requested clarification on the final location of the heritage building. Staff advised that the building will be placed along a window street facing Kennedy Road, maintaining the same orientation to Kennedy Road within the proposed development.

- Inquired about the process of stucco removal, including the associated costs, alternative options for the property owner, and to ensure that tests are done so that removal does not adversely impact the underlying masonry.

Mr. Wokral responded by clarifying the stucco removal process and noting that the successful removal of the stucco depends on how the stucco was originally installed. He explained that removing the stucco may result in damage to the underlying brick and mortar. As an example, Mr. Wokral referenced 4 Wismer Place in Markham Heritage Estates, where stucco was successfully removed and the before-and-after photos of that project were shared with the Committee.

Mr. Wokral advised that Staff will request that the applicant test stucco removal in a discreet location at the rear of the building to assess feasibility. Mr. Wokral further noted that since Staff are currently unaware of how the stucco was applied, delegating the final review of the application would allow Staff to make that determination based on the test results.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham encourages the applicant to explore the feasibility of the removal of the stucco treatment to expose the underlying brick of the Sommerfeldt Homestead and delegates final review of the application to the Heritage Section staff.

Carried

6.3 MAJOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

PROPOSED RELOCATION AND RESTORATION PLAN 10411 KENNEDY ROAD ("GEORGE HENRY SOMMERFELDT SR. HOUSE") (16.11)

File Number:
HE 25 111633

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced the item as a Major Heritage Permit application for the second Sommerfeldt House at 10411 Kennedy Road, noting that the scope of the application involves the relocation and restoration of the George Henry Sommerfeldt Senior House. Mr. Wokral advised that work will

progress in two phases. Stabilization of the property prior to relocation, including the historic one-storey tail at the rear of the building, constitutes the first phase while restoration work to be completed once the house is relocated to its final site constitutes the second phase.

Mr. Wokral further noted that the applicant has proposed to convert the historic one-storey addition into a garage. However, Heritage Section staff advise that the potential damage to the historic structure would be too significant and noted that the site plan provides ample space for a detached garage elsewhere on the property. Therefore, Staff recommend that the Heritage Markham Committee delegate authority to Heritage Section staff to work with the applicant for an appropriate detached garage/accessory building.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Requested clarification on whether the application includes approval for a front veranda, and whether the house originally had a veranda. Staff confirmed that a veranda is included in the proposed second phase of work. Staff also noted that house did originally have a veranda as the veranda scar is clearly visible, and that the original veranda had been removed many years ago based on archival photographs.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham supports the Major Heritage Permit application for the George Henry Sommerfeldt Sr. House at 10411 Kennedy Road and delegates final review of any heritage/development application required provided that the plans are revised to not convert the historic 1-storey wing into a garage and suggest that the site plan is revised to propose an appropriate detached garage/accessory building.

Carried

6.4 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

7726 NINTH LINE ("TOMLINSON WORKERS' COTTAGE") (16.11)

File Number:

A/158/24

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item as related to a Minor Variance Application for the removal and replacement of the Tomlinson Workers' Cottage at 7726 Ninth Line, located in the hamlet of Box Grove. Mr. Manning advised that the application contemplates the removal of the existing modified 19th century dwelling and its replacement with a new two-storey dwelling. Mr. Manning also noted that since the property is listed on the Heritage Register but is not contained within a Heritage Conservation District, Staff are only providing comments on the proposed demolition and not the requested variances.

Staff evaluated the property against the criteria contained within Ontario Regulation 9/06 to determine its cultural heritage significance and find that while it has some contextual value, Staff are of the opinion that it does not meet the requisite number of criteria to warrant designation. Staff, therefore, recommend that the Heritage Markham Committee does not object to the demolition of the dwelling and its removal from the Heritage Register.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Requested clarification on the heritage status of nearby properties within Box Grove.
- Noted that the property does not look like a heritage building and inquired if there are any archival photos of the building.
- Inquired if a future development application would also be reviewed by Heritage Section Staff given that the property is not contained within a Heritage Conservation District.

Mr. Manning responded to questions from the Committee confirming that there was one property on 9th Line and one property on 14th Avenue where Council did not issue a Notice of Intention to Designation (NOID) and advised that there are several other properties nearby that are protected under the Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Mr. Manning also noted that the property is considered “adjacent” to a number of designated properties and that the Official Plan has policies that allow for Staff review of development applications on properties considered “adjacent” to designated properties to ensure there are no adverse impacts (“adjacent” in this context is defined as 60m in the Official Plan). Staff have used this policy to work with the applicant to improve the design of the proposed dwelling.

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham does not consider 7726 Ninth Line as a significant cultural heritage resource and does not object to the future demolition of the existing dwelling.

AND THAT Heritage Markham has no comment on the requested variances.

Carried

6.5 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION

PROPOSED SECOND STOREY ADDITION AND PORCH EXPANSION 117 ROBINSON STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE (16.11)

File Number:

A/015/25

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced the item as a Committee of Adjustment Variance Application for 117 Robinson Street. Mr. Manning advised that the variance for front yard setback reflects an existing condition while the variance for porch encroachment is required as the porch is proposed in what is considered the property's "side yard" in the Zoning By-law. Mr. Manning noted that Heritage Section staff have no objection to the variances from a heritage perspective, and noted that this application will return to the Heritage Markham Committee following the future submission of a Major Heritage Permit application.

Shane Gregory, representing the owner, was in attendance to respond to any comments or questions from the Committee.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Requested to see current and proposed images of this application when it returns to the Committee for approval of the design elements (Major Heritage Permit).

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the proposed variances for front yard setback and porch depth at 117 Robinson Street.

Carried

6.6 EDUCATION/TRAINING

ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE 2025

JUNE 19-21, 2025 AT PICTON, ON (PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY) (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extract:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, introduced this item as an information memo regarding the upcoming 2025 Ontario Heritage Conference in Picton, Ontario. Mr. Hutcheson noted that the Heritage Markham Committee has a training budget of \$2000 for anyone interested in registering, and that the early-bird registration deadline is on April 30th. Members of Committee were advised to contact Mr. Hutcheson if they are interested in attending the conference.

The Committee was also advised that accommodation opportunities were limited and costs can be expensive in Prince Edward County, and if interested in attending the conference, securing accommodation as soon as possible was suggested.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receive as information the memo on the 2025 Ontario Heritage Conference.

Carried

6.7 REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

POST-FIRE ENGINEERING REPORT

2730 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extract:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, introduced this item as related to an engineering report for the "Christian Heise House" located at 2730 Elgin Mills Road prepared following significant fire damage to the property on February 9, 2025. Mr. Hutcheson advised the Committee that the applicant had

reached out to Staff requesting a two-month deferral of the item in order to conduct further structural assessment. Staff are recommending that the Heritage Markham Committee defer the item until the next Heritage Markham Committee meeting on May 14th, 2025.

The Committee made the following comments on the deferral of the item:

- Requested clarification on whether the motion to defer the item needs to include the consideration of costs for addressing and remediating the structural issues.
- Requested clarification on whether the property was insured.

Mr. Hutcheson clarified that it would be beneficial to have the owner include the appropriate costs along with the strategy to address or remediate the property but this would not be the basis for the Heritage Markham Committee to consider retaining or demolishing the property. Mr. Hutcheson also advised that the detailing of costs would help determine how any identified issues were costed and the method of calculation. Staff are unaware if the property was insured or not.

Recommendation:

THAT consideration of the condition of the fire-damaged dwelling at 2730 Elgin Mills Road be deferred for one month and the owner advised that if further assessment is to be undertaken, it not only considers the dwelling's structural condition but also how any structural issues could be addressed/remedied to retain the house and any associated order of magnitude costs.

Carried

Committee did not vote on the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

THAT from a heritage perspective, Heritage Markham recommends that the owner of the Chrisitan Heise House perform the stabilization measures outlined in the engineer's report, proceeding with the caution and prioritization of worker safety, so that the Christian Heise House can be stabilized, restored to safe condition, and relocated intact as proposed by the approved Plan of Subdivision application.

7. **PART FIVE - STUDIES/PROJECTS AFFECTING HERITAGE RESOURCES - UPDATES**

Update to Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan (2024-2025)

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, provided a status update on the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan Update, noting that it is currently going through the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage. Staff are in receipt of a number of responses and are currently evaluating the submissions and hope to advance the project shortly.

Unionville Streetscape Detailed Design Project (2024-2025)

Councillor Reid McAlpine provided an update on the Main Street Unionville Streetscape Project, advising that construction began this week with no through traffic permitted on Main Street, though the area remains open to pedestrians. Councillor McAlpine encouraged Heritage Markham Committee members to continue patronizing the local businesses.

The Committee suggested that additional signs indicating parking locations, particularly for traffic coming from the west, should be posted. The Committee noted that signs indicating “businesses are open” may not be sufficient to encourage people to visit Main Street. The Committee also inquired if there are any current parking restrictions or access limitations related to Main Street. Committee members were encouraged to spread the word, and Councillor Rea, the Chair, advised that messaging will be included in the Heritage Newsletter.

7.1 SPECIAL EVENTS

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SUB-COMMITTEE NOTES FROM MARCH 20 (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Lake Trevelyan, Chair of the 50th Anniversary Sub-Committee, provided an update on event planning as discussed during the March 20th Sub-Committee meeting. Mr. Trevelyan advised that planning of the events is progressing well and that more updates will be provided to the Heritage Markham Committee after their next meeting. Mr. Trevelyan also noted that the next decision would be determining the event budget and available funds.

Councillor Karen Rea, the Chair, mentioned that a possible refreshment sponsorship has been secured for the event. The Committee also requested that the event dates listed in the memorandum be opened to the entire group for volunteer opportunities.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham Committee receive as information the 50th Anniversary Sub-Committee Notes from March 20, 2025.

Carried

8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Heritage Markham Committee adjourned at 7:54PM.



Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 5
May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM
Electronic Meeting

Members	Councillor Karen Rea, Chair	Steve Lusk
	Councillor Reid McAlpine	Tejinder Sidhu
	Councillor Keith Irish	Kugan Subramaniam
	Ron Blake	Lake Trevelyan
	David Butterworth	Vanda Vicars
	Richard Huang	Elizabeth Wimmer
	Victor Huang	
Staff	Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning	Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
	Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner	Barton Leung, Senior Planner
	Jennifer Evans, Legislative Coordinator	Stephen Corr, Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:03 PM by asking for any disclosures of pecuniary interest with respect to items on the agenda.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PART ONE - ADMINISTRATION

3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A. Addendum Agenda

B. New Business from Committee Members

Recommendation:

That the May14, 2025 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

Carried

3.2 MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2025 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025, be received and adopted.

Carried

4. PART TWO – DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations

5. PART THREE - CONSENT

5.1 MINOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

DELEGATED APPROVALS BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF

1 GEORGE STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE; 12 DRYDEN COURT, MARKHAM VILLAGE; 2 AILEEN LEWIS COURT, MARKHAM HERITAGE ESTATES (16.11)

File Numbers:

25 114207 HE

25 116979 HE

25 117460 HE

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on the Minor Heritage Permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.2 BUILDING AND SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

DELEGATED APPROVALS BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF

10 CENTRE ST.; 4340 HWY. 7 E.; 43 MAIN ST. N.; 152 MAIN ST. N.; 75 MAIN ST. N.; 158 MAIN ST. N. (16.11)

File Numbers:

SP 25 114472

SP 24 187756

SP 25 115482

SP 25 113674

SP 24 175220

SP 23 149727

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on building and sign permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.3 UPPER MARKHAM VILLAGE SECONDARY PLAN

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION

5616 MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE EAST (16.11)

File Number:

24 200026 PLAN

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the Official Plan Amendment application for Upper Markham Village provided that appropriate cultural heritage policies are included in a future Secondary Plan such as those included in the Robinson Glen Secondary Plan;

And That Heritage Markham reiterates its support for designation of significant cultural heritage resources within the proposed Upper Markham Village Secondary Plan area.

Carried**5.4 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT****PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT, 2025
(BILL 5) (16.11)**

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Mark Head, Manager, Natural Heritage

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive as information the memo on proposed changes to the Ontario Heritage Act as part of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 (Bill 5);

And That Heritage Markham recommends:

- That Council support the recommendation that the proposed new authority in Section 66.1(1) enabling the province to provide exemptions from archaeological requirements not be supported due to the potential risk and impact this could have on unknown buried archaeological resources, especially those that are identified as possessing ‘archaeological potential’;
- That Council support the recommendation that Sections 69.1 and 69.2, provides positive improvements to prosecutions for all offences pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried**5.5 THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ONTARIO HERITAGE AWARDS****ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST (OHT)****THOMAS SYMONS AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION
FOR 2024****REGAN HUTCHESON (16.11)**

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

The Committee congratulated Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, for winning the prestigious 2024 Thomas Symons Award for his commitment to conservation.

Mr. Hutcheson expressed gratitude to the City for nominating him for the award and thanked Staff and Members of Council for their continued support of heritage conservation in Markham.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive as information the memo regarding Markham's Manager of Heritage Planning receiving the Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation as part of the 2024 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards.

Carried

5.6 ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE 2025

ATTENDANCE BY KUGAN SUBRAMANIAM (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

That Kugan Subramaniam, be authorized to attend the Ontario Heritage Conference 2025 in Prince Edward County (June 19-21) to represent the Heritage Markham Committee and be reimbursed for registration, mileage and accommodation to an upset limit of \$850 from the 2025 Heritage Markham budget (Technical Workshops- Training for Volunteers).

Carried

6. PART FOUR - REGULAR

6.1 OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT & ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS APPLICATION

4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (16.11)

File Number:

25 110915 PLAN

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Planner, introduced the Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-Law Amendments Application for 4261 Highway 7 East which is adjacent to the Unionville Heritage Conservation District boundary.

Barton Leung, Senior Planner for the Central District, was in attendance to respond to questions from the Committee on the proposal. Mr. Leung advised that the Statutory Development Services Public Meeting for this application is scheduled to be held on May 20, 2025.

The Committee provided the following feedback on the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendments Applications:

Heritage Impact

- The proposed height lacks the appropriate transition to the adjacent Unionville Heritage Conservation District.
- The proposal does not respect the adjacent Unionville Heritage Conservation District.
- Stronger policies are needed to restrict building heights near heritage districts to protect their character and integrity.

Urban Planning & Precedent

- The proposal should follow the height envisioned in the draft Markham Secondary Plan which contemplates a step-down in building height along Highway 7 from Warden Avenue eastwards.
- The proposal should transition downward in height from the recently approved adjacent-8 story building.
- The previously approved Union Villa (12 stories) was mentioned as an exception to the desired height transition due it being an affordable seniors' residence.

Planning Process Concerns

- Noted the need to have a clear and consistent position among Planning and Heritage staff due to the possibility of the application being appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Other concerns included possible shadow, environmental, and traffic impacts.

Policy and Legal Framework

- The 2014 Official Plan definition of *adjacent* as a 60-meter buffer (the distance from a protected heritage property/district that triggers heritage review) was discussed.
- That proposed amendments by the Province may remove the requirement for certain planning studies (e.g. shadow and wind studies) that potentially weaken heritage protections.

Most of the Committee Members expressed strong opposition to the proposal due to its height, scale and massing relative to the low-rise character of the Unionville Heritage Conservation District.

Recommendation:

The Heritage Committee does not support the proposed development due to a lack of appropriate transition to the adjacent heritage Conservation District, particularly with respect to height, massing and design.

Carried

6.2 MINOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION (PENDING)

10 WASHINGTON STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE (16.11)

File Number:

Pending

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Planner, introduced the item which concerned the unauthorized application of stone veneer to the existing building.

Staff recommend that Council deny a potential future Heritage Permit application for the application of the stone veneer given its adverse impact on the heritage character of a significant building within the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District.

The contractor (Matt Nicholson) retained by the property owner was in attendance and explained that the stone veneer was added to address the “poor” condition of the underlying brick masonry including water infiltration, spalling, displaced bricks and windowsill deterioration. Pictures of the damaged brickwork were provided to Staff during the meeting.

The Committee expressed the following concerns regarding the work undertaken and any future Minor Heritage Permit Application for 10 Washington Street, Markham Village:

- The owner knowingly altered the heritage building without a permit.
- That the stone veneer will dramatically and negatively change the appearance of the heritage building.
- That the Applicant did not consult with Staff prior to proceeding with the work.
- That the deterioration of the brick was not a sufficient reason to alter the heritage building without a permit.
- The extent of the damage caused to the heritage building by attaching the stone veneer.
- That better options could have been considered, such as brick replacement, repointing, or restoration.

The Committee suggested that the Applicant be ordered to remove the stone veneer and that the underlying brick be repaired or replaced in a manner in keeping with the heritage character of the dwelling.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham objects from a heritage perspective to the installation of stone veneer at 10 Washington Street and recommends that the Minor Heritage Permit application be refused;

And that the unauthorized alteration be reversed, and the underlying brick masonry be repaired/restored;

And that owner and/or their contractor provide options to staff regarding the repair/restoration of the masonry.

Carried

6.3 MINOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

12 DRYDEN COURT, MARKHAM VILLAGE (16.11)

File Number:

25 116993 HE

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Planner, introduced the Minor Heritage Permit Application for 12 Dryden Court, Markham Village seeking approval for a metal roof. It was noted that the dwelling was not considered a heritage building in the district. The Heritage District Plan notes that where a new roof is proposed for an existing building, the style should be similar or complementary to the established roof pattern of the period.

The Committee provided the following feedback on the Minor Heritage Permit Application:

- Emphasized the durability, sustainability and weather resilience of metal roofs, noting their increasing relevance due to climate change.
- Noted the precedent of the Committee approving metal roofs for a few heritage and non-heritage properties located in Thornhill.
- Some Members felt that metal roofs can be visually appealing, and that flexibility is needed to occasionally allow for their installation.
- Other Members were concerned with the aesthetics and colour of the metal roof being proposed noting that it would clash with the architecture.
- It was noted that perhaps a certain style of metal roof could be supported.
- Staff noted that metal roofs were historically rare on dwellings in Markham but were occasionally found on ancillary buildings.

The Committee recommended approving the Minor Heritage Permit Application for a metal roof on the condition that Staff were in support of the proposed configuration and colour of the roof.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the installation of a metal roof at 12 Dryden Court to the satisfaction of Heritage Section staff.

Carried

6.4 REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

2730 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST POST-FIRE ENGINEERING REPORT (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extract:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, introduced the item, advising that the Christian Heise House located at 2730 Elgin Mills Road East was damaged by fire and that the Tacoma Engineering Report suggests the house can be stabilized. The application was initially deferred from the April 19th Heritage Markham meeting to the May meeting, but the Applicant then requested a further deferral of the matter to the June meeting.

Staff are recommending that the house be restored to a safe and stable condition that will permit it to be relocated intact in the future. Approving this motion would not prevent reconsideration if new information became available at the June Heritage Markham meeting.

The Committee provided the following feedback on 2730 Elgin Mills Road East Post-Fire Engineering Report:

- Stressed that delaying action would further endanger the structure and reduce the possibility of preservation.
- Cited concern that delayed action could lead to irreversible damage to the Christian Heise House if neglected, noting the Clayton School House as an example of where this happened.
- Questioned if a Letter of Credit was secured to enforce action (Staff will verify).

Recommendation:

That from a heritage perspective, Heritage Markham recommends that the owner of the Christian Heise House perform the stabilization measures outlined in the engineer's report, proceeding with the caution and prioritization of worker safety, so that the Christian Heise House can be stabilized, restored to safe condition, and relocated intact as proposed by the Subdivision application.

Carried

6.5 REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

2025 DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTY GRANT PROGRAM (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, advised that there was considerable interest in the Heritage Designated Property Program this year. Council recently increased the grant budget from \$30,000 to \$60,000, which allowed for a higher volume of requests to be accommodated. Mr. Hutcheson noted that Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, had reviewed the grant applications to ensure they met the City's eligibility requirements. Staff are recommending that ten grants detailed in the accompanying memo be approved.

The Committee supported the motion as presented by Staff.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham supports the funding of the following ten grant applications at a total cost of \$55,020.00 subject to the amounts and conditions noted on the individual summary sheets:

- 357 Main St. N.,
- 7707 Yonge St.,
- 218 Main St. U.
- 6 Alexander Hunter Place,
- 3 David Gohn Circle,
- 1 Heritage Corners Lane,
- 12 Wismer Place,
- 1 Kalvinster Dr.,
- 99 Thoroughbred Way,
- 10720 Victoria Square Blvd.

And That Heritage Markham does not support grant funding for 49 Church St. due to the proposed work not meeting the eligibility requirements of the program.

Carried

6.6 2025 COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

4592 HIGHWAY 7 E., UNIONVILLE

REVIEW OF 2025 GRANT APPLICATIONS (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, advised that one application for the 2025 Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program was received to remove paint from the brick and restore the original windows at 4592 Highway 7. Staff recommended approving the grant for up to \$15,000. Staff are also recommending: 1) that the threshold for requiring a façade easement agreement be raised from \$5,000 to \$7,500 due to rising project costs; and 2) that historic places of worship be included under this grant program to allow them to be eligible for larger grants.

The Committee discussed the following in relation to the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program:

- The channels used to promote the grant program to eligible applicants and the challenge of no longer having a local newspaper to promote the program.
- That applicants can reapply for additional grants in future years but cannot apply for guaranteed multi-year funding, noting first time applicants are prioritized each year.

The Committee approved the Staff recommendation as presented.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham supports a matching grant of up to \$15,000.00 for the removal of paint from the brick and re-conditioning of original window at 4592 Highway 7 East provided the owner obtains a heritage permit for the most appropriate method of paint removal and a second quote for the work;

That Heritage Markham supports revising the eligibility requirements of the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program to only require the owner to enter into a Façade Easement Agreement with the City for grants exceeding \$7,500.00 beginning in 2026;

And That Heritage Markham supports making historic places of worship eligible for a revised Commercial Façade and Historic Place of Worship Grant Program.

Carried

7. PART FIVE - STUDIES/PROJECTS AFFECTING HERITAGE RESOURCES - UPDATES

The following projects impact in some manner the heritage planning function of the City of Markham. The purpose of this summary is to keep the Heritage Markham Committee apprised of the projects' status. Staff will only provide a written update when information is available, but members may request an update on any matter.

- a. Doors Open Markham 2025
- b. Heritage Week, February 2025
- c. Unionville Streetscape Detailed Design Project (2024-2025)
- d. Update to Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan (2024-2025)
- e. New Secondary Plan for Markham Village
- f. Priority Designation Program 2023-2024
- g. Heritage Markham 50th Anniversary Sub-Committee/Event(s) (2025)

7.1 MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE (2025)

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, advised that Staff are requesting an additional \$37,800 in funds from the Heritage Reserve Fund to complete the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan Update. The original budget is insufficient as consultant costs are now much higher. The Development Services Committee has approved the request with Council approval pending.

The Committee supported the Staff motion as presented.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham supports the use of the Heritage Reserve Fund to provide the necessary additional funding to undertake the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Update Project.

Carried

7.2 MARKHAM'S HERITAGE PROPERTY LOCATOR APPLICATION**MARKHAM REGISTER OF PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST ("HERITAGE REGISTER") (16.11)**

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, advised that the Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest has been fully updated with new functionality including map-based searching and new combination search capability. Mr. Hutcheson acknowledged the leadership and project management provided by the City's ITS Department in undertaking this project. The new Heritage Register was displayed to the Committee.

The Committee praised the update of the Heritage Register and thanked staff.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive as information the memo on the new 2025 Heritage Property Locator Application for the Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

Carried

7.3 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**SUB-COMMITTEE NOTES FROM APRIL 24, 2025 (16.11)**

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Lake Trevelyan provided an update on the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The main event will be held on November 13, 2025, at the Markham Museum in the Transportation Building. The event will likely include dinner and awards. More information will be available after the June 4th Sub-Committee meeting.

The eight panel Heritage Display is in the process of being updated by staff to highlight both commercial and residential heritage projects, new residential and commercial infill development in heritage areas, heritage projects undertaken by the City, property restorations at Markham Heritage Estates and the Heritage Markham Committee/50th Anniversary. The display will be ready for the International Museum Day event (May 18th) at the Markham Museum and the following Members agreed to volunteer at the booth: Tejinder Sidhu, Councillor Karen Rea, Lake Trevelyan, and Elizabeth Wimmer.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive as information the update from the 50th Anniversary Sub-Committee and the meeting notes from April 24, 2025.

Carried

7.4 SPECIAL EVENT

DOORS OPEN MARKHAM 2025 (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning advised that the Doors Open Markham 2025 theme is “Markham Learning Landscape” focusing on educational facilities from the past and present. The event will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Volunteers are needed for the day. Several Committee Members committed to helping on the day of the event, including Councillor Irish, Vanda Vicars, Kugan Subramaniam, Ron Blake, and Councillor Rea (Markham Village Train Station).

Recommendation:

That the memo on Doors Open Markham 2025 be received as information;

And that the following members volunteer to assist on the event day:

- Councillor Keith Irish

- Vanda Vicars
- Kugan Subramaniam
- Ron Blake
- Councillor Karen Rea (Markham Village Train Station)

Carried

7.5 HERITAGE MARKHAM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2025 (16.11)

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, advised that the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence will return in 2025 as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The last time the award program was run was in 2017. Nominations are being accepted for eligible heritage projects completed between 2017 and 2025. The submission deadline is July 1st with the possibility of being extended to July 15th due to a possible postal strike. Award categories include restoration (corporate and residential), preservation in new developments, complementary infill development (additions and new buildings), education and individual contributions (not all categories need to be awarded). Committee Members and the public are encouraged to submit projects for consideration. Staff will prepare a list of eligible projects and circulate it to the Committee for its review and selection of winners. The Committee will need to finalize the award recipients by September.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive as information the memo on the upcoming Awards of Excellence event.

Carried

8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Heritage Markham Committee adjourned at 9:11 PM.



**FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2025
CANADA ROOM – CIVIC CENTRE - IN PERSON
5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Board Present	Staff Present	Regrets
Dawn Donaldson Regional Councillor Jim Jones Ken MacDonald Brent Matthews Larry Matthews Richard Morales Celeste Pelliccione Srinka Wallia	Scott Hill Siobhain Fray Alan Kinsella Andrew Rosenfarb Maxwell Silva-Chappell	Michael Chen Brad Fletcher Anne Gilligan Sarah Micallef Ronald Minken Susie Nunes Sophia Sun

1.0 Call to Order and Chair's Opening Remarks

That the meeting convened at the hour of 5:33pm with Srinka Wallia in the Chair.
Chair wishes everyone a Happy New Year and acknowledges this is the year of the 40th anniversary for the Theatre

2.0 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

3.0 Agenda Review, Additions/Changes

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting

It was

Moved, by Ken MacDonald
Seconded, by Richard Morales

That the minutes of the Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Board meeting of Monday, December 2, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED



5.0 General Manager's Report and Team Updates

Refer to supporting documents.

Scott Hill, Andrew Rosenfarb and Maxwell Silva-Chappell present the Flato Markham Theatre Team Report. Some highlights are as follows:

- Scott Hill welcomes everyone back to the first meeting of the new year
- No new updates on governance
- Close to signing the Every Child Every Year sponsorship with Tiny Seedlings, a company that works with children's programs
- With the postal strike being over the Theatre will be doing a mail drop in the Durham region this week to build new audience members
- The Theatre hit the one million dollar mark for the first time ever for rentals. All members extend congratulations for this huge accomplishment as it was a major goal for the Theatre
- The season is going well so far, sales numbers look great and there are many sold out shows
- The 2025 facility projects have been approved and working with Procurement to get things started
- Some concerns about the anticipated tariffs as the supplier for the sound system (an approved project) is an American company, but will keep an eye on it as it develops
- The tender for the LED projector project went out today
- The consultant for the stage floor replacement needs to do a full assessment; it is a very large and important project as the stage floor has never been updated
- 2026 life cycle projects are being assessed and will submit the request for these projects very soon
- Approval process typically starts in January and goes through many levels; Asset Management, Procurement, Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and eventually up to Council. The Theatre is informed of approved projects in December
- When equipment is replaced, usually the old equipment is traded in to lower overall costs on the new equipment. Additionally, some portions of the equipment are held back and kept for spare parts and back up. Procurement takes care of this
- Plan to have the lobby carpet and tile replaced before the 40th Anniversary Gala
- Rentals are booked for the remainder of the winter
- Dance season is approaching and is a very busy time for the Theatre
- HST exemption has been going well. Backed the HST out of current inventory instead of making new pricing. This was less complicated with the concessions computer system and will be easier to put the HST back in when the exemption period is over
- Social media remains to be the most effective tool for the Theatre's marketing. Since last March marketing has worked on creating more of an image and personality for the Theatre instead of putting out advertisements only geared towards selling tickets. The results show in the substantial increase in social media engagements and viewership
- Working with Spotify to increase the reach in the community
- Certain schools do not participate in any activities on Diamond Days, which are cultural holidays that are not statutory holidays (e.g. Chinese New Year), and as a result, a number of schools dropped out of the upcoming school performances for Every Child Every Year
- The schools that do not recognise Diamond Days were called to fill in the remaining spots
- A note has been made to account for Diamond Days when programming the 2025/2026 season



- Every Child Every Year program is now virtually sold out
- Year end results are still pending from Finance however the Theatre had a very strong December
- The Theatre is still working with The City for funding a foundation staff member and a full-time programmer
- There are no new updates or developments on the Acting General Manager position or the Acting Business and Rental Manager position

A discussion regarding the highlights of the season to date took place. Many comments included enjoying the performances so far and appreciating the diversity and seeing shows that one would not normally go to see.

6.0 Priority Items

6.1 Discovery Program Presentation

Alan Kinsella presents the Discovery Program Presentation. Some highlights are as follows:

- Kattam and his Tam Tams completed their first two of four school performances and was sold out with 1000 children in attendance. It had very positive feedback and the kids enjoyed it very much
- Over 300 spots were filled for the performance that fell on Diamond Day
- Another two performances by Kattam and His Tam Tams coming up as well as Cirque Kalabante at the beginning of April, and Rapunzel by Theatre Terra coming mid April
- Wanting to expand the program next year to 16 performances. This will be possible because of the new Every Child Every Year sponsor. Currently 11 shows are scheduled for this season
- A Broadway Intensive workshop has been newly developed this year by Alan Kinsella and was held at the Cornell Centre on two PA days in January (17th and 30th) securing Maggie Lacasse from the musical Six and Mike Ross, the Musical Director from The Mini Pops. It was very well received with a 100% satisfaction rate and was fully sold out. Parents have asked if there will be more in the future
- There are plans do more of these workshops and hoping to have at least four options available in the future
- Restarting community outreach post COVID. Social Tango (as an example) was a big success having over 200 patrons participate in a dance class in the Theatre lobby after the performance.
- Working on doing more of this type of outreach involving the Artists that the Theatre invites to perform, and engage with the community through master classes and workshops
- Alan Kinsella is working on a project between York University and the York Region District School Board where dance students from York University mentor dance students from high schools. In turn, high school students will mentor elementary school students and work together to develop small performance pieces
- Alan along with a few other theatre artists created a clinic for the teachers on how to work with the student mentors. When the dance workshop is completed, the children will come back to the Theatre on April 24th to showcase their work
- Theatre camps are the cornerstone of what the Theatre does for the community
- Many children that come to the camp programs are extremely shy. Theatre camps help children feel confident to be themselves, find their voices, and make new friends



- The Theatre recognises and is very proud of the children that have come out of the program. A lot of the children come back as volunteers and work their way up to camp councillor and some up to camp supervisors
- This allows the children a great start in business as a starting point in their careers
- Camp staffing interviews reveal that most interviewees have similar messaging. As a camp staff member they feel good to give back to campers who were much like themselves, shy and reserved
- Discovery outreach (e.g. Social Tango) is backed by the Discovery fund. Workshops (e.g. the Broadway Intensive) are funded by registrations. Every Child Every Year (performances free to schools) is financed by sponsors and fundraising and are the most costly
- Even though Camps are classified under the “Discovery” umbrella, they are funded by the registration fees. This is not sponsored due to the fees charged to the public for the camp programs
- The Theatre has created a ‘brand’ with the March break, winter and summer camps, and is very different from the dance and drama camps that are offered through the City recreational programs
- Winter break and summer camps are full shows and are rehearsed and performed in 8 days. March break camps shows are scaled back and is performed in 4 days
- Theatre camps have been running for about 20 years and in the last 10 years many changes and additions have been made. New camps have been added to break up the age gaps and offer more variety. Recently a film and movie camp for older children was created by Alan Kinsella and has been a huge success

A discussion took place regarding sponsorship, bringing more professional artists, master classes, workshops and performers to schools directly; especially the schools that do not have arts funding. In the past the Theatre facilitated direct artist and school engagement but was difficult largely due to financing and timing, however this could be more viable with increased sponsorship and fundraising. Applying for grants is also another method of financial backing and the Theatre has been successful in being awarded with some. These types of tasks and responsibilities would be assigned to the Foundation in order to increase and continue to build on fundraising, sponsorship, connection to the community and outreach to both youth and adults.

7.0 Working Committees and Task Forces:

7.1 Gala Committee – 40th Anniversary

At the last Gala, a camp performance was featured and had a great response. Saturday October 25th 2025 is slated for the 40th Anniversary Gala which will take place at the Marriott. The format will be the same as in the past; cocktail reception, sit down dinner and full performance at the Theatre. An offer is out to an Artist, but not revealing who it is at this time. Once the Artist is confirmed that will determine the budget for the event and the ticket prices. Will need to work with the Mayor’s Office to find a gala fundraising coordinator. In the past years, the Theatre had been very successful with Justin Reid’s assistance to help sell some of the tables and find sponsorship money. The Gala task force will start meetings once the Artist is confirmed. Good idea to plant the seed with any peers or business partners to buy a table or to donate.

**8.0 New Business:**

A suggestion was made to have an update on the marketing for the 40th Anniversary at every board meeting. Due to limited resources and need to keep things within the capacity of the staff the Theatre cannot go over the top with ideas. Small changes will be made to the season brochure by adding fun facts and including it in all social media platforms.

9.0 Date of Next Meeting:

March 24, 2025

Future meetings:

May 26, 2025

June 23, 2025 (optional)

September 22, 2025

November 24, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:52 pm.

Notes from

CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Unofficial meeting of the Committee

March 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Virtual meeting

Chair: Peter Miasek

Notes: Steve Glassman

Attending:

Members:

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Steve Glassman, Vice Chair
Andrew Dang, Vice Chair
Joska Zerczi
Anthony Ko
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Sonia Sanita, York Region Public Health
Diana Kakamousias, York Region Transportation
Reena Mistry/Kathryn Shaw-Edmond, YRDSB
PC Patricia Graham, YRP
Sara R (SCMRH)
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute
Fion Ho - staff

Staff and guests:

Eric Chan (Senior Manager, Transportation)
Alberto Lim (Engineering)
Marina Riad (Engineering)
Chad Cota (Aquifor Beech)
Sachet Siwakoti (Aquifor Beech)

1. OPENING Remarks

The chair read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. The minutes of the last formal meeting, February 20th were approved (informally) without changes. Added to the agenda was item 4.5, Reesor Road Safety, and then the meeting proceeded.

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM EARLIER MEETINGS

2.1 Markham Centre Trail (MCT) near Apple Creek

Councillor Lau's issue, first discussed in January, relates to the concerns of about 30 homeowners along a proposed new section of the trail near Apple Creek. Concerns about privacy (location of the trails near their backyard fence lines), disruption to nature and wildlife, and cost are some of the residents' issues.

At this meeting, Alberto Lim outlined that the Environmental Assessment Report was filed February 2024 and 3 public consultations were held. The detailed design work is being done by the consulting firm Aquafor Beech, and is now at the 30% stage. The project is currently scheduled for 90% design by July, tendering in September and construction in 2026/27. Representatives of Aquafor had a slide presentation and talk. CPAC's focus was on the three alternative pathways near Apple Creek heading north to Apple Creek Blvd, where the path should join the existing northern trail.

The three alternatives were A: the EA preferred route beside the fence lines of residents; B: an existing pathway which veers to the west and C: a pathway using the existing access to the storm water pond. Pros and cons were given. Pathway C has the most terrestrial impacts, is the most costly (extra bridge, TRCA permits) and has steep terrain. The existing pathway B has an endpoint on the boulevard that is a bit far from the connection to the north. As Pathway A is the most direct connection to the pathway across the Blvd, the consultants were still advocating for its adoption. They showed both cedar tree and wooden fence treatments which could provide privacy for the back yards of the homes near the proposed trail.

Discussion followed about the pros and cons, with members voicing their opinions and personal preferences on the alternatives. Also, there was discussion about the safety hazard for pedestrians and cyclists crossing Apple Creek Blvd. The consultants acknowledged that they are investigating a signalized pedestrian crossing for the trail users.

There is a PIC on April 8th at Canada Room. Notices are now being sent to residents. CPAC members have been encouraged to attend to support Councilor Lau and to support the completion of this section of the MCT. Additional design details will be provided (surface of crushed limestone, minimum width of 2.0 m, offset distance to fence line).

2.2 Micromobility pilot project

Eric reported that Scooty has submitted its final report to Economic Development, which will issue a final report soon. There has also been discussion within the City about potentially extending the OVIN pilot by 3 months, and this may involve Scooty.

2.3 Winter Mobility Pathway motion

Peter reported that the motion finalized at our last meeting will be discussed at the next DSC meeting on April 8th.

2.4 Bill 212 and Federal Infrastructure Funding

At the last meeting, it was decided that CPAC will write a letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding proceeding with the planned traffic calming measures. The letter is ready, and now that a new cabinet has been sworn in, the letter will be sent to the newly reappointed minister, and also to the new Minister of Red Tape Reduction.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Markham Cycling Day (June 15, 2025)

As reported by Anthony, this subcommittee is quite active (Fion-chair, Anthony, Peter, Joska, Joseph). The new location has been finalized at Markham Road. There will be the 15/30/and 60Km bike tours, using route guides at critical intersections, along with better directional signs on the paths, as this is less resource intensive than having bike marshals with each group. There will be a 5 km family rides as kids races have been cut back to ages 5 and under, due to limited space.

Joseph is helping to arrange the return of the popular burger offering and some entertainment is being planned. The group is now looking at publicity, including promoting Cycling Day through the schools. Joseph will be contacting Kathryn Shaw-Edmonds in this regard.

3.2 Jane's Walk

Andrew indicated that he will convene the subcommittee in March.

3.3 Vision Zero – stakeholder meetings

Peter reported that both the Markham and the York Region VZ groups have been making solid progress. Markham held a stakeholder meeting February 25th where good countermeasures for vulnerable road users were input into the plan. Next, there will be a PIC on March 25th. York Region

has its next stakeholder meeting April 16. Several CPAC members are attending an April 3 Ontario Road Safety Forum.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 eBike and eScooter survey by Councillor Rea

Peter summarized Councillor Rae's (Ward 4) survey, which had been previously shared with CPAC. He reminded the committee of the key results of this small survey (n= 77), which showed a surprisingly high level of ownership of micromobility devices, and a majority opinion that these devices should not be on the same pathways as pedestrian - sidewalks, trails or MUPs.

4.2 Richmond Hill micromobility strategy

Peter and Eric attended a March 4th PIC in Richmond Hill which discussed about what micromobility devices should be allowed, and where. Peter noted that RH is proposing to permit e-scooters on multi-use paths, paved multi-use trails, cycle tracks, paved shoulders, bike lanes and shared roads if speeds 50 kph or less. E-bikes (both pedal-assist and throttle-assist) would be permitted where bicycles are permitted. Enforcement should be with a gently hand, proportionate to the risks to public safety. Staff is also recommending piloting a shared e-bike/e-scooter offer with private vendors.

Eric noted that the RH public survey showed a polarized population. People who have ridden an e-bike or e-scooter are overwhelmingly positive while non riders are negative. Eric indicated that Markham will be carrying out a survey also.

The slides can be viewed [here](#).

An earlier report which the CPAC innovation subcommittee completed and is available on Google Docs provides some background and references to rules imposed in other jurisdictions.

4.3 Transportation Association of Canada (TAC)

Eric, who is a member of TAC, reported that their next national meeting, taking place in Quebec City, has a paper on CPAC's involvement in the redesign of McCowan Road, as a case study of effective citizen/ advisory participation in transportation planning. Submitted by Doug McKay of York Region. Kudos to Peter, Elisabeth Tan, Joska.

4.4 Experiences in London (UK) and Paris

Eric was kind in sharing his thoughts and observations from a recent personal trip to Europe. Eric remarked on the progress that has been made in short periods of time- famously in Paris, as well as great changes in the City of London. Some pictures were shared to show the prevalence of streets with cycle paths in both directions along with single one way auto traffic.

Eric mused on how CPAC could be a leading force for change, in Markham, to accelerate and push the envelope forward. Two ideas include:

- Unconventional facilities (e.g. see Advisory Bike Lanes below)
- Use of financial incentives within Transportation Demand Management ideas

He will pursue these thoughts and share them in due course.

4.5 Reesor Road Safety

Joska brought up the issue of cycling on Reesor Road between 14th and 16th, as one of the Cycling Day routes includes this stretch of roadway. Reesor is signposted at 60 km/hr. and is narrow. Joska made contact with the city. The initial response was that Reesor is not on the 5-year Active Transportation Master Plan. They conceded that some signage warning drivers of cyclists on this route may be possible.

For Markham Cycling Day, the subcommittee will be looking at large warning signage, possibly even borrowing digital speed display signs from another location for the event, and of course the use of brightly garbed route guides to warn auto traffic of our riders.

Longer term, Joska thought Reesor would be an ideal stretch to introduce Markham to “*Advisory Bike Lanes*.” Joska demonstrated with pictures and a video what they look like in Ottawa and in the Netherlands. Advisory Bike Lanes have a pronounced demarcation on both shoulders for cyclists, and a single shared lane for auto travel in both directions. Cars can go on the cycle lane when there are two cars passing in opposite directions, unless a cyclist is in the bike lane.

Although Reesor seems like an ideal road for this, it can be quite dangerous until drivers understand the rules for Advisory Lanes. A substantial educational program would be needed for this feature to be installed.

4.6 2025 CPAC expenditures

This item was deferred to next meeting. See table below for initial set of ideas.

CPAC Expenditure Ideas for 2025 (Available = \$28,000)

Item	Comments
Programming	
Markham Cycling Day support	Historically \$3K to 5K
Jane's Walk	Historically <\$1k
Active School Travel	
Mobile Signs – trail etiquette	\$4300
Bicycle Friendly Community support	
Material	
Cycling and Trail Map	??
Bike Racks for Parks	
Supporting Other Groups	
Markham Cycles	
Cycling without Age	
Miscellaneous	Under \$1,000
TOTAL	\$28,000

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next meeting will be an unofficial meeting, April 17th at 7PM, held via ZOOM

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March 20, 2025

1. Eric to pursue idea of broadening CPAC mandate (Eric)
2. Budget review to be priority at April meeting (Peter)
3. Report on DSC reaction regarding Winter pathway motion (Reid)
4. Members to attend April 8 PIC on Apple Creek (all)

February 20, 2025

1. Encourage Economic Development to complete report on OVIN pilot (Eric)

2. Prepare letter for province on traffic calming projects (Joska, Peter)

January 16, 2025

1. Write Salia Kalali re new RVT signage project (Peter)
2. Bring back CPAC rename idea when ready (Eric)

December 19, 2024

1. Prepare bike rack proposal for January/February 2025 including location recommendations and type of installation. See Nov 21 minutes. (Joska + committee)
2. Jane's Walk subcommittee to meet and focus on the May 2025 events, obtaining commitments from walk leaders, and then to begin working on publicity in the late winter/early spring (Andrew + Committee)
3. Write YRT re shuttle buses to GO station (Peter + Joska)

October 17, 2024

1. Check gravel soft spots on RVT in spring (Joska)

June 20, 2024

1. Discuss Cycling Without Age storage at Crosby CC (Reid)
2. Assess continuous sidewalk as part of Road Safety Plan (staff)
3. Find out more information about bike rentals in condos (Reid)

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1. OPENING Remarks

The chair read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. The minutes of the last unofficial meeting, March 20th, were approved without changes. We welcomed Ryan Wong who replaces Diana Kakamousias as York Region (YR) Transportation representative to CPAC. Billy Cheung, also staff at YR, joined as a guest to discuss a new item, which was added to the agenda as item 2.1, 9th Line railway crossing, and then the meeting proceeded.

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM EARLIER MEETINGS

2.1 9th Line RR crossing – York Region Project

Billy Cheung joined the meeting to advise CPAC and obtain feedback on a project aimed at improving cyclist safety at a rail crossing on 9th Line near 19th Avenue. The cycling facility is a paved shoulder and it is recognized that many spills and accidents occur as they cross the tracks, as the tracks intersect 9th line at an acute angle. Staff proposed adding a “refuge” area or small extra paved area so that cyclists can turn a bit and make the crossing at a 90-degree angle. Feedback was that (1) the section between the rails needs to be filled in with boards or rubber so that cyclists have a fairly level crossing; (2) that painted lines or areas, perhaps using green paint, and signs could help guide cyclists to swerve to the refuge area to be able to cross the track at a better angle, and (3) that the approach to the refuge area itself may be designed to actually guide the cyclist through, using the preferred swerve to the right followed by the ninety degree angle. Billy expressed interest in the ideas and promised to send Peter final drawings of this quick fix project, in about a month.

2.1 – Additional Material – Other YR Stand-Alone Projects

With the presence of Ryan, we took the opportunity to get an update on other York Region stand-alone cycling projects in Markham (i.e. not associated with road widenings):

- 14th Ave between Warden and McCowan. The project team discovered that there would be a lot of work, potential costs and expropriation of private land in the section between Kennedy and McCowan. As a result, this portion is now of lower priority, with the hope that we can build a bike facility when some other major roadwork or sewage infrastructure is being upgraded. The section from Kennedy to Warden does not have backyards abutting the right of way but is also now reduced in priority, as it has grading challenges. Ideally it should connect to another in-boulevard facility so it is not orphaned.
- Don Mills between Steeles and John. In design since last year. Update meeting to be held next week
- New RFP on cycling facilities to be released Q3. Markham projects are: (1) Warden Ave (Hwy 7 to 16 Ave) -High Priority; (2) 9th line (407 to Boxgrove Bypass) along with 14th Ave (Don Cousins to Boxgrove Bypass) – Medium High, but has culvert challenge; (3) Markham Road (14th to Steeles) – Medium Priority;
- Intersection at 14th and Donald Cousins has already been reconstructed with cross rides. Because it is near the trail system, decorative benches, repair station and public art have been installed.

- Joska suggested that a nearby intersection at Boxgrove Bypass and Donald Cousins deserves similar improvements.

Ryan discussed the development of some standard designs which will allow quite a few initiatives to be implemented in the Region.

2.2 Markham Centre Trail (MCT) Phase 4 - near Apple Creek

Councillor Lau's issue, first discussed in January, relates to the concerns of about 30 homeowners along a proposed new section of the trail near Crispin Court and Granville Gate. Concerns about privacy (location of the trails near their backyard fence lines), disruption to nature and wildlife, and cost are some of the residents' issues. A well-attended Public Information Meeting (PIC) was held on April 8th to review this project. Staff presented an alternate route using an existing trail further west, which satisfied the residents.

A new issue emerged at the PIC. About a dozen residents from the South side attended (Montgomery Court) and were upset about the potential changes to the existing trail, close to their homes, and privacy and security issues. Staff agreed to study an alternative on the east side of the creek, although it may be challenging due to environmental, cost and steep slope issues.

Councilor Lau appreciated the support from Anthony, Joska and Peter who attended and supported him during this meeting.

There will be another PIC as the consultant and project team comes to a final resolution on the 60% design in August or September.

2.3 Micromobility pilot project

Peter attended the April 8th DSC meeting in which the OVIN project, and the Scooty pilot were approved for an extension to October 31, pending Council approval April 22. Peter suggested to the project team that the trial be enlarged to include paved trails, and also that some more docking stations be added. This input was acknowledged.

2.4 Study on Winter Pathways Network

The CPAC motion was approved by DSC on April 8th, and anticipated by council April 22. Next step is to ensure the study is included in the 2026 budget.

2.5 Bill 212 and Federal Infrastructure Funding

Peter sent a letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding proceeding with the planned traffic calming measures. The letter was sent to the

newly reappointed minister, and to the new Minister of Red Tape Reduction. No response yet.

Peter reported that, upon further clarification by MTO, all three planned traffic calming measures involving lane removal (Carlton Rd, Markham Rd, Allstate Parkway) are now green lighted. They will go to tender this summer.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Markham Cycling Day (June 15, 2025)

Joseph reported that the subcommittee has been very active, and the event plans are progressing well. Soon registration forms and route maps will be released. They are still working on outreach and looking for other groups (such as schools, school boards, York Region, and Vision Zero leaders) to contact and network with. Ryan advised that YR will be at the event again this year with a booth and YRT bus.

3.2 Jane's Walk May 3-4

Andrew indicated that the subcommittee met and has now arranged three walks: Old Thornhill (David Rawcliffe), Markham/ Mount Joy (George Duncan) and Downtown Markham (Randy Peddigrew). Fion has arranged production of a poster, and graphics for Markham libraries and community centres, along with about \$600 in Social Media advertising. The group suggested that speakers use portable megaphones, which Fion can arrange; Andrew to look into this. Andrew also reported that some of our inventory of pedestrian safety reflectors be given away at each walk.

3.3 Vision Zero – and Ontario Road Safety Forum

Peter was joined by Amit and Anthony at the “Ontario Road Safety Forum” held April 3 at U of Toronto. Peter and Anthony reported on the following key learnings

- A study by TMU showed Bloor St W. bikelanes added to auto travel times but increased cyclist safety;
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals (signals giving pedestrians an 8 second head start versus cars) do a good job in reducing injuries;
- High rate of collisions for scooter riders, reinforcing that a huge amount of education is needed for safe scooter use
- A model of midblock transit stops was developed for Toronto, and the outcome of the study was that most of these actually add danger to pedestrians and should be removed or modified;
- The TMU study of pedestrian/cyclist crossings at highway interchanges (on and off ramps) has been presented to MTO and is

under review. We look forward to the release of the MTO report to the public so that we can continue our advocacy for remediation at our most dangerous locations.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 New Parks Bylaw

A new Parks Bylaw was presented to General Committee April 1 that prohibited e-bikes (all types), scooters, roller blades and other forms of micromobility in parks. Eric explained that there were errors in the relevant clauses VIII.L and VIII.M. For bicycles, engineering proposes a two-step process on these amendments:

-For now, amend the bylaw so that

- all forms of bicycles are not permitted on some park trails
- bicycles and power-assisted bicycles permitted on selected park multi-use trails, based on width, connectivity
- motor-assisted bicycles not permitted on any park trail or MUP

-In the future, when the TMP micromobility strategy is complete, amend these clauses as recommended, e.g. e-scooters

Appropriate signage will be developed to differentiate the permissions. There may be some citizen pushback on the bike prohibition.

4.2 Preliminary CPAC expenditures for 2025

Using materials prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting, the group was charged with finding what items need to be addressed so that the CPAC expenditures do not lapse at year end.

Actions were decided to advance several items:

- Markham Cycling Day supplemental support – TBD
- Jane's Walk – see item 3.2
- Active School Transportation- although the file is less active, Joseph will contact Kathryn to see if they need support this year;
- Mobile signs re trail etiquette - \$4300 last year. Peter to discuss with Fion;
- Bike maps - Peter will check with Fion to determine if maps need to be revised and printed this year;
- Eric is looking into the design of bike racks and what parks might need racks – report in June;

- At the upcoming Markham Cycles advisory meeting, Kevin suggested a discussion of any educational support that may not currently be on Keenan's activity list. This may include developing more printed educational materials, e-scooter training with Scooty, or possibly CPAC supporting additional paid training staff;
- Anthony to do Google search on other suppliers for "How to ride a bike";
- Peter to touch base with Alfred to see how Cycling without Age is progressing for the year;
- Social media campaign by City on safety. Peter to discuss with Fion;
- "Miscellaneous" budget includes possible conferences, books, and other expenses that CPAC may incur – typically less than \$1000.

4.3 ATMP Cycling project status

In the agenda, Peter prepared a summary of the ATMP 5-year plan, contrasted with actual accomplishments.

- With increased development, cycling must become a key transportation mode for short trips within Markham
- ATMP approved by Council, November 23, 2021
- ATMP Implementation Plan approved by Council June 14, 2022
 - Attachment C outlines first 5 years project priorities:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Km	49.7	8.8	7.6	9.8	7.3	83.2

- Actual length of approved City projects under design or construction is falling short:

Project	Km
Elgin Mills Woodbine/Warden	2.0
Victoria Square Woodbine S to Woodbine N	2.8
Calvert/Clegg/Allstate Pkwy/Ferrier/Gillingham & Ferrier	6.0
Carleton Kennedy to McCowan	2.0
Main Street Markham Bullock to 16 th	1.2
TOTAL	14.0

Actual implementation of specific projects are subject to the annual capital budget process, and requires staff resources. Eric advised that Council had approved two staff positions but only recently has one been filled. In fact, he noted that some projects are not capital intensive, but are behind because staff is needed for implementation. Eric is optimistic that there will be a noticeable catch up, especially as TMP moves ahead and identifies best practices on project management.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM. The next meeting will be an official in-person meeting, May 15 at 7:00 pm.

Addendum to Meeting Notes – Key Actions to be Tracked

April 17, 2025

1. Expenditure plan to be priority at May meeting (Peter, all)
2. Report on the MTO report re on and off ramps at 400 highways when released (peter)
3. Report on bike racks (design and location possibilities) – June (Eric)
4. Review 9th Line design when available
5. Review Apple Creek southern trail design when available
6. Follow new Parks Bylaw (Eric)
7. Advise on 2026 cycling infrastructure plan, when ready (all)

March 20, 2025

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DOORS OPEN MARKHAM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
April 23, 2025
6:30 PM
Minutes

Attendance

<u>Present</u> Andrew Fuyarchuk Richard Huang (Heritage Markham Committee) Teresa Kwoon Tejinder Sidhu (Heritage Markham Committee) Ken Steinberg Sheila Zahraei Councillor Reid McAlpine Regional Councillor Alan Ho <u>Staff</u> Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning Vance Kornobis, Communications Advisor, Corporate Communications Renee Zhang, Manager, Corporate & Community Events Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator	<u>Regrets</u> Yuning Chen Bowie Leung Yat Chi Ling Agatha McPhee Kenneth Ng Dominica Tang
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Doors Open Markham Committee convened at 6:35 PM with Ken Steinberg serving as Chair.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DOORS OPEN MARKHAM 2025 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2025

It was

Moved by Sheila Zahraei

Seconded by Andrew Fuyarchuk

That the minutes of the Doors Open Markham 2025 Organizing Committee meeting held on March 26, 2025, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Follow up with The School (restaurant) – No report was available from Kenneth Ng who had volunteered to contact The School; it might be willing to either be a sponsor because it was a schoolhouse or it might agree to provide a set prix fixe luncheon menu that might encourage people to eat lunch and learn about the old schoolhouse.
- b) Follow up with the Varley Art Gallery regarding their willingness to participate – Regan Hutcheson reported that the Gallery was contacted, is very interested and willing to have both of their sites, the Varley Art Gallery and the McKay Art Centre, participate. Their forms have been received, and their participation is confirmed.
- c) Summarize need for volunteers. – Regan Hutcheson advised that he would present this information as part of his report about the event sites.
- d) Select third site and upload materials to the provincial Doors Open platform – Regan Hutcheson reported that he provided the written material and David Shum uploaded it to the provincial website. The three sites selected were York Region District School Board's Schoolhouse Museum, the York University Markham Campus, and Heinzman House. Because these materials were uploaded, Markham is now an active site on the provincial website. |
- e) Confirm with Doors Open Ontario if last year's signage is still usable and the deadline for ordering additional signs – Regan Hutcheson reported that the provincial Doors Open organization had advised that it has the same sponsor as last year. It is happy that Markham will reuse signs from the previous year but, if additional signs are required, it advised to keep in mind the ordering deadline since time is needed for signs to be delivered. Must order one month before the event and they will be delivered one week before the event.
- f) Contact School Board regarding promoting the event given this year's theme – Regan Hutcheson advised that contact has not yet been made.
- g) Reach out to School Board Museum/Archives staff – Regan Hutcheson reported that he is waiting to hear back from the School Board Museum/Archives staff about the possibility of promoting the Doors Open Markham event to the schools they usually promote their own services. He also suggested that Vance Kornobis could enquire about a broader reach out, perhaps an e-blast to teachers or others. It was also suggested that it might be possible to develop some curriculum ties to create interest among students. It was noted

that the Committee should reach out to both the York Region District School Board and the York Region Catholic School Board.

- h) Update the City's website – Vance Kornobis will update the Doors Open page on the City of Markham website with information about the event date and sites, and will check into possible media relations. It was decided to discuss at a future meeting options for event photography, e.g. a professional photographer, event site volunteer, or social media influencer. Vance Kornobis will reach out to Destination Markham staff for information about its social media initiatives.
- i) Contact Heritage Markham members and planning staff regarding volunteering – Regan Hutcheson advised that there are Heritage Markham members interested in volunteering at some of the heritage sites; he will approach them later in May. Andrew Fuyarchuk advised that he has a source for high school student volunteers as well. Vance Kornobis will add to the webpage information about volunteering and a link to the City of Markham's volunteer application process.

ACTION: Kenneth Ng to follow up with The School (restaurant) about any interest it might have in participating in the Doors Open Markham event.

ACTION: Vance Kornobis to contact the School Board about promoting the Doors Open Markham event.

ACTION: Vance Kornobis to follow up with School Board Museum/Archives staff about a broad reach activity to promote the Doors Open Markham event.

ACTION: Vance Kornobis to reach out to Destination Markham about its social media initiatives.

ACTION: Regan Hutcheson to follow up with Heritage Markham members interested in volunteering at some of the heritage sites.

Welcome New Members

Vance Kornobis, Communications Advisor, Corporate Communications, was welcomed to the committee. He will replace David Shum on the committee.

Confirmation of Budget

Renee Zhang advised that Regional Councillor Alan Ho confirmed that he no longer owns a t-shirt production business. However, he's willing to donate the remaining t-shirts to Doors Open Markham this year although quantities and color selection are limited. Renee Zhang confirmed that there are 15 t-shirts left from last year and that the approved budget includes \$500 for t-shirts. She recommended ordering 40 t-shirts, the same quantity as last year, but noted that the colour will not be the same as last year. The Committee agreed that she should proceed to obtain pricing for 40 t-shirts.

ACTION: Renee Zhang to obtain pricing for 40 t-shirts.

Ken Steinberg relinquished the chair to Andrew Fuyarchuk.

5. PLANNING FOR 2025 DOORS OPEN MARKHAM EVENT

- (a) **Sites** – Regan Hutcheson reviewed the list of proposed sites, each site’s current status (e.g. whether the site has been contacted, has confirmed, is interested, or not willing), and whether the sites need volunteers to staff it on the day of the event. Regan Hutcheson will share the chart showing which event sites need volunteers, to provide an idea of what type of volunteer base is needed. It was agreed to try to recruit 15 – 20 volunteers which would provide for two volunteers per site and allow for those who only wish to volunteer for part of the day.

Please see Appendix A for the list of proposed sites, their status and their need for volunteers as of April 23, 2025.

The Committee discussed the need for someone assigned to each site to be responsible for ensuring that the site is open to the public and ensuring everything's running right at that site. Committee members were asked to consider which site they would be interested in being the coordinator for; they can email Reaan Hutcheson or advise at the May meeting.

ACTION: Regan Hutcheson to share chart of sites needing volunteers with Committee members.

ACTION: Committee members to consider which site(s) they would like to serve as Site Coordinator.

(b) **Displays and Activities**

Regan Hutcheson advised that, to help animate the certain event sites, Markham Heritage staff will create photo displays using archival pictures to show what the schools used to look like. It was also suggested that period music can bring a space to life. York District School Board Museum and Archives is planning some interactive activities such as having people try to write with pen and ink on paper or having people write on a slate to get the feel of how it was for children having to do math on a slate,

(c) **Marketing**

The Committee discussed the possibility of distributing “passports” to attendees, particularly children, to encourage them to visit the event sites. It was noted that Destination Markham might have a passport that could be replicated, or an in-house design might also be possible. It was recommended that, if the Committee wanted to pursue the passport option, then either hand out small prizes such as a tattoo or sticker, or award one or two grand prizes as part of a lucky draw. Suggestions for handouts included paper fire trucks and paper trains which might be available from the Markham Fire Dept. and Metrolinx respectively, and coupons for use in stores on Main Street Unionville.

ACTION: Vance Kornobis is to consult with Destination Markham and/or in-house designers about adapting an existing passport, or creating a new one, and report back to the Committee for feedback and approval.

(d) Provincial Website

Regan Hutcheson reported that, once the thirteen event sites, have been confirmed, the next step is to upload information and pictures about them to populate the Doors Open Ontario website.

(e) Volunteer recruitment

The Committee agreed to use the September 17th meeting as both a Volunteer Orientation session and a Committee meeting with an opportunity for Committee members serving as Site Coordinators to pick up their supplies for event day,

ACTION: Renee Zhang to reserve the Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre, for the Volunteer Orientation session on September 17, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

(f) Sponsorships

It was noted that, with the current economy, it is challenging to recruit sponsors. With a projected surplus, the Committee discussed whether sponsorships were necessary. The Committee agreed to not seek sponsorships.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None was identified.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None was identified.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine
 Seconded by Sheila Zahraei

That the Doors Open Markham 2025 Organizing Committee adjourn at 8:00 PM.

CARRIED

APPENDIX A

LIST OF POTENTIAL EVENT SITES as of April 23, 2025

Site ID	Name (Historic)	Status	Volunteers Needed?
1	Brown's Corner School House YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	Confirmed	To be confirmed
2	Cedar Grove School House CITY, Cedar Grove Community Centre	Confirmed	To be confirmed
3	Box Grove School House CITY, Box Grove Community Centre	Verbally confirmed, awaiting completed application	To be confirmed
4	Former Markham High School PRIVATE	Confirmed	To be confirmed
5	Franklin Street Public School SCHOOL BOARD	Not being pursued	
6	German Mills Schoolhouse (SS#2) CITY	Confirmed on condition that the Committee provides volunteers to staff this site	Yes
7	Mount Joy Public Schoolhouse (SS #16) CITY/MARKHAM MUSEUM	Confirmed (Schoolhouse only)	Yes 1 or 2
8	Colty Corners Schoolhouse (SS#11) (PRIVATE BUSINESS)	Not being pursued	
9	Victoria Square Schoolhouse (SS #6) (PRIVATE BUSINESS)	Not being pursued	
10	School Section #14 School (SS#14) (PLACE OF WORSHIP)	Not being pursued	
11	Hagerman Schoolhouse (SS#18) (PRIVATE RESTAURANT)	Kenneth Ng volunteered to contact about willingness to participate	
12	Mongolia Schoolhouse (SS#22) (PRIVATE HOME)	Not being pursued	
13	Milnesville Schoolhouse (SS#19) (PRIVATE HOME)	Not being pursued	

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Site ID	Name (Historic)	Status	Volunteers Needed?
14	Jonathan Calvert House (Montessori School PRIVATE BUSINESS)	Not being pursued	
15	Benjamin Marr House Cornell (Montessori School PRIVATE BUSINESS)	Not being pursued	
16	Adam Clendenen House Cornell (Montessori School PRIVATE BUSINESS)	Not being pursued	
17	Sinclair Hagerman House (Family Day Care PRIVATE BUSINESS)	Not being pursued	
18	York University- Markham Campus Markham Centre YORK U	Confirmed	No
19	Bill Crothers Sport High School Markham Centre SCHOOL BOARD	Not being pursued	
20	Unionville High School Unionville- Markham Centre School Board	Not being pursued	
21	Unionville Historic Station CITY Community Centre	Confirmed	Yes
22	Markham Village Historic Station CITY, Community Centre/ GO Station	Confirmed	Yes
23	Heintzman House CITY	Confirmed	Yes
24	Markham Fire Station 97 CITY	Confirmed	No
25	Varley Art Gallery and McKay Art Gallery CITY	Confirmed	To be confirmed



Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation Report:
Heritage Easement Agreement for the Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program, 7822 Highway 7 East, Locust Hill, Ward 5

PREPARED BY: Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, ext. 2296

REVIEWED BY: Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, ext. 2080
Stephen Lue, Senior Development Manager, ext.2520

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the July 8, 2025, Staff report titled "Recommendation Report: Heritage Easement Agreement for the Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program, 7822 Highway 7 East, Locust Hill, Ward 5", be received;
- 2) THAT a by-law be passed to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Heritage Easement Agreement with the property owner(s) of 7822 Highway 7 East, and any other documents required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- 3) AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

This report seeks Council's authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Heritage Easement Agreement ("HEA") necessary for the owner of 7822 Highway 7 East (the "Property") to participate in the Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Markham created a Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program

The City implemented a Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program, effective January 1, 2003, to provide tax relief for properties designated under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act (the "Act"). Council passed By-law 2003-241, the Heritage Tax Reduction Program By-law, on December 16, 2003. The purpose of the tax relief program is to provide an incentive for owners to preserve and maintain significant heritage properties in the City.

One of the eligibility criteria for the Program is a Heritage Easement Agreement

Provincial legislation that permits heritage tax relief programs requires that eligible properties be subject to an HEA. Section 5 (ii) of By-law 2003-241 also requires that to be eligible for a heritage tax reduction, the owner of a property must provide proof that the property is subject to an HEA, under s. 22 or 37 of the Act.

Heritage Markham was consulted on June 11, 2025, and has no objection

Section 37(1) of the Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to pass by-laws that would allow Council to enter into easements or covenants with property owners for the conservation of cultural heritage value or interest after consultation with its municipal heritage committee.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**The Heritage Easement Agreement identifies the Property's heritage attributes**

The Property contains a single-detached dwelling (the "Henry and Annetta Clarry House") designed in the Arts and Crafts style and is designated under Part IV of the Act via By-law 2023-132. Refer to Appendix 'B' for the Property's Statement of Significance, as excerpted from the designation by-law, which describes its cultural heritage significance and will be used for the HEA. Generally, an HEA requires the owner to maintain the building, obtain City approval for any demolition or exterior alterations, and to maintain insurance coverage on the property. HEAs, once executed, are registered against the title of the property.

By-law Requirement

Section 37 (1) of the Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to pass by-laws providing for the entering into heritage easements with owners of real property or interests in real property for the conservation of property of cultural heritage value or interest. Appendix 'C' shows the by-law.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The protection and preservation of cultural heritage resources is part of the City's Growth Management strategy.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Heritage Markham has been consulted. The Legal Services Department works closely with the Heritage Planning Section to prepare and process the necessary Heritage Easement Agreements.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Giulio Cescato, RPP, MCIP
Director of Planning and Urban
Design Development

Trinela Cane
Interim Commissioner
of Development Services

APPENDICES:

Appendix 'A': Property Map and Image of the Heritage Resource
Appendix 'B': Statement of Significance for 7822 Highway 7 East
Appendix 'C': Draft By-law

APPENDIX 'A': Property Map and Images of the Heritage Resource**7822 Highway 7 East (Ward 5) - Henry and Annetta Clarry House**
Primary Elevation and Property Map

APPENDIX 'B': Statement of Significance for 7822 Highway 7 East**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE****Henry and Annetta Clarry House****7822 Highway 7 East**

The Henry and Annetta Clarry House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Henry and Annetta Clarry House is a frame bungalow on the north side of Highway 7, within the hamlet of Locust Hill.

Design and Physical Value

The Henry and Annetta Clarry House has design and physical value as it displays a high-degree of artistic merit as a representative example of a Craftsman Bungalow of frame construction, exhibiting design elements typical of the American Arts and Crafts Movement. It is particularly significant for its superb state of preservation, retaining its original exterior character as represented in an archival photograph dated 1909.

Historical and Associative Value

The Henry and Annetta Clarry House has historical and associative value as it represents the theme of early twentieth century development of the hamlet of Locust Hill and the theme of early settlers and descendants and their continued influence in the development of their community. This is the former home of Henry J. Clarry and Annetta (Pike) Clarry, descendants of the Clarry family which settled in Markham in the early 1800s. Henry Clarry was the son of William Clarry and Jane Lorena (Reynolds) Clarry. In the 1911 census his occupation was given as "commercial traveller", meaning a travelling salesman. Since his brother Frederick was the owner and operator of the Maple Leaf Woolen Mill in Markham Village, it is possible that Henry Clarry was a salesman for that industry's products. This early twentieth century bungalow was built on a parcel of land on Lot 11, Concession 10 purchased from John A. E. Reesor in 1908. The Clarry family owned the property until 1922. Subsequent owners maintained the house in close to original condition.

Contextual Value

The Henry and Annetta Clarry House has contextual value as one of a group of late nineteenth to early twentieth century of buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the historic character and extent of the hamlet of Locust Hill.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Henry and Annetta Clarry House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06, as amended, criteria below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a well-crafted and representative example of a Craftsman Bungalow style of the American Arts and Crafts Movement, and a locally rare example of wood frame construction for its style and time period:

- The form of the dwelling, including its rectangular plan with its projecting conservatory on the east wall and one-and-a-half storey height;
- Foundation of moulded concrete block;
- Narrow wood clapboard siding with corner boards and water table;
- Shingled gable end walls and wood gable ornamentation in the apex of the front gable;
- Medium pitched gable roof with open eaves and exposed purlins and rafter ends and shed roofed dormer;
- Cutaway porch supported on grouped plain wood posts resting on brick pedestals capped with concrete or limestone copings;
- Square wood lattice at the base of the porch;
- Single-leafed wood front door with multi-paned glazing in its upper portion;
- Wood sash-style windows typically arranged in groups, with multi-paned upper sections and single-paned lower sections;
- Three-part wood window in the front gable end wall;
- Four-paned wood windows in the conservatory and dormer;
- Exterior fireplace chimney of riverstone and red brick.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical and associative value as a significant part of the early twentieth century development of the hamlet of Locust Hill:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of Henry and Annetta Clarry that historically resided here and who were responsible for the building of the house c.1908.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that helps define the extent of the historic hamlet of Locust Hill:

- The siting of the dwelling its prominence and unobstructed visibility from Highway 7 East.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of significant cultural heritage value:

- Frame accessory building in the rear yard.

APPENDIX 'C': Draft By-law**By-law 2025-xx**

Being a By-law to authorize the execution
of a Heritage Easement Agreement

WHEREAS section 37 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to pass by-laws providing for the entering into heritage easements with owners of real property or interests in real property for the conservation of property of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that the property identified on Schedule "A" attached to this by-law is of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting on December 16, 2003 passed By-law 2003-341, being the Heritage Tax Reduction By-law, establishing a program to provide tax reductions or refunds in respect of eligible heritage properties;

AND WHEREAS paragraph 5(ii) of By-law 2003-341 requires that to be eligible for a Heritage Tax Reduction, a property owner must provide proof, satisfactory to the Treasurer of the City, that the property is subject to a heritage easement under section 22 or 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Heritage Easement Agreement between the City of Markham and the property owner as set out on Schedule "A" attached to this by-law, for the lands described in Schedule "A", and any other documents required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 8th day of July, 2025.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2025-xx

Being a By-law to authorize the execution
of Heritage Easement Agreements

PROPERTY OWNER	MUNICIPAL ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
ZHANG YU	7822 Highway 7 East, L0H 1J0	PT LT 11, CON 10 MARKHAM PT 1 64R4520; MARKHAM PIN: 700140009



Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Class 4 Area Designation pursuant to MECP NPC-300 of the Subject Lands
 Fouro Towers Builders Ltd.
 9331-9399 Markham Road
 File No.: ZA 18 140091 and SPC 22 114181
 (Ward 4)

PREPARED BY: Sureshan Mailvaganam, Ext. 3568
 Scott MacKenzie, Ext. 2205

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Report titled, “Class 4 Area Designation pursuant to MECP NPC-300 of the Subject Lands, Fouro Towers Builders Ltd., 9331-9399 Markham Road, File SPC 22 114181, (Ward 4)”, be received; and
2. THAT 9331-9399 Markham Road (Fouro Towers) be classified as a Class 4 area pursuant to NPC-300 “Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Noise Guideline – Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning”; and
3. THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council’s approval as the land use planning authority to classify the lands at 9331-9399 as a Class 4 area pursuant to NPC-300 “Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Noise Guideline – Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning” (MECP NPC-300).

BACKGROUND:

Subject Lands and Area Context

The Subject Lands are approximately 1.14 ha (2.82 ac) in size and are located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Markham Road and Edward Jeffreys Avenue, municipally known as 9331 – 9399 Markham Road. The Subject Lands are shown on

Figure 1.

Proposed Development

On March 18, 2022, Fouro Towers Builders Ltd. (Owner) submitted Zoning By-law Amendment (File No.: ZA 18 140091 and Site Plan Control (File No.: SPC 22 114181) applications to permit a 37-42 storey mixed-use development containing 933 residential units, 1,049 m² (11,291 ft²) of at-grade retail uses, and 619 parking spaces in three levels of underground parking. The proposal also includes future extension of Edward Jeffreys Avenue (east-west) and Anderson Avenue (north-south).

Zoning By-law Amendment Approval by Ontario Land Tribunal (“OLT”)

On July 14, 2023, the Owner appealed the applications to the OLT on the basis that the City failed to make a decision within the prescribed *Planning Act* timeline.

On June 7, 2024, the OLT issued an order regarding the settlement between the Owner and the City of Markham. In its decision, the Tribunal allowed the appeal of the Zoning By-law to rezone the subject lands from ‘Highway Commercial (M-HC)’ to ‘Community Amenity Four*752 (Hold) (CA4*752(H)) with site-specific standards to permit the Proposed development. A holding provision was imposed on the site which cannot be lifted until specific servicing requirements have been satisfied.

Site Plan Application Status

The appeal of the Site Plan Application was allowed in part, on an interim basis, pending the receipt of final Site Plan drawings, and subject to conditions. Staff are working with the Owner to address the various technical comments as the drawings are being finalized for a final decision by the OLT.

The Engineering Department has received the results of the noise studies submitted as part of the Site Plan Application. The applicable noise guidelines for new residential development are those outlined in the MECP NPC-300. As detailed in the noise studies, the exclusion limits of MECP NPC-300 noise guidelines apply during evening and night-time hours, as well as on weekends, with a few exceptions. In the worst-case scenario, the predicted sound level exceeds over the exclusion limits are 1 decibel (considered insignificant) during the day and 4 decibels (considered barely noticeable) at night.

OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

To mitigate noise from the neighboring stationary noise sources (i.e., the Subaru Dealership and No Frills), a significant sound barrier, such as a wall, is required. The sound barrier must break the line of sight between the receptor (top floor windows at the 42nd storey, in this case) and the noise sources (rooftop mechanical units and trucks at the loading area of the neighboring sites) to be effective. The Owner has considered this solution as not economically feasible given that the proposed towers are up to 42 storeys.

The MECP NPC-300 addresses the increasing pressure to develop sites for sensitive land uses such as residential in proximity to existing stationary sources. Specifically, the MECP NPC-300 creates an area definition, Class 4, where new multi-unit residential is intended

to be developed near an existing stationary source, as is the case with the Subject Lands. Class 4 areas are defined in the MECP NPC-300 as:

- is an area intended for development with new noise sensitive land use(s) that are not yet built;
- is in proximity to existing, lawfully established stationary source(s); and
- has formal confirmation from the land use planning authority with the Class 4 area classification which is determined during the land use planning process.

Therefore, as the Subject lands meet the definition of a Class 4 area, the Owner is requesting that the site be designated as a Class 4 area and include the following warning clause in the Offers of Purchase and Sale, lease/rental agreements, and condominium declarations for all residential units:

“Purchasers/tenants are advised that sound levels due to adjacent industry or commercial land uses are required to comply with sound level limits that are protective of indoor areas and are based on the assumption that windows and exterior doors are closed. This dwelling unit has been supplied with a ventilation/air conditioning system which will allow windows and exterior doors to remain closed.”

The Engineering Department has reviewed this request from the Owner and has determined the request is appropriate and recommend that Council receive this report and endorse staff’s recommendation to designate the Subject Lands and Proposed Development as a Class 4 area pursuant to MECP NPC-300.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report has no financial impact to the Operating Budget or Life Cycle Reserve Study.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The recommendations of this report are consistent with the City’s goal of building complete communities that offer a range of housing and employment opportunities.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

The Planning Department has reviewed this report and their comments are incorporated.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Frank Clarizio
Director, Engineering

Trinela Cane
Commissioner, Corporate Services &
Acting Commissioner, Development
Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Figure 1 – Site Location Map
Figure 2 – Site Plan

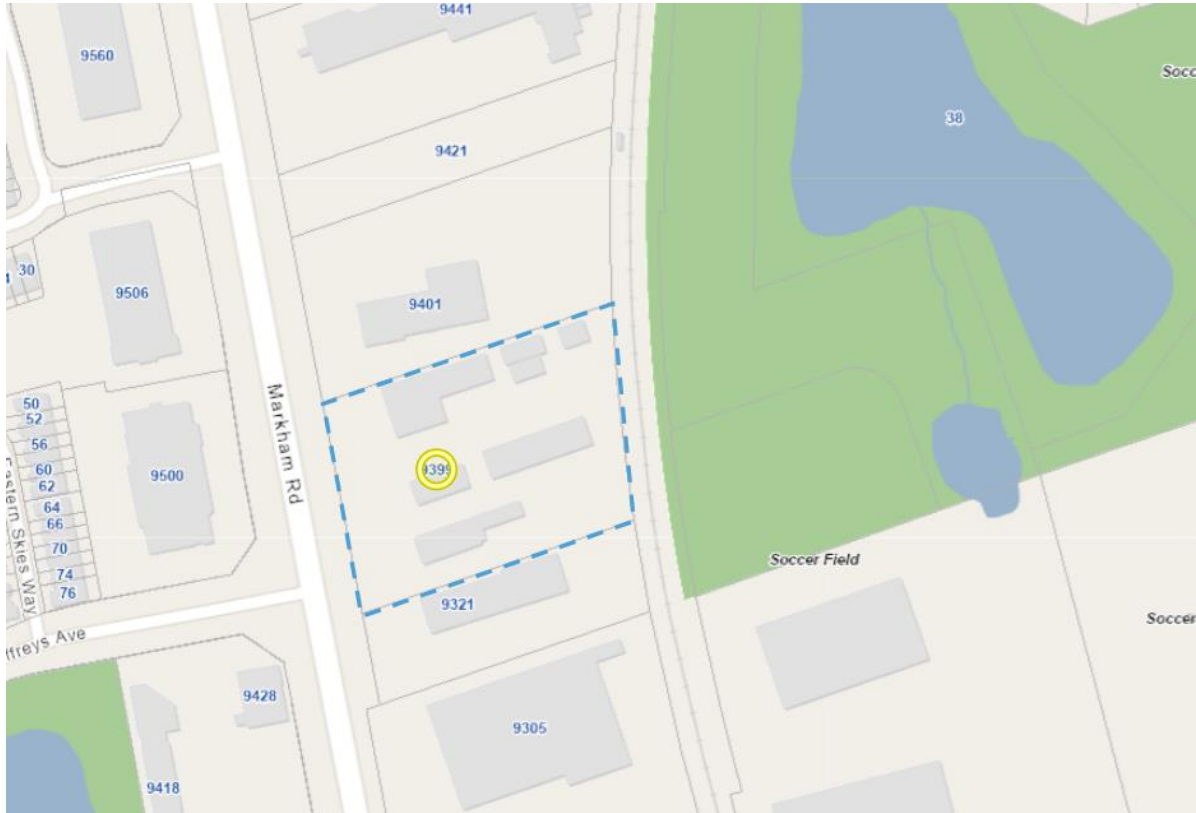


Figure 1: Site Location Plan

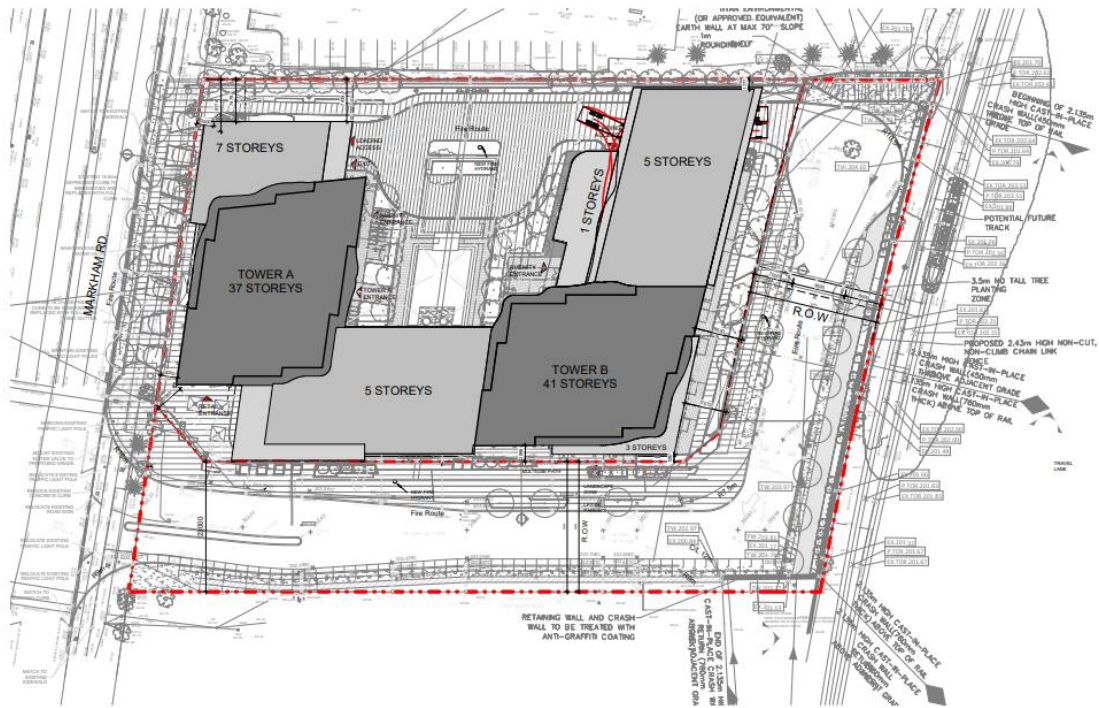


Figure 2 Site Plan



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Huyen Hare, Manager of Economic Development
Department of Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship

Date: July 8, 2024

Re: **FIRA Robo World Cup 2025 Daegu, South Korea - Flag Ceremony to handover to Markham 2026**

RECOMMENDATION:

The purpose of this memo is to seek the Council's approval for:

- 1) That the Memorandum titled, "FIRA Robo World Cup 2025 Daegu, South Korea - Flag Ceremony to handover to Markham 2026", be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve two representatives from the City of Markham to participate in the 2025 FIRA Robo World Cup in Daegu, South Korea from Aug 8-19, 2025, to receive the flag in support of Markham hosting the FIRA 2026 Robo World Cup & Summit; and,
- 3) That the allocation of \$23,036 from Economic Development budget to cover costs related to travel and programming be approved; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Markham has been awarded the hosting rights for the **FIRA Robo World Cup Open 2026**, which will take place at the **Markham Pan Am Centre from August 6–9, 2026**. This international event is a premier robotics competition drawing over **4,000 athletes, families, and spectators** from around the globe and will position Markham on the world stage as a leader in technology, youth innovation, and sports tourism.

In preparation for hosting the 2026 event, the non-profit Canadian National Robotics Society (CNRS) is leading an official FIRA World Cup Delegation program 2025 to be hosted in **Daegu, South Korea**, during which the ceremonial **flag handover to Markham** will occur. This

symbolic tradition signals the official transition of hosting duties to the next city and is an important opportunity for relationship-building and global exposure.

Attendance by two City of Markham representatives at the FIRA Robo World Cup 2025 in Daegu is critical to the success of our own event in 2026. Their presence will allow for:

- First-hand observation of event operations and logistics
- Direct engagement with FIRA organizers, teams and international stakeholders
- Showcasing Markham, Ontario and Canada as the next host destination, promoting our innovation sector, cultural assets and tourism infrastructure
- Strengthening relationships with sponsors, vendors and participants
- Receiving the FIRA flag, a ceremonial milestone that is key to international event protocol.

Economic Impact for Markham

According to the Pre-Event Economic Impact Report, the 2026 FIRA Robo World Cup is expected to generate significant economic impact:

- Total Business Sales: \$5.97 million (includes \$3.5 million in direct business sales)
- Job Creation: 1,043 jobs supported (771 direct jobs)
- Estimated Room Demand: 2,052 room nights
- Local Lodging Impact: \$718,233
- Food and Beverage Spending: \$764,768
- Retail and Recreation Impact: Over \$1.38 million combined

The event will drive **over 6,000 total visitor days in Markham**, significantly benefiting the local hospitality and retail sector.

Program, Attendance and Budget

- The trip program will take place in Daegu, Korea.
- City of Markham representatives include:
 - Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti or designate; and,
 - Vice Chair of Economic Development and Ward 6 Councillor Amanda Collucci
- The total travel and programming cost for 2 City members is \$23,036 The cost will be allocated from the Economic Development budget– international program.
- Note: as non-profit organization, the Canadian National Robotics Society (CNRS) would only be able waive the program registration fee of \$220 USD for City representatives.

Flight (round trip) - economy	\$3,164 x 2	\$6,328
Accommodation + Programming (10 days inclusive of travel days)	\$8,354 X2	\$16,708
Total		\$23,036

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 132
April 9, 2025, 5:00PM via Teams

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Lionel Loganathan
Vidya Maharaj	David Melamed
Councillor Karen Rea	Anna Masci
Martha Mingay	Lorne Smith, Treasurer
Sue Smitko	Councillor Andrew Keyes
John Hyland	
Staff:	Guests:
Andrea Carpenter, Museum Director	
Matthew Wright (Recording Secretary)	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The Friends of the Markham Museum Board meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM with Wendy Kadlovski presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved by: V. Maharaj

Seconded by: S. Smitko

THAT the agenda for the April 9, 2025 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried (3.1)

4. REGRETS

L. Smith and Cllr. A. Keyes sent their regrets.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD MARCH 12, 2025

Moved by: Cllr. K. Rea

Seconded by: M. Mingay

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on March 12, 2025 be approved as distributed.

Carried (5.1)

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Carpenter gave a report. (**Attachment A**).

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

Deferred to item 9.a

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chair gave a report. In March, we received \$151 in donations and one book sold via our website. Our bank balance was \$97,856.01 at the end of February.

9. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) The Chair gave a report. The Development Committee met recently, and brought forward the comments from the Board. Due to lack of support, we will defer the holiday fundraising idea. The Committee discussed how the Friends can support the new Museum exhibition. A new opportunity came forward to partner with local podcasters Nilesh Hathi and Michael Heap, to produce a series of video podcasts with a selection of the “Everyday Super Heroes” recognized in the exhibition.

Moved by: J. Hyland

Seconded by: M. Mingay

THAT the Friends of the Markham Museum support the Museum’s Everyday Super Heroes exhibition by partnering with Nilesh Hathi and Michael Heap to produce a series of video interviews, with a maximum budget of \$2,000.

Carried (9.a.1)

The Committee is also working on a promotional banner about the Friends, to be displayed at events they participate in.

10. COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A short meeting was held on March 27. The Committee reviewed ten dollhouses from the collection for relevance. Eight were accepted, and two were recommended for deaccession. The next meetings will be held on October 16, November 27, and next year, January 29, 2026.

11. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Chair read a brief report from L. Smith, sent via email. The MHS will host a general meeting next Monday, April 14 at 7:30 PM. The group will have a chance to tour the new exhibition, Everyday Super Heroes.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 1. The volunteer being recognized this year is Rebekah Mitchell.
- b) A. Carpenter spoke about Bill O’Keefe, owner the rarest apple orchard in Ontario, located in Bruce County. He contacted the Museum, because he found a variety that was cultivated in Markham in the 1800s. We would like to add two of these trees to our orchard for the 40th AppleFest, this year. There would be a cost for purchasing and transporting them to the Museum. When the final costs are determined, the Museum will ask if the Friends would like to support.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM via Teams.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: S. Smitko

THAT the April 9, 2025 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried (14.1)

Meeting adjourned 5:49 PM.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of Markham Museum – Manager’s Report

April 9th, 2025

Programming and Visitor Services

- March break programming was successful! We got to test out many aspects of our education program with our camp group and the public.
- Education programs have been developed and training related to Everyday superheroes has been completed. The first school group came to explore the gallery in March and loved it so much the school has booked another trip for a different age group.
- Since opening Everyday Superheroes, attendance was 200-300 people per day on weekends. We have changed staffing structure in our galleries to accommodate the increase in visitors.
- Spring session pottery programs have begun with adult programming registration at about 90%. Children and Family programs have an average fill rate of about 50%
- We have reopened our galleries from Wednesday to Friday for the public's use.
- Teacher Appreciation Day – May 3rd – Free Admission to Teachers and their families
- Emergency Preparedness Week Kick-off – May 4th 10am-2pm – Admission by donation to galleries that day – rest of event is free
- International Museum Day – May 18th – FREE Event - working with a variety of community partners involved in the exhibition to activate the site in various ways – expecting approximately 800 visitors based on past years
- Doors Open Markham – Focus is on Education/Schools – September 20th – we will be only participating with the Mt. Joy School. As a free event the weekend before AppleFest this is the most we have capacity for and what makes sense for the site.
- Outreach opportunities/festivals are starting

Business Development and Events

- Captured video and photo content for commercial and social media use of new Everyday Superheroes exhibit.
 - Content captured by Cities Corporate Communications Department and Destination Markham content creator
- Received sign off on “Reverse Garage Sale” event agreement with event set for April 27th

- This is a third-party community engagement event hosted on-site in support of Camp Maple Leaf, a charitable organization. The event functions as a reverse garage sale, where members of the public are invited to drop off needed donations
- Continuing preparations for Volunteer Appreciation Dinner event set for May 1st
- Continuing collaborating and working with the Markham Dog Alliance on the upcoming “Barkham” event on site, set for May 31st – June 1st
- Continuing collaborating and working with Rouge River Brewery and Cheatin’ Hearts on the upcoming “Kickin’ It Country” event on site, set for July 5th

Rental Updates and Facility Developments

- Finalized details on the Micro Wedding contract, now in the final review stage with legal.
- Rental events have launched successfully, with strong momentum heading into a busy spring season.
- Staffing - Interviewed candidates for Summer Maintenance student positions and now on reference stage.
- Updated the maintenance and cleaning schedule to reflect the successful weekends of the new exhibition.

Curatorial

- We are continuing to put the offices back to order and are accepting research appointments and processing donations again. These public services were put on hold during the installation of ESH.
- York Public History Students (2) presented the results of their work/study experiences at a seminar at Aga Khan Museum on April 2nd
- Interviewed and selected candidates for summer curatorial staff (2 positions).

Capital Work

- Church restoration work began on Monday. Preparation of Church Sanctuary for renovation included wrapping large objects and securing others prior to the start of construction.
- Painting of the curatorial offices/workspaces and selected touch ups in the vaults was completed on Friday March 28.

Staffing Update

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- Lilian Galstaniaan started March 31st as our new Business Development and Events Coordinator. She will be with us until the end of March 2026.
- Contract Maintenance Assistant posting has gone up and closes April 18th. Ideally this new team member will start before June.

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 133
May 14, 2025, 5:00PM via Teams

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Lionel Loganathan
Lorne Smith, Treasurer	David Melamed
Councillor Karen Rea	Anna Masci
Councillor Andrew Keyes	Vidya Maharaj
Sue Smitko	
John Hyland	
Martha Mingay	
<i>Staff:</i>	<i>Guests:</i>
Andrea Carpenter, Museum Director	
Matthew Wright (Recording Secretary)	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The Friends of the Markham Museum Board meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM with Wendy Kadlovski presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved by: J. Hyland

Seconded by: S. Smitko

THAT the agenda for the May 14, 2025 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried (3.1)

4. REGRETS

V. Maharaj sent her regrets.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD APRIL 9, 2025

Moved by: J. Hyland

Seconded by: S. Smitko

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on April 9, 2025 be approved as distributed.

Carried (5.1)

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Carpenter gave a report. (**Attachment A**).

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave a report. The Annual General Meeting will be held on June 18 at 4:30 PM via Teams. An invite was sent out to all members. Some members terms are up, and we're looking for new members. Additionally, the Chair's term is up, and we are looking for a new Chair.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chair gave a report. In April, we received \$644 in revenue, including three donations. Our bank balance was \$98,330 at the end of April.

Moved by: L. Smith

Seconded by: Cllr. A. Keyes

THAT the 2024 Financial Statements, as presented, shall be received and submitted for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

Carried (8.1)

9. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

a) The Committee is working on a Destination Markham grant to support ScaryFest. We are organizing the video podcast on two dates in June, and two in September. This will fit into education programs for grades seven and eight.

10. COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Collections Committee submitted several reports and past minutes (Attachment B).

Moved by: Cllr. K. Rea

Seconded by: M. Mingay

THAT the Board accepts the minutes of the Collections Committee held January 30, 2025, and March 27, 2025, as distributed.

Carried (10.1)

The next meetings will be held on October 16, November 27, and next year, January 29, 2026.

11. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

L. Smith gave a report. The MHS held a meeting recently, with a tour of the new exhibition, and a presentation by Doug Denby on surveys of Pickering, Scarborough, Markham, Vaughan, and Unionville. The annual potluck will be held on June 9, and the BBQ and corn roast on September 12. The next newsletter will come out in June, and will feature Main Street Unionville.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

a) L. Smith thanked the Museum staff for putting on the recent Volunteer Dinner. He said the volunteers felt very appreciated.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2025 at 5:00 PM via Teams.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Cllr. A. Keyes

THAT the May 14, 2025 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried (14.1)

Meeting adjourned 5:32 PM.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of Markham Museum – Manager’s Report May 14, 2025

Programming and Visitor Services

- Gallery education programs of “STEAM Little Makers”, “Maker Challenge”, and “ABC What Can I Be” are having lots of bookings throughout the months of April, May and June.
- Pottery programs are running with near full registration with family programs doing better this spring than in fall or winter terms
- Front desk staff have implemented new engagements in our gallery spaces including story times, and other interactives
- Visitorship remains high through the month of April to Everyday Superheroes with many guests coming just for the gallery.
- The Museum hosted a spotlight sustainability weekend with great turnout from the community and many giveaways including seed packets and information on native plants to southern Ontario
- Hosted Teacher Appreciation Day Event – May 3rd – Teachers and up to four family members could visit for free. Staff were available to meet with them regarding school programs.
- We have 2 new pottery technicians to prepare for the summer season.
- Hiring for camp is going very well. We anticipate expanding at least half the summer by an additional 21 campers per week compared to our 2024 season
- Barkham Pottery sessions are over 50% of the 160 spots are sold out.
- We received a Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Green Jobs initiative grant to help fund the revamping of our geocaching tour on site. It will support summer staff for 12 weeks as they revamp the tour and develop training materials to accompany it.

Business Development and Events

- Reverse Garage Sale by Camp Maple Leaf took place April 27th
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 1st was a success with Rebekah Mitchell named as the recipient of the Scaysbrook Award
- City of Markham Emergency Preparedness Kickoff celebration took place at Museum on May 4th
- “Barkham” event (dog focused festival) presented by Markham Dog Alliance is happening soon on May 31st – June 1st taking over entire Museum grounds
- “Kickin’ It Country” event tickets are officially on sale (happening July 5th in partnership with Rouge River Brewery)

- Oak Valley Health team along with Dr. Bear came to EDS exhibit to capture promo content

Rental Updates and Facility Maintenance

- Finalized details on the Micro Wedding contract, now in the final review stage.
- Rental events have launched successfully, with strong momentum heading into a busy spring season.
- Booking additional events, expanding our calendar for the upcoming months.
- Providing ongoing support to Barkham with event logistics and coordination.
- Two new summer maintenance students have started.

Curatorial

- Curatorial staff provided a tour of ESH to Markham Historical Society as well as some other updates on new events.
- More maintenance is required in the galleries to keep the space in good repair due to larger attendance numbers.
- Provided some feedback to First Peoples Consulting on their Indigenous Histories Research Report to highlight Berczy's interactions.
- Summer students (2) have started work. Assisting with collections care, summer day camps and exhibition planning activities.
- Janet Reid re-elected for another term on the executive of the York Durham Association of Museums & Archives.
- Museum received a fifth honour for Standing in the Doorway. The Lieutenant Governors Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership from the Honourable Edith Dumont. Mayor Scarpitti and CEO Andy Taylor were able to attend the ceremony at Queen's Park on April 25, 2025
- General merchandise refresh for the Museum shop with some specialty items linked to new exhibition. We are selling George Duncan's publication on Log Houses of Ontario via Museum Shop.

Museum Technology

- Working with our IT department on several projects and improvements.
- Adding some polish to the exhibition technology, tweaking and replacing some parts, and slowly finishing up some components that we set aside last-minute. One new element is a telephone that will play back dramatized 911 calls, and a replacement with be the central piece of the YRP exhibit after the original broke.
- Preparing for a busy summer, managing the ticketing and POS systems.
- Matthew has a new title and job description that matches the valuable work he does to support the museum, Visitor Services and Technology Coordinator. Provides technical and administrative leadership for client-facing technologies that support daily programming, exhibitions and events for the Museum. This position bridges the gap between the municipal ITS department and the needs of a modern museum and tourism attraction. This position creates gallery

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interactives by developing software-based and electronics hardware for in-person and online exhibitions, as well as events and educational programs.

ATTACHMENT B

Collections Committee Reports

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Report to: Development Services Committee

Report Date: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION REPORT
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications, submitted by KLM Planning Partners Inc. (c/o Glendower Properties Inc.) to facilitate a residential community with approximately 217 detached, townhouse, and mid-rise apartment units, including partial detached lots, public parkette, new public roads, and a natural heritage block, on lands municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue (Ward 2)

File PLAN 23 121495

PREPARED BY: Nusrat Omer, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner, West District, extension 2185

REVIEWED BY: Rick Cefaratti, MCIP, RPP, Acting Manager, West District, ext. 3675

Stephen Lue, MCIP, RPP, Senior Development Manager, ext. 2520

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the report titled, "RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications, submitted by KLM Planning Partners Inc. (c/o Glendower Properties Inc.) to facilitate a residential community with approximately 217 detached, townhouse, and mid-rise apartment units, including partial detached lots, public parkette, new public roads, and a natural heritage block, on lands municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue, on lands municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue (Ward 2), PLAN 23 121495, dated July 8, 2025, be received;
- 2) THAT the Official Plan Amendment application submitted by Glendower Properties Inc. to amend the City's 2014 Official Plan be approved in principle by Council and the draft Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix 'A', be finalized and brought forward to a future Council meeting to be enacted without further notice;
- 3) THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Glendower Properties Inc. to amend Zoning By-law 304-87, as amended, be approved in principle by Council and the draft site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment, attached as Appendix 'B', be finalized and brought forward to a future Council meeting to be enacted without further notice;
- 4) THAT the Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23004 be endorsed in principle, subject to the draft conditions, attached as Appendix 'C', be brought forward to a future Council meeting once all outstanding matters have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Director, Planning and Urban Design;
- 5) THAT the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate, be delegated authority to issue Draft Plan Approval, subject to the draft conditions set out in Appendix 'C', as may be amended by the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate;
- 6) THAT Draft Plan Approval for Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23004 will lapse after a period of three (3) years from the date of Council approval in the event that a Subdivision Agreement is not executed within that period;

- 7) THAT servicing allocation for 217 units be assigned to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23004;
- 8) THAT the servicing allocation will be revoke or reallocated after a period of three (3) years from the date of Council approval should the development not proceed in a timely manner;
- 9) AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions;

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report recommends approval in principle of the Official Plan Amendment (“OPA”), Zoning By-law Amendment (“ZBLA”), and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications (“the Applications”) submitted by Glendower Properties Inc. (the “Owner”) on lands municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue (the “Subject Lands”).

The Owner proposes to develop a residential community comprised of 217 dwelling units, including detached, townhouse and apartment units, including partial detached lots, a public parkette, new public roads, and a natural heritage block (the “Proposed Development”). The Owner revised the original proposal that was initially received in February 2025 with further materials provided in May. The recent re-submission was made in response to the matters raised at the October 24, 2023, statutory Public Meeting, and comments raised by City staff and external agencies. The original submission is described in Table 1 and in the [Statutory Public Meeting Information Report](#).

The Proposed Development is compatible with the surrounding area and context, provides for increased and diverse housing supply options with a mix of housing options and is located adjacent to existing transit routes.

Staff will continue to work with the Owner to finalize technical matters, including the planning instruments (i.e., the Conditions of Approval, Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments). Staff note that the Owner’s proposed draft Zoning By-law Amendment seeks flexibility and permissions for either a townhouse concept or a 6-storey mid-rise apartment on Block 86. Staff opine that the Proposed Development represents good planning and is in the public interest. Staff do not anticipate any fundamental changes to the Proposed Development and will bring forward the instruments to a future Council meeting upon resolution of all matters.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends endorsement in principle of the Applications submitted by the Owner to facilitate the Proposed Development on the Subject Lands.

PROCESS TO DATE:

- The Applications were initially filed in June 2023
- Staff deemed the Applications complete on July 12, 2023, and the 120-day period set out in the *Planning Act* before the Owner can appeal the Applications to the Ontario Land Tribunal (the “OLT”) for a non-decision ended on October 17, 2023
- The Development Services Committee (“DSC”) received the [Statutory Public Meeting Information Report](#) on the original proposal on October 24, 2023
- The Owner submitted several revised submissions, including the most recent concept from February to May 2025 and is further described in Table 1.

If the DSC endorses the Applications, then the planning process will include the following next steps:

- Finalize the site-specific OPA and enactment of the site-specific ZBLA law for a future Council meeting
- Finalize the conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision approval
- The Owner would be required to clear the conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision approval, enter into a Subdivision Agreement with the City, and register the Draft Plan of Subdivision
- A Site Plan application is required to initiate the detailed technical review of the mid-rise residential (Block 86), and other blocks if necessary
- Submission of a future Draft Plan of Condominium application.

BACKGROUND:

Subject Lands and Area Context

The predominantly vacant 11.06 ha (27.33 ac) Subject Lands are divided in three distinct areas (Areas 1, 2, and 3), see Figure 2. The Subject Lands were previously occupied by a municipally listed heritage dwelling, known as the “Henry and Charlotte Lever House”), which was removed as described in this report. Figures 2 and 3 show the surrounding land uses.

The Owner has made three submissions in relation to the Applications to permit the Proposed Development. Table 1 summarizes the original and most recent submissions

TABLE 1: The Proposed Development Concepts		
	June 2023 Original	May 2024 Revised
Residential Low Rise	70 detached	no change
	9 rear-lane town with private lane access (3-storey)	no change
	32 street townhouses	33 street townhouses
Residential Mid Rise Units	100	no change
Partial Residential Blocks	3.5	4.5
Parkette Block (ha)	0.312	0.337
Natural Heritage Block (ha)	4.507	4.501
Grading Block (ha)	0.011	0.036
Road Widening	0.19	no change
Roads	1.763	1.873
Total Residential Units (not including the part blocks)	211	212

While predominantly similar, the notable differences between the initial submission and the Proposed Development are summarized below

- a) Revisions to the northern section of Area 1 to accommodate for a potential walkway connection to Woodbine Avenue, increase to Block 91 for the trailhead connection to the east, and revised part residential lots
- b) Removal of walkway blocks along southern portion of Area 2 for connection to trails; this was determined unfeasible given grading issues
- c) Increased widths for Street '1' along Hydro Corridor to accommodate appropriate sidewalks
- d) Increased width for proposed Vetmar Avenue extension to create safer interactions and movements into Area 1
- e) Increase to the Parkette Block from 0.312 ha to 0.337 ha

At the statutory Public Meeting on October 24, 2025, no public written or oral submissions were made, but DSC member comments included the following

- a) DSC asked if non-residential space could be explored within the proposed mid-rise residential (Block 86) given the lack of community-oriented space in the neighbourhood
- b) DSC expressed concern over the significant number of dwellings backing onto greenspace resulting in a loss of public access to open space

The Proposed Development is consistent with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement (the "2024 PPS")

The 2024 PPS provides direction on matters of Provincial interest related to land use planning and development. These matters, in part, include building strong healthy communities with an emphasis on efficient development and land use patterns, wise use and management of resources. The underutilized Subject Lands are located within a defined Settlement Area whereby the Proposed Development would promote the efficient use of existing resources and infrastructure.

The Proposed Development conforms to the 2022 York Region Official Plan ("2022 ROP")

The 2022 ROP designates the Subject Lands 'Urban Area' on Map 1 - Regional Structure, which permits a wide range of land uses including residential, commercial, employment, and institutional uses. Map 1A – Land Use Designations designates the Subject Lands 'Community Area', which are areas where most residents, personal services, retail, arts, culture, recreational facilities and human-services needs would be located. 'Map 4 – Key Hydrologic Features' identifies that the Subject Lands are partially within a 'Provincially Significant Wetland'. The Owner submitted an Environmental Impact Study ("EIS") that concluded the implementation of the avoidance and mitigation measures will offset the potential impacts of the Proposed Development and ensure no net negative impacts to the natural heritage features and associated functions on the subject lands. Further, Owner has identified that the limits of development have been refined through this Application process as supported by the EIS. The Proposed Development includes uses that are contemplated under the 'Community Area' designation and is considered compatible with the surrounding area.

The 2014 Markham Official Plan ("2014 MOP") provides general land use policy while the Victoria Glen Secondary Plan (the "VGSP") and Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (the "HWYSP") provides detailed direction for these lands

The Subject Lands are divided between two distinct Secondary Plan areas. Areas 1 and 2 of the Subject Lands (see Figures 2 and 3) are located within the Future Urban Area of the 2014 MOP, and is subject to the VGSP. Area 3 of the Subject Land is located within the HWYSP, and is

subject to the City's 1987 Official Plan (the "1987 MOP"). The Proposed Development conforms to the VGSP. However, the mid-rise residential block within Area 3 does not conform to the HWYSP, and is the only portion of the Subject Lands applicable to the Owner's proposed OPA. Figures 8 and 9 show a concept rendering for a potential mid-rise building on this block.

The VGSP includes detailed policies to guide future development and growth in the Victoria Glen community to beyond 2031 and provides a comprehensive policy framework for Council decisions with respect to the use of land, provision for municipal services and infrastructure, and the implementation and phasing of development. The VGSP designates portions of the Subject Lands 'Residential Low Rise' and 'Greenway' (See Figure 5) and contains specific development criteria associated with each land use, including minimum and maximum density targets and building heights. Lands designated 'Residential Low Rise' are primarily lower-scale buildings, including single-detached, semi-detached dwellings, duplexes, and townhouses.

Lands designated 'Greenway' represent natural heritage areas. Appropriate buffers have been identified in the Master Environmental Servicing Plan process in support of the VGSP, and limits have been further refined through the Application process as supported by the submitted EIS as confirmed from City, Regional, and TRCA staff.

Table 2 identifies the density analysis for the Proposed Development for Areas 1 and 2, which staff reviewed in the context of the Secondary Plan and are of the opinion that it conforms to the Secondary Plan and 2014 OP.

Table 2: the Proposed Development Density Analysis				
Designation	Area (ha)	Units	VGSP Density Range (UPH*)	Proposed Density (UPH*)
Residential Low Rise	3.735	116.5	25 - 45	31.2

*Units Per Hectare calculated based on the requirements of Section 8.1.8 of the Secondary Plan.

Area 3 of the Subject Lands is designated 'Community Amenity Area' in the HWYSP (See Figure 7), which permits a range of commercial and community related uses that are compatible in terms of scale and use of the adjacent low density residential development. However, Section 5.3.2.b) specifically does not permit new residential uses on lands east of "Old Woodbine Avenue (now Victoria Square Boulevard)" where it adjoins the Hydro One transmission corridor.

The Proposed Development within Area 3 contemplates a conversion to mid-rise residential with no minimum requirements for a commercial component given that Area 3 is not at the intersection of a collector and arterial road where commercial uses are generally directed. In addition, the construction of the Woodbine By-Pass has changed the context of the surrounding area to generally residential in character and has re-directed traffic flow from Area 3, which reduces the visibility and accessibility of any viable commercial component. Consequently, the proposed OPA would facilitate the efficient use of land in a compact urban form while also providing greater housing options within the Victoria Glen community. Staff note that recently approved applications for lands immediately west of Area 3 include permissions for an eight-storey mixed-use mid-rise block with approximately 1,500 m² of at-grade non-residential space that directly fronts onto Woodbine Avenue.

If the Applications are endorsed, Staff recommend that the implementing OPA and ZBLA include permissions for non-residential space within Area 3, but not require a minimum GFA. Further, regarding building height, Staff opine that Area 3 be re-designated 'Mixed Use Mid Rise', which the 2014 MOP permits between three and eight storeys; however, the proposed site-specific OPA shall limit the height to six-storeys, per the Owner's request, given the context of the adjacent low-rise residential community emerging to the east.

Transportation Planning Staff completed review of the transportation impact assessment study and opine that the existing transportation network, along with the proposed new roads can support the Proposed Development. In addition, Development Engineering has confirmed that Water and Sanitary Services are available to accommodate the Proposed Development. Stormwater management will be reviewed in detail by City Engineering during the future detailed design phase and Site Plan Control applications. The technical studies submitted in support of the Applications adequately address the criteria in the 2014 MOP and 1987 MOP policies.

The Subject Lands are zoned 'Agriculture One Zone (A1)' under By-law 304-87, as amended (See Figure 3)

To facilitate implementation of the Applications, the Zoning By-law Amendment (see Appendix 'B') proposes to re-zone the Subject Lands from 'Agricultural One (A1)' under By-law 304-87, as amended, to the appropriate zone categories under the City's new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2024-19, including any site-specific provisions.

On May 8, 2024, the Heritage Markham Committee ("Heritage Markham") reviewed the Applications, with recommended changes, as agreed to by the Owner

As previously noted, the Subject Lands were previously occupied by a municipally listed heritage dwellings known as the "David Hopper House" and "Charlotte Lever House". The dwellings were deemed as not a significant heritage resource and did not warrant conservation partly due to its poor physical condition. Staff noted that the dwellings were demolished without heritage approval and is further detailed in a [memorandum](#) directed to the Heritage Markham Committee's meeting on June 12, 2024. Staff recommended that a plaque to commemorate the dwellings be made as a condition of draft plan approval in the subdivision conditions.

DISCUSSION:

The following section identifies how the matters raised through the review process for the Proposed Development, including those raised at the statutory Public Meeting, have been resolved or considered, are divided into the following two parts:

PART A: Matters Raised by the Public and the DSC

PART B: Matters Raised by City Staff and External Agencies

PART A: Matters Raised by the Public and DSC

- DSC asked if non-residential space could be explored within the proposed mid-rise residential (Block 86) given the lack of community-oriented space in the neighbourhood.** Staff recommend the option to include non-residential space within the proposed mid-rise block rather than require a minimum given the re-directed Woodbine By-Pass and viability of the site for non-residential uses. Also, adjacent development immediately to the west includes non-residential permissions fronting on Woodbine Avenue. Moreover, in 2019, Council approved the City's Integrated Leisure Master Plan ("ILMP"), which is a long-term community master planning

document that addresses Markham's requirements related to parks, recreation, arts and culture, and library facilities and services.

In the FUA, the ILMP prioritizes the need for a major community centre to serve this area. The ILMP recommends that the City seeks opportunities on lands shared with future schools and/or leverage sites that are already City-owned. The existing Victoria Square Community Centre was originally considered as a potential site; however, it was ultimately not preferred due to site constraints including insufficient size. Redeveloping the site would require displacing existing amenities, including the baseball diamond. As a result, an alternative more suitable site within the FUA is being explored that better aligns with the demand and projected growth of this area. Staff's next step is to determine the best site selection approach for Council's decision.

2. DSC expressed concern over the significant number of dwellings backing onto greenspace thereby losing access to the open space.

Block 88 includes a parkette that directly abuts the natural heritage lands to the east. Staff also recommended that the parkette block size be increased. In addition, a trail is being provided along the eastern portion of the Subject Lands with trailheads connecting within the proposed subdivision from Block 91 to the north, and into the recently approved Draft Plan of Subdivision to the south. This trail is consistent with the approved Victoria Glen Demonstration Plan (the "VGDP"), as shown in Figure 6. These measures allow for clear public access to the natural heritage lands located on the Subject Lands, while appropriately preserving them as required.

PART B: Matters Raised by the Public and DSC

1. Proposed Parkette remains undersized per the new Provincial requirements and in consideration of the inclusion of the proposed re-designated Mid-Rise block.

The VGDP and VGSP identify the locations and sizes of parks in the community. Together, these plans ensure an integrated and comprehensive approach to parks planning and development that considers linkages and connectivity, facility requirements, and interface conditions. Both documents contemplate one parkette on the Subject Lands, but do not specify the size, which are regulated by recent Provincial changes through Bill 23 for a minimum of 1 hectare per 600 units and a parkette sized to 0.361 ha (based on the proposed 216.5 units). The documents did not anticipate the conversion of Block 86 and the potential for an additional 100 residential units as part of the community development plans. For clarity, Block 86 is not included within VGSP boundaries, but rather the HWYSP, as described previously.

Through the multiple submissions on the Application a parkette as small as 0.293 ha was proposed. Staff held multiple discussions with the Applicant and have since agreed to the increased parkette sized to 0.337 ha, with any remaining portion of lands owed would be provided to the City through Cash-in-Lieu payment. The exact amount (if any) will be determined through further refinement of the planning instruments and subject to the approximated number of units that can be accommodated on Block 88 (potential mid-rise residential).

To date, the City recently issued the draft plan conditions for the subdivision immediately to the south (First Elgin). Although the adjacent subdivision includes an over-dedication for its neighbourhood park block, the adjacent landowner will be compensated through the Victoria Glen Landowners Group.

2. Revisions to trailhead locations and appropriately sized blocks.

As depicted on the VGDP (see Figure 6) a trail is to be located along the eastern portion of the Subject Lands, with connections near the northern and southern portions. The Owner appropriately accommodated a trailhead within Block 91, however given unsafe grading issues as demonstrated by the Owner, a second trailhead connection along the southern lot line of the Subject Lands was deemed unfeasible.

3. Increased street widths for the Vetmar Avenue extension and Street '1'.

The Owner agreed to the increased street widths, as depicted on Figure 4, to accommodate for sidewalks on both sides of the street on Street '1', and to facilitate the safe vehicular movements within the Vetmar Avenue extension.

4. Inclusion of non-residential space within the proposed re-designated Block 86.

As discussed in this report, Staff originally commented that the proposed re-designated block from commercial to residential include a non-residential component preferably at-grade. However, for the reasons stated previously it was agreed that the block be allotted permissions for non-residential space, but not a minimum or requirement for such uses. Block 86 would be subject to site plan approval (See Figures 7 and 8). The Owner requests a maximum yield of a six-storey residential building in the 'Mixed-Use Mid-Rise' designation, and zoning permissions to permit a townhouse concept to provide flexibility if it is determined a mid-rise built form is not feasible. A future site plan process will include, but are not limited to, a review of built form transitions to adjacent uses, landscape, massing, parking supply, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and waste management.

5. The Greenway System will be protected.

The conditions of Draft Plan Approval require that the Owner covenants and agrees to convey all Greenway and Open Space blocks to the City of Markham in a physical condition to the satisfaction of the City (See Appendix C). In addition, The Owner covenants and agrees to implement the recommendations of the EIS.

6. The Community Energy Plan's (the "CEP") recommendations will be implemented.

The CEP for this area identifies advanced sustainable development practices as they relate to energy use and generation within the Secondary Plan Area. A condition of Draft Plan of Subdivision approval will require the Owner to implement the recommendations of the CEP, including the following sustainability initiatives:

- Low-Impact Development (LIDs) features, such as rear yard infiltration trenches and/or permeable paver driveways
- High energy efficiency building design, including:
 - A minimum of R60 in the attic/roof insulation
 - R10 underslab insulation
 - Triple pane windows or equivalent high performance double pane (U-value 1.4 or lower)
 - Electric Vehicle recharge wiring in all garages
 - Implementation of the Solar Strategy outlined in the CEP
 - Smart thermostats and in-home energy displays

7. The Master Environmental Servicing Plan (the "MESP") for the VGSP has been advance.

The landowners prepared the MESP in support of the Secondary Plan, which assesses a range of environmental and engineering matters associated with the development of lands in the

Secondary Plan Area. It outlines existing conditions relating to surface water, groundwater, terrestrial and aquatic resources. It defines the Glen Greenway System, assesses and recommends stormwater management (SWM), site grading, transportation, water and wastewater servicing requirements. The MESP also identifies potential impacts and mitigation measures, including conceptual design requirements for SWM ponds, Low Impact Development (LID) measures, site grading, management of headwater drainage features (HDFs), wetland water balance and restoration/enhancement recommendations.

As the MESP comments recommended that the sanitary capacity constraint at James Joyce Drive be addressed as Draft Plan of Subdivision conditions for the individual subdivisions within Victoria Glen, the Engineering Department has incorporated a draft condition requiring long term sanitary flow monitoring and analysis to determine whether sanitary sewer upgrades are required (See Appendix C).

8. Victoria Glen Developers Group obligations (the “Developers Group”).

The VGSP integrates the locations of public infrastructure (roads, stormwater management facilities) and the provisions of other community facilities (parks, schools, roads, road improvements, servicing), regardless of property boundaries. To ensure all affected property owners contribute equitably towards the public infrastructure and provisions of other community facilities, a draft plan condition requiring all Owners in the Secondary Plan Area to enter into the Victoria Glen Developers Group Agreement has been incorporated into the conditions (See Appendix C).

CONCLUSION:

Staff opine that the Proposed Development aligns with the goals and objectives of the 2014 and 1987 Official Plans, as it facilitates a mix of residential uses within a low-rise community, with appropriate transitions for the proposed mid-rise block in proximity to an arterial road (Woodbine Avenue). The Proposed Development may also include potential at-grade non-residential uses within the mid-rise block providing community amenities to the emerging and expanding Victoria Glen community. This would be in addition to the non-residential uses proposed in proximity to the Subject Lands to the west in a recently approved mixed-use mid-rise block.

Staff note that the Proposed Development is compatible with the surrounding area and context, provides increased and diverse housing supply options, and preserves the natural heritage resources located on the Subject lands. Staff opine that the Owner's revised plans demonstrate that the Proposed Development would result in minimal impact on the adjacent homes to the south-west. S. Therefore, Staff recommend that the proposed OPA and ZBLA (Appendices 'A' and 'B') be approved at a future Council meeting once they are finalized.

This report recommends approval in principle of the Applications submitted by the Owner on the Subject Lands to facilitate the Proposed Development. Staff opine that the Proposed Development represents good planning and is in the public interest. Staff will continue to work with the Owner to finalize the technical matters including the conditions of approval, and official plan and zoning by-law amendments. Staff do not anticipate any fundamental changes to the Proposed Development and will advance the instruments to a future Council meeting upon resolution of all matters.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report has no financial impact to the Operating Budget or Life Cycle Reserve Study.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Applications have been reviewed in context of the City's Strategic Priorities of Safe Sustainable and Complete Community.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

The Applications were circulated to internal City departments and external agencies. Requirements of the City and external agencies will be reflected in the finalized planning instruments.

RECOMMENDED:

Giulio Cescato , MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Urban Design

Trinela Cane
Commissioner of Corporate Services and Acting
Commissioner of Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

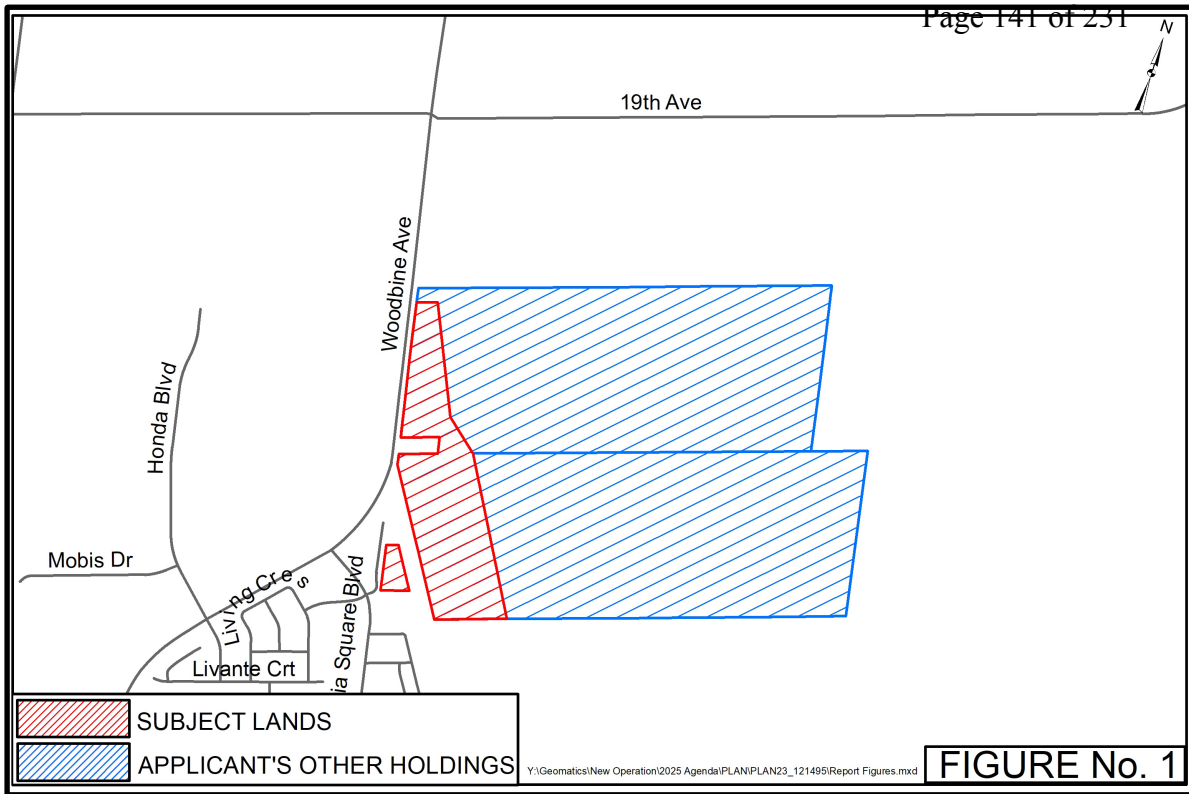
Figure 1: Location Map
Figure 2: Aerial Photo
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Figure 4: Draft Plan of Subdivision
Figure 5: Victoria Glen Secondary Plan
Figure 6: Victoria Glen Demonstration Plan
Figure 7: Highway 404 North Secondary Plan
Figure 8: Block 86 Concept Plan
Figure 9: Block 86 Mid-Rise Building Rendering
Appendix "A" – Owner's Draft Proposed Official Plan Amendment
Appendix "B" – Owner's Draft Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment
Appendix "C" – Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval

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OWNER:

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APPLICANT: Glendower Properties Inc.
11139 Victoria Square Boulevard & 11251 Woodbine Avenue

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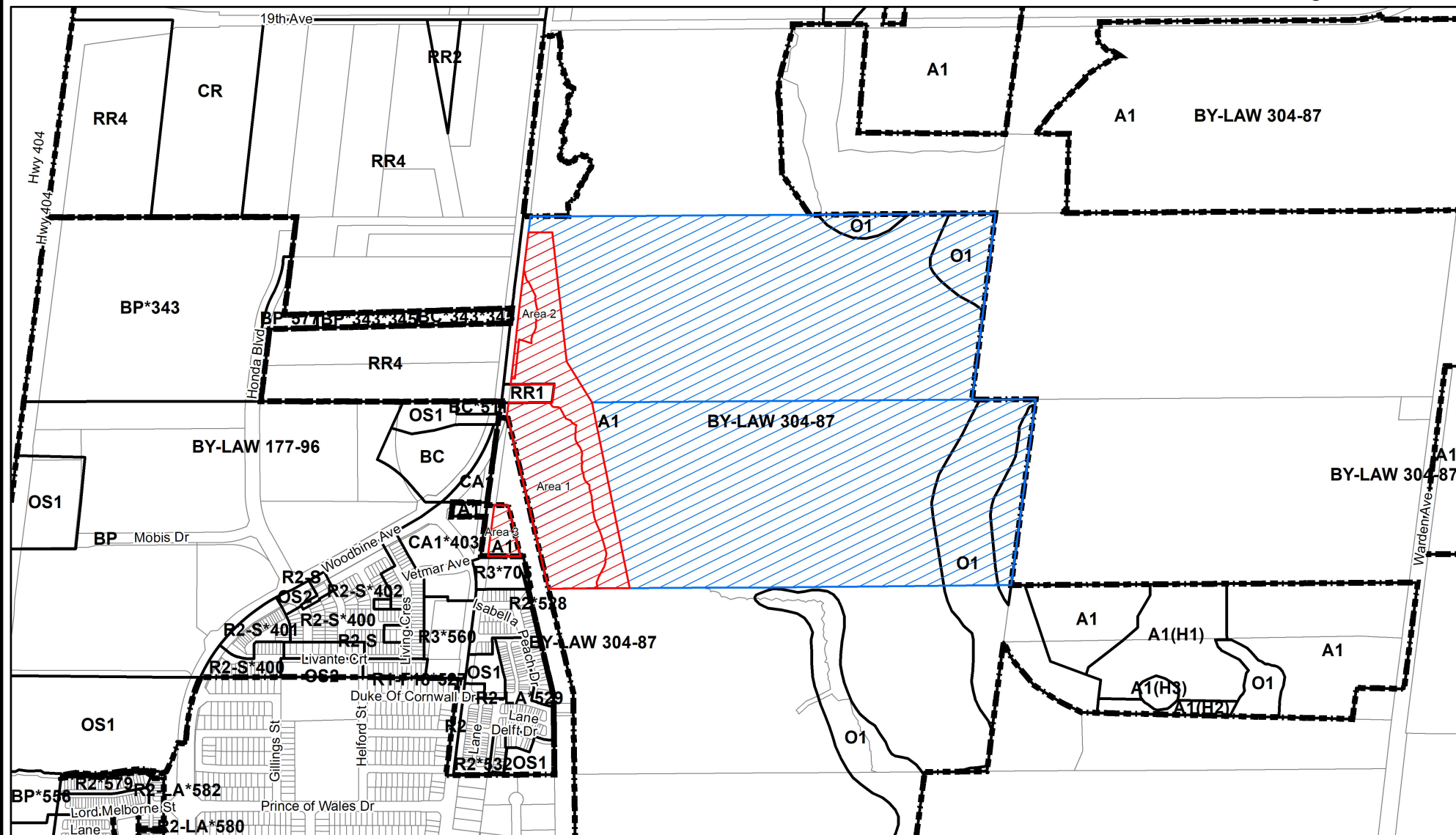
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AREA CONTEXT / ZONING

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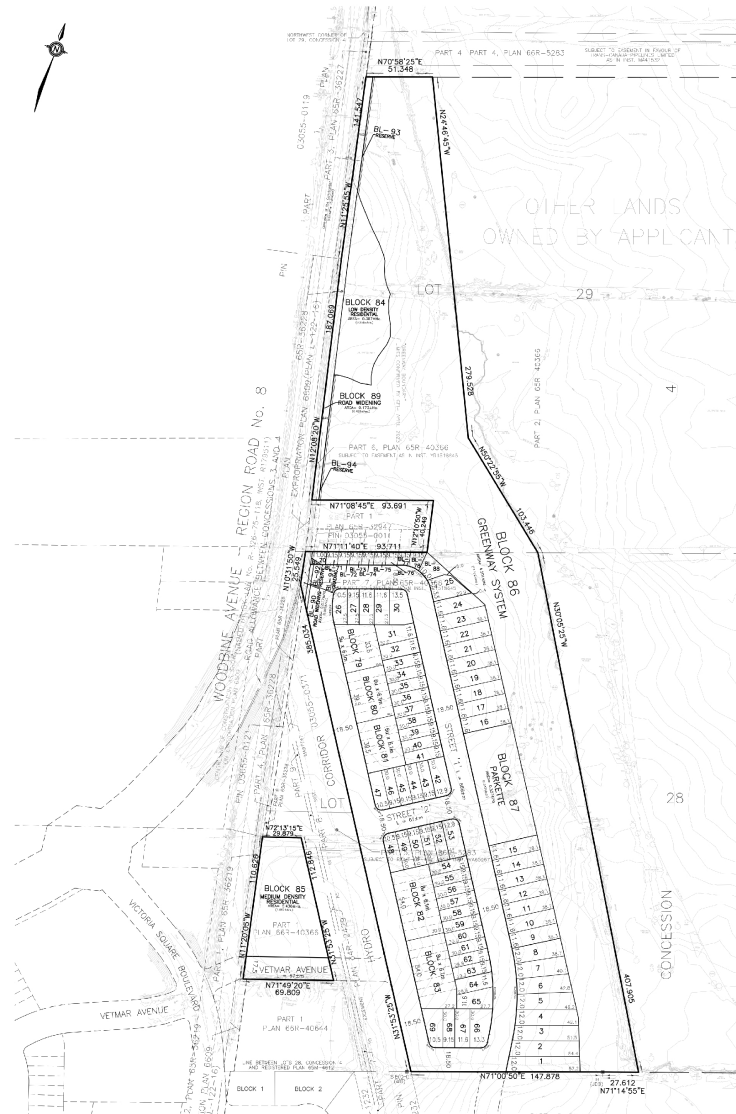
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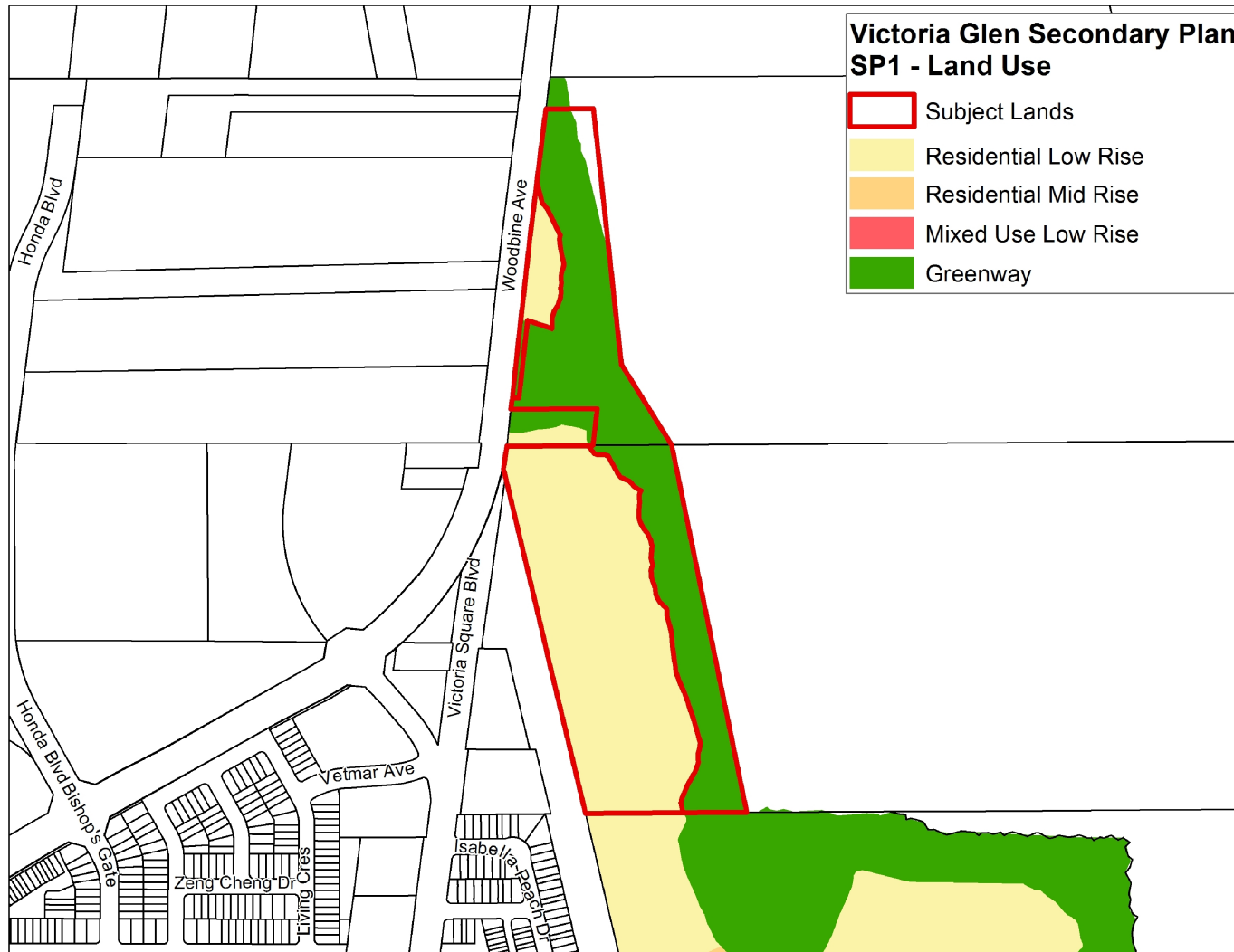


DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

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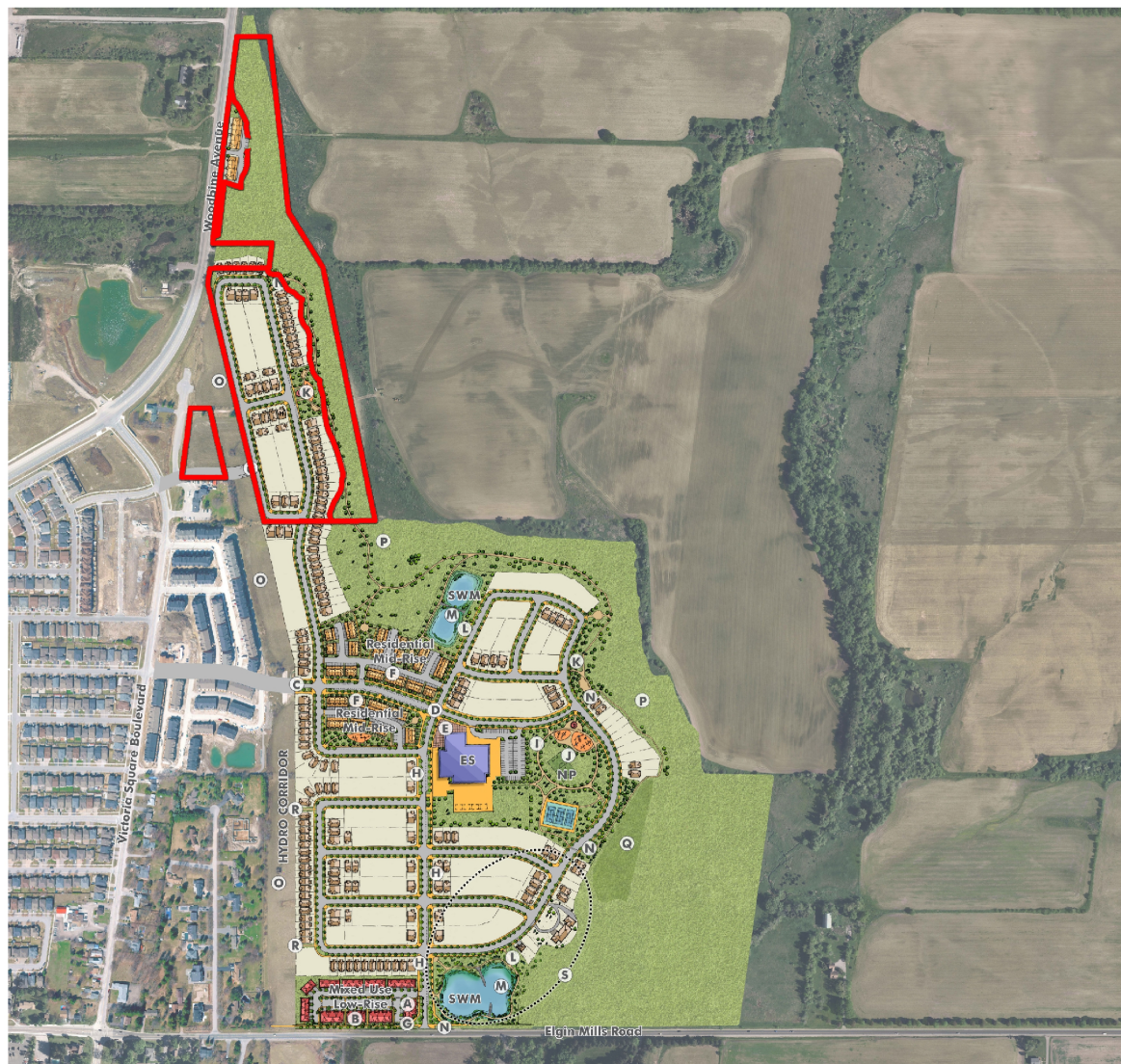


VICTORIA GLEN SECONDARY PLAN

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VICTORIA GLEN DEMONSTRATION PLAN

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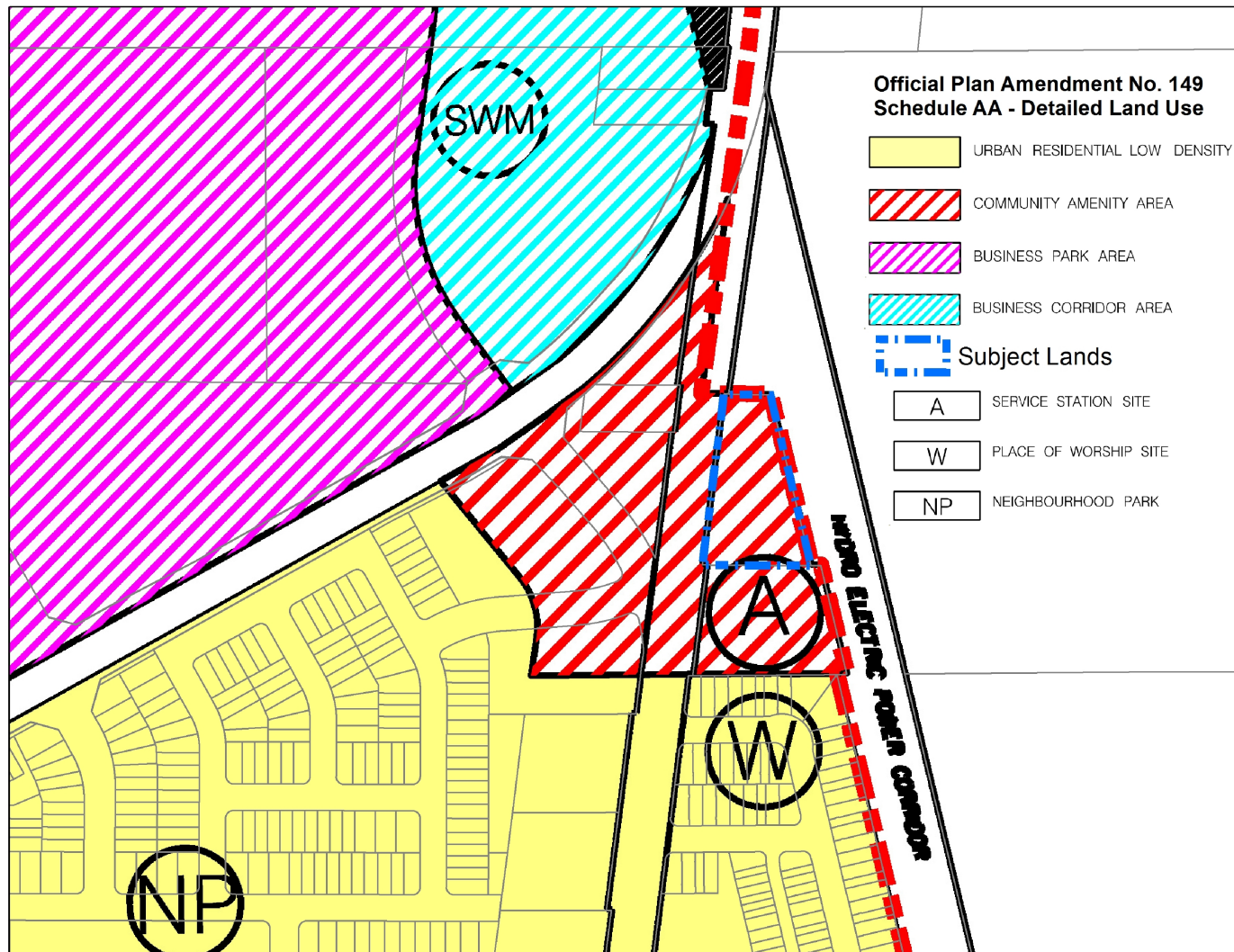
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HIGHWAY 404 NORTH SECONDARY PLAN

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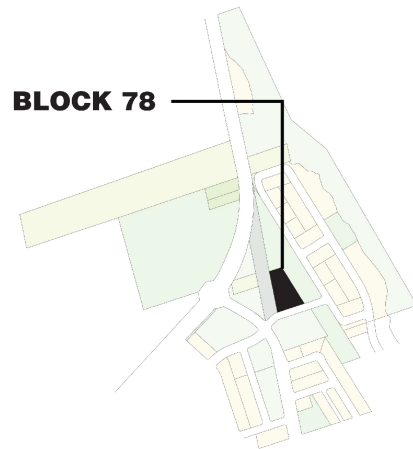
SUMMARY

Site Area
0.44Ha/1.09Ac

Unit Count
98

Density
222.8UpHa/90.2UpAc

Parking Provided (126 Stalls)
Parking Required @1.25 (123 Stalls)



BLOCK 86 CONCEPT PLAN

APPLICANT: Glendower Properties Inc.
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BLOCK 86 MID-RISE BUILDING RENDERING

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OFFICIAL PLAN
of the
CITY OF MARKHAM PLANNING AREA
AMENDMENT NO.

To amend the City of Markham Official Plan 1987, as amended,
and to incorporate Amendment No. X to the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the
Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42)

(April 2023)

OFFICIAL PLAN
of the
CITY OF MARKHAM PLANNING AREA
AMENDMENT NO. _____

To amend the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended and to incorporate Amendment No. X to the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42).

This Official Plan Amendment was adopted by the Corporation of the City of Markham, By-law No. 2023- _____ in accordance with the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990 c.P.13, as amended, on - _____, 2023.

Kimberly Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



By-law 2023-_____

Being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. _____
to the City of Markham Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended

THAT COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990 HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS

1. THAT Amendment No. ____ to the City of Markham Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, attached hereto, is hereby adopted.
2. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and passed on _____, 2023.

Kimberly Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

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PART I - INTRODUCTION

(This is not an operative part of Official Plan Amendment No. ____)

Part I – INTRODUCTION

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1** PART I - INTRODUCTION, is included for information purposes and is not an operative part of this Official Plan Amendment.
- 1.2** PART II - THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, Official Plan Amendment No. XXX to the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended and is required to enact Amendment No. 1 to the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42). Part II is an operative part of this Official Plan Amendment.
- 1.3** PART III – THE SECONDARY PLAN AMENDMENT, including Schedule “A”, attached thereto, constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42). This Secondary Plan Amendment may be identified by the symbol PD 42-1-1. Part III is an operative part of this Official Plan Amendment.

2.0 LOCATION

The lands subject to the Official Plan and Secondary Plan Amendments (the “Amendments”) hereinafter referred to as the subject lands, are shown on “Schedule A” attached hereto as “Area Subject to Amendment ____”. The area subject to the amendment has an area of 0.440 hectares (1.087 acres), is known municipally as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard, and is legally described as Part of Lot 28, Concession 4 in the City of Markham. The proposed amendment will accommodate the development of one hundred (100) residential units located within a 6-storey residential building).

3.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Amendments is to add site-specific policies to the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan that provides for a 6-storey residential apartment building with 100 dwelling units on the subject lands.

4.0 BASIS OF THIS OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

- 4.1** The Amendments to the Markham Official Plan (Revised 1987) and the Highway 404 (Employment) Secondary Plan are provided for under Section 17 of the *Ontario Planning Act*.
- 4.2** The Provincial Policy Statement (2020) (“PPS”) came into effect on May 1, 2020 and provides broad based policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. All decisions affecting planning matters “shall be consistent with” the PPS. The purpose of this amendment is adding site specific policies within the Markham Official Plan (Revised 1987) and the Highway 404 (Employment) Secondary Plan. While the policy direction under the City of Markham

Official Plan (2014) indicates these lands are envisaged for Mixed-Use Low-Rise uses, the location of the site away from the nearest major intersecting arterial road (Woodbine Avenue) within a predominantly residential setting, and having a deep boulevard separation from Victoria Square Boulevard being on the outside curve of that road, which all contribute to a context which is suited to a residential development as proposed. The amendment allows for an efficient use of land in a compact urban form.

- 4.3** The amendment to the Official Plan will permit a residential development which will contribute to the area meeting the density targets outlined in the York Region Official Plan (2022) as required by the Growth Plan. It will improve an underutilized parcel of land, and will contribute to efficient use of existing and planned infrastructure including roads, servicing and other community amenities that will be better utilized through intensification of uses on the site while at the same time being appropriate and compatible with existing surrounding uses. The Amendment conforms to the policies in the Growth Plan.
- 4.4** The York Region Official Plan 2022 (“YROP 2022”) was brought into force by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on November 4, 2022. York Region is the upper tier municipality and the YROP 2022 is the upper-tier planning document. All Amendments to the Town of Markham Official Plan (Revised 1987) and the Highway 404 (Employment) Secondary Plan shall conform to the goals, objectives and policies of the YROP 2022. The subject lands are located with the “Urban Area” and “Community Area” designations in the York Region Official Plan. The “Urban Area” “provides the focus for growth and development” and permits a wide range of residential uses through redevelopment and intensification provided it is complementary and compatible with the existing built form. The proposed development will provide an appropriate residential density in the form of apartment units on an underutilized parcel of land in a built form that is complimentary to the surrounding community. Furthermore, “Community Areas” are where “residential, population-related employment and community services are directed to accommodate concentrations of existing and future population and employment growth”. Additionally, Section 4.1.1. of the YROP describes Community Areas as places where “the majority of residents, personal services, retail, arts, culture, recreational facilities and human services needs, will be located... Community areas shall contain a wide range and mix of housing types, sizes tenures that include options that affordable to residents at all stages of life. The proposed development includes a range of unit mix and sizes, as indicated throughout this Report, which supports the intent of the Community Areas designation of the YROP 2022. The amendment conforms with the ROP 2022.
- 4.5** The lands at 11139 Victoria Street Boulevard are designated “Community Amenity Area” as indicated on “Schedule AA – Detailed Land Use” to the 404 Highway North Secondary Plan. The land use permissions under the designation lend themselves largely to the development of commercial and public uses. The site-specific provisions requested will permit residential uses in a location enabling efficient development of the lands to make use of the parcel’s unique characteristics and location. General policies of the Secondary Plan which are pertinent to the requested amendment are 5.3.2 b) ii) which does not permit new residential uses on lands in the “Community Amenity Area” designation that are located east of the “Old Woodbine Avenue” right-

of-way. Section 5.3.2 a), states that in determining the appropriate uses for lands in the “Community Amenity Area” designation, the Town shall give priority to the convenience retail and service needs of residents and workers within the Planning District, and to the compatibility and scale of uses relative to adjacent low density residential development. Where dwelling units are also permitted, the Town will require these units to be incorporated into mixed-use developments above ground-related retail. Section 5.4.3 of the Secondary Plan also requires that, prior to introduction of additional residential uses adjacent to the hydro corridor, and electromagnetic field (EMF) study must be completed to ensure possible implications to human health are mitigated. The 1987 Official Plan further requires in section 3.4.6.2. b) i) that Community Amenity Area designated lands shall be concentrated at the intersection of an arterial and collector road. The location of the site is approximately 130 metres away from the nearest major intersecting arterial road (Woodbine Avenue), and is separated from other lands in the cluster at the immediate intersection by an existing local road (Old Woodbine Avenue) within a predominantly residential setting, which contributes to a context which is suited to a residential development as proposed. Given other Community Amenity Area designated lands exist at the immediate intersection with Woodbine Avenue to the north, and additionally on the west side of Victoria Square Boulevard, opportunity exists to appropriately achieve the convenience retail and service uses contemplated by the designation to serve the community by the balance of lands with this designation. Furthermore, an EMF study was submitted as part of residential applications to the south, and it is understood that magnetic field levels at the proposed location are acceptable by the applicable standards and guidelines for general public exposure.

- 4.6** An associated Zoning By-law Amendment is also required to implement development standards, including those resultant of the proposed site-specific Official Plan Amendment and Secondary Plan Amendment. The Zoning By-law Amendment will detail permitted uses on the site, including any site-specific development standards required.

PART II - THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

(This is an operative part of Official Plan Amendment No. ____)

PART II - THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

1.0 THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

- 1.1.** Section 1.1.2 of Part II of the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, is hereby amended by the addition of the number XXX to the list of amendments, to be placed in numerical order including any required grammatical and punctuation changes.
- 1.2.** Section 1.1.3 c) of Part II of the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence to be placed immediately after the first sentence of the bullet item dealing with the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42): “This Secondary Plan was further amended by Official Plan Amendment No. XXX to this Plan”.
- 1.3.** Section 9.2.29 of Part II of the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, is hereby amended by adding “, as amended by Official Plan Amendment No. XXX to this Plan”.
- 1.4.** No additional changes to the text or schedules of the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, are being made by this Amendment. This Amendment also incorporates changes to the text of the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42). These changes are outlined in Part III, which comprises Amendment No. 1 to the Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1).

2.0 THE SECONDARY PLAN AMENDMENT

The Highway 404 North Secondary Plan (PD 42-1) for the Highway 404 North Planning District (Planning District No. 42) is hereby amended as follows:

- 1.1.** By adding the following new subsection to Section 5.3.2 and by adding Figure 42-1-X as shown on Schedule “A” attached hereto, to be appropriately placed on the first page following Section 5.3.2 e):
 - “f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3.2 a) and b) ii), the following additional provisions shall apply to the lands designated “Commercial – Community Amenity Area” located at 11087 Victoria Square Boulevard, as shown on Figure 42-1-1:
 - i) A maximum of 100 residential townhouse dwellings shall also be permitted; and
 - ii) The maximum height for an apartment building shall be 6 storeys.”

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

The provisions of the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, regarding the implementation and interpretation of the Plan, shall apply in regard to this Amendment, except as specifically provided for in this Amendment.

This Amendment shall be implemented by a subsequent amendment to the Zoning By-law and site plan approval in conformity with the provisions of this Amendment.

This Amendment to the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, is exempt from approval by the Region of York. Following adoption, notice of Council's decision will be given in accordance with the Planning Act, and the decision of Council is final, if notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing an appeal.

Prior to Council's decision becoming final, this Amendment may be modified to incorporate technical amendments to the text and schedule(s). Technical amendments are those minor changes that do not affect the policy intent of the Amendment. For such technical amendments, the notice provisions of Section 7.13 (c) of Part II of the Official Plan (Revised, 1987) shall not apply.

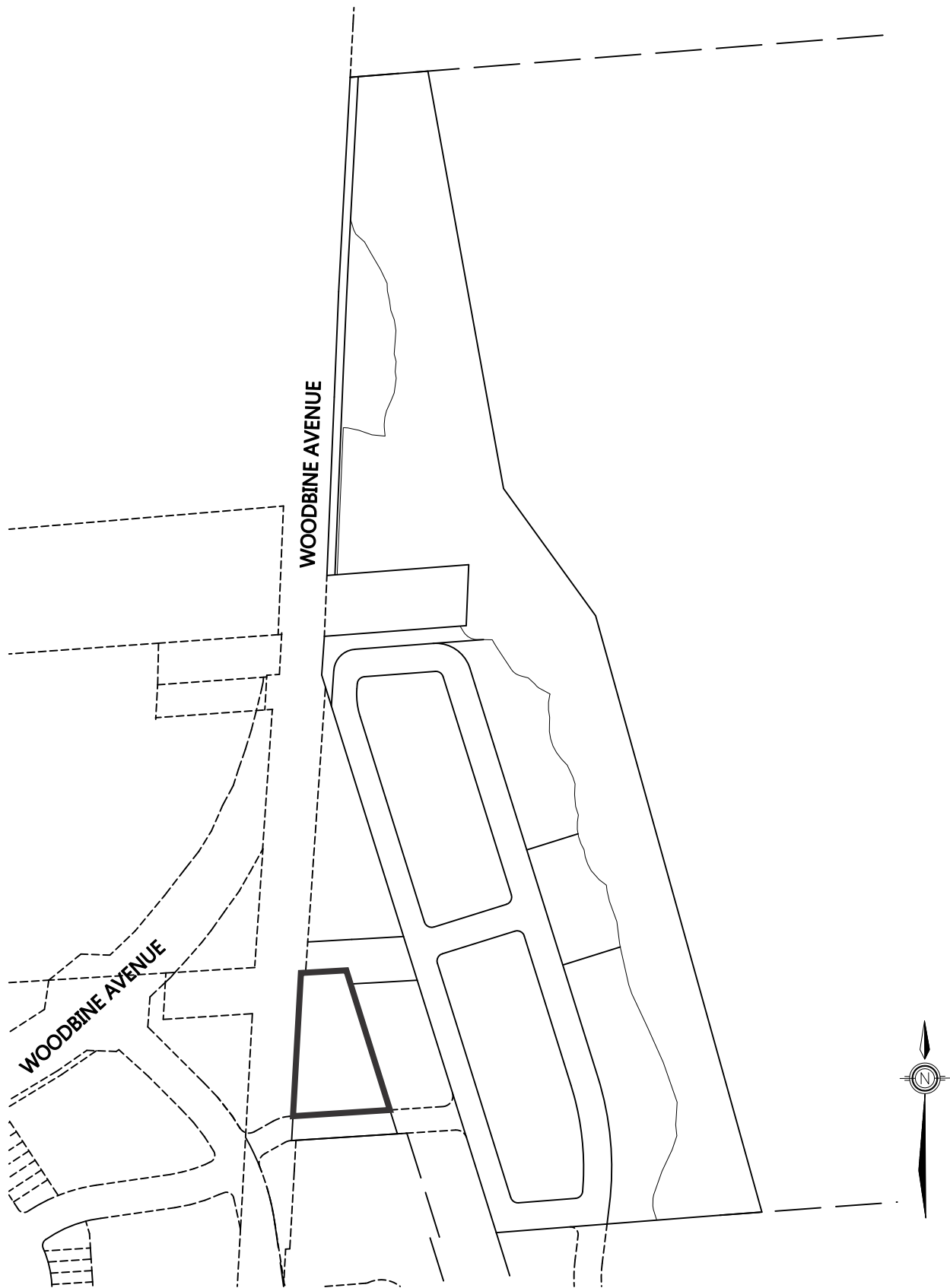


FIGURE 41-1-X TO THE HIGHWAY 404 NORTH SECONDARY PLAN
(PD-42-1)

 BOUNDARY OF LANDS SUBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT

PASSED THIS ____ DAY ____, 2023
____ MAYOR
____ CLERK

NOTE: 1) DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES
2) REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO
THE ORIGINAL BY-LAW LODGED IN
THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK
SCALE 1:1000



BY-LAW 2025-_____

A By-law to amend By-laws 304-87, as amended
(to delete lands from the designated areas of By-laws 304-87)
and to amend By-law 177-96, as amended
(to incorporate lands into the designated area of By-law 177-96)

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. That By-law 304-87, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting the lands shown on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto, from the designated areas of By-law 304-87, as amended.
- 2. That By-law 177-96, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - 2.1 By expanding the designated area of By-law 177-96, as amended, to include additional lands as shown on Schedule “A” attached hereto.
 - 2.2 By zoning the lands outlined on Schedule “A” attached hereto:

from:
Agricultural One (A1) Zone (By-law 304-87)

to:
**Residential Two Exception (R2*AAA) Zone,
Residential Two Exception (R2*BBB) Zone,
Residential Four Exception (R4*CCC) Zone,
Open Space 1 (OS1) Zone,
Greenway (G) Zone (By-law 177-96)**
 - 2.3 By adding the following subsection to Section 7- EXCEPTIONS

Exception AAA	GLENDOWER PROPERTIES INC. 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue	Parent Zone R2
File No.		Amending By-law 2025-_____
Notwithstanding any other provisions of By-law,177-96 the following provisions shall apply to the lands shown on Schedule “A” attached to By-law 2025-____ and denoted by the symbol R2		
Only Permitted Uses		
a)	Townhouse Dwellings	
b)	Home Occupations	
c)	Home Child Care	
Special Zone Standards		
The following specific Zone Standards shall apply to Townhouse Dwellings:		
a)	Notwithstanding any further division or partition of any lands subject to this Section, all lands zoned R2*AAA shall be deemed to be one lot for the purposes of this By-law.	
b)	For the purposes of this By-law, the lot line abutting Woodbine Avenue shall be deemed to be the front lot line.	
c)	For the purposes of this By-law, a private garage shall be permitted to be within or attached to the main building	
d)	Minimum Lot Frontage – 120 metres	
e)	Minimum Lot Area – 0.30 hectares	
f)	Minimum Required Front Yard – 3.0 metres	
g)	Minimum Required Rear Yard – 6.0 metres	
k)	Minimum Width of a Townhouse Dwelling – 6.0 metres	
l)	Maximum Height – 12.5 metres	
m)	Maximum number of Townhouse Dwellings - 9	

Exception BBB	GLENDOWER PROPERTIES INC. 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue	Parent Zone R2
File No.		Amending By-law 2025-_____
Notwithstanding any other provisions of By-law,177-96 the following provisions shall apply to the lands shown on Schedule “A” attached to By-law 2025-____ and denoted by the symbol R2		
Special Zone Standards		
The following specific Zone Standards shall apply:		
a)	Minimum Frontage - Townhouse Dwellings not accessed by a lane – 6.0 metres	
b)	Minimum Required Front Yard – 4.0 metres	
c)	Minimum Required Rear Yard – 6.0 metres	
d)	Notwithstanding Section 6.2.4.2 b) of By-law 28-97, as amended, for lots that are 11.6 metres or less, a minimum 25% soft landscaping shall be provided in the front or exterior side yard in which the driveway is located. For lots that are greater than 11.6 metres 40% soft landscaping shall be provided in the front or exterior side yard in which the driveway is located	
e)	Maximum Height – 12.5 metres	

Exception CCC	GLENDOWER PROPERTIES INC. 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue	Parent Zone R4
File No.		Amending By-law 2025-_____
Notwithstanding any other provisions of By-law,177-96 the following provisions shall apply to the lands shown on Schedule “A” attached to By-law 2025-_____and denoted by the symbol R4		
Additional Permitted Uses		
a)	Townhouse Dwellings	
Special Zone Standards		
The following specific Zone Standards shall apply:		
a)	For the purposes of this By-law, the lot line abutting Vetmar Avenue shall be deemed to be the front lot line	
b)	Minimum Required Interior Side Yard – 3.0 metres	
c)	Minimum Required Rear Yard – 10.0 metres	
d)	Maximum number of dwelling units per hectare – 240	
e)	Maximum height of main wall within 6.0 metres of the front lot line – 26.0 metres	
f)	Maximum Height – 26.0 metres	

2.4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of By-law 177-96, the minimum setback to a TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TCPL) Pipeline Right-of-Way shall be 7.0 metres from a principal permanent building or structure and any parking or loading area, and 3.0 metres from any part of an accessory structure.

Read a first, second and third time and passed on _____, 2025.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



EXPLANATORY NOTE

BY-LAW 2025-_____

A By-law to amend By-law 304-87 and 177-96, as amended

**11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue
Lands located east of Woodbine Avenue
CON 4, PART OF LOT 28**

Lands Affected

The proposed by-law amendment applies to 11.064 hectares (27.339 acres) of land comprised of 3 areas located on the east side of Victoria Square Boulevard and municipally known as 11139 Victoria Square Boulevard and 11251 Woodbine Avenue.

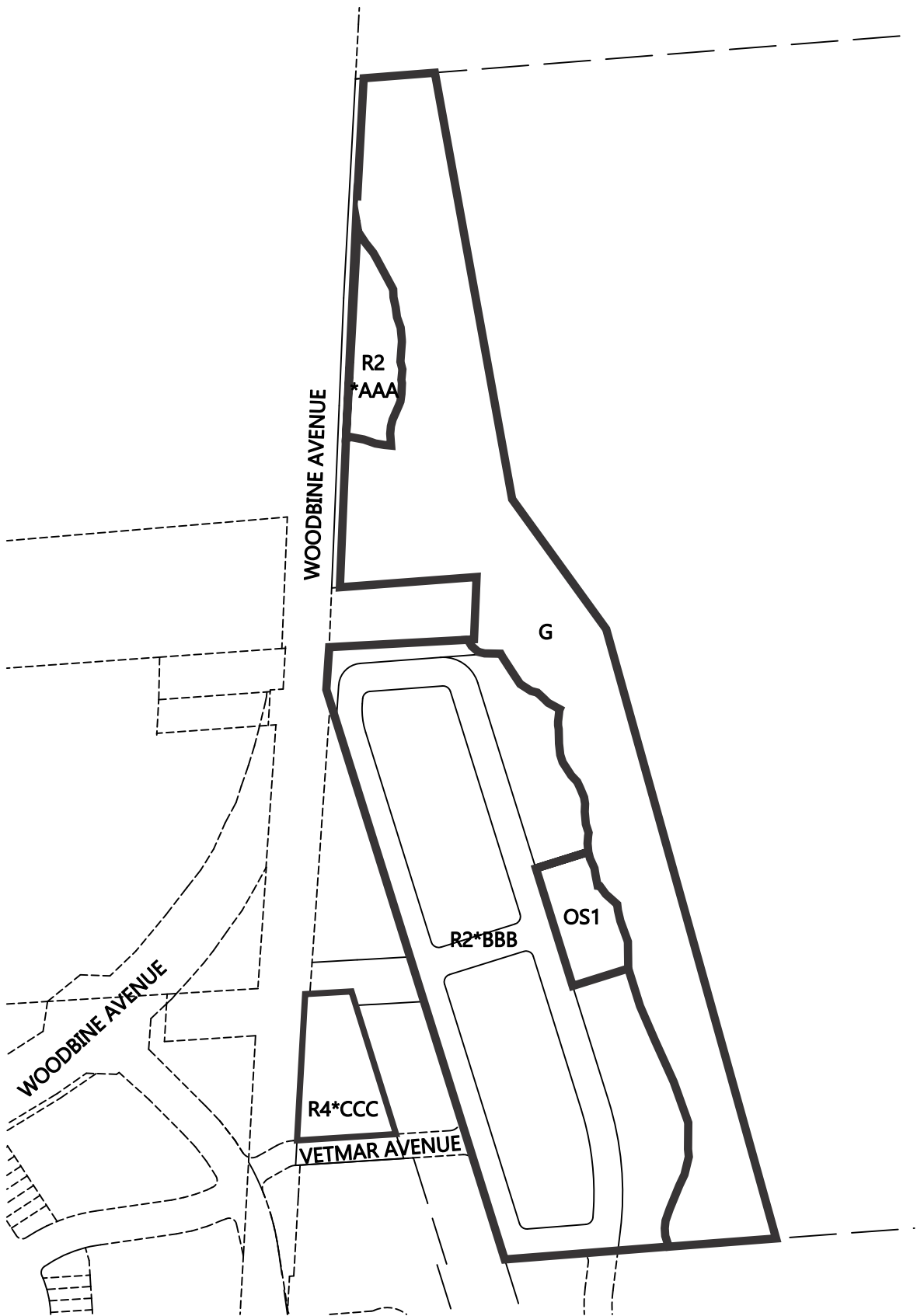
Existing Zoning

The subject land is currently zoned “Agricultural One (A1)” under By-law 304-87, as amended.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose and effect of this By-law is to amend By-law 304-87, as amended and to rezone the subject land to Residential Two Exception (R2-AAA) Zone, Residential Two Exception (R2*BBB) Zone, Residential Four Exception (R4*CCC) Zone, Open Space 1 (OS1) Zone, and Greenway (G) Zone in By-law 177-96, as amended in order to facilitate a residential development consisting of a total of 216.5 units (74.5 single detached dwellings, 33 street townhouse dwellings, 9 rear lane accessed townhouse dwellings, and 100 units within a 6-storey residential building).

SCHEDULE 'A'



BY-LAW SCHEDULE 'A' TO AMEND BY-LAW 177-96

	ZONE BOUNDARY
	RESIDENTIAL TWO
	RESIDENTIAL FOUR
	OPEN SPACE ONE
	GREENWAY
	EXCEPTION SECTION NUMBER



PASSED THIS ____ DAY ____, 2025

____ MAYOR

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 2) REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO
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Appendix C: Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval**THE CONDITIONS OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO RELEASE FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 19TM-23004 GLENDOWER PROPERTIES INC. ARE AS FOLLOWS:****1.0 General**

- 1.1 Approval shall relate to a draft plan of subdivision prepared by KLM Planning Partners Inc. identified as Project No. P-3302, dated May 21, 2025 subject to outstanding City comments being addressed. The draft plan may be further redlined revised, if necessary, in order to meet the City's requirements.
- 1.2 This draft approval shall apply for a maximum period of three (3) years from date of issuance by the City, and shall accordingly lapse on XXXX, XX, 2028 unless extended by the City upon application by the Owner.
- 1.3 The Owner acknowledges and understands that prior to final approval of this Plan of Subdivision, an amendment to the city's zoning by-laws to implement the plan shall have come into effect in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act.
- 1.4 The Owner shall enter into a Subdivision Agreement with the City with terms and conditions satisfactory to the City of Markham.
- 1.5 Prior to the execution of a subdivision agreement, the Owner agrees to obtain required approvals from York Region and any other applicable public agencies to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
- 1.6 Prior to the release for registration of any phase within this Draft Plan of Subdivision, the Owner shall prepare and submit to the satisfaction of the City of Markham, all technical reports, studies, and drawings, including but not limited to the MESP, transportation impact assessment studies, functional traffic designs, transportation demand management plans ("TDM"), stormwater management reports, functional servicing reports, design briefs, detailed design drawings, noise studies, servicing and infrastructure phasing plan, etc., to address all outstanding comments to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering, to support the draft Plan of Subdivision. The Owner agrees to revise the draft Plan of Subdivision, as necessary, to incorporate the design and recommendations of the accepted technical reports, studies, and drawings.
- 1.7 The Owner agrees to design the watermain system to service the development will have a minimum of two independent water supply points to provide for adequate system redundancy and looping for domestic and fire protection purposes, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
- 1.8 The Owner shall agree in the subdivision agreement to design and construct all required relocations of, and modifications to existing infrastructure, including but not limited to, watermains, light standards, utilities, stormwater management facilities and roads to the

satisfaction of, and at no cost to, the City of Markham.

- 1.9 The Owner agrees not to apply for any building permits until the City is satisfied that adequate road access, municipal water supply, sanitary sewers, and storm drainage facilities are available to service the proposed development as required by the City's By-law 2005-104, as amended.
- 1.10 Prior to execution of the subdivision agreement the Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to pay to the City, all required fees, in accordance with the City's Fee By-Law 211-83, as amended by Council from time to time.
- 1.11 Prior to the construction of municipal infrastructure required to service any phase of development, the Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement or Pre-Servicing Agreement, whichever comes first, to submit financial security for each phase of the draft Plan of Subdivision as required by the City of Markham prior to the construction of municipal infrastructure required to service that phase of development.
- 1.12 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to enter into a construction agreement and/or an encroachment agreement and/or any other agreement deemed necessary to permit the construction of municipal services, roads, stormwater management facilities or any other services external to the draft Plan of Subdivision and that are required to service the proposed subdivision phase to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and the City Solicitor (the "External Works").
- 1.13 The Owner agrees to obtain a road occupancy permit if required and/or permission or license to enter, from the external landowners prior to commencing the External Works to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering, Director of Operations and City Solicitor. The Owner shall further agree in the Subdivision Agreement to pay all costs associated with the construction of the External Works to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
- 1.14 The Owner shall implement the designs and recommendations of the accepted technical reports/studies submitted in support of the Draft Plans of Subdivision including but not limited to, traffic studies, functional traffic design study, stormwater management reports, functional servicing reports, design briefs, detailed design drawings, noise studies, to the satisfaction of the City of Markham, and at no cost to the City.

2.0 Transportation Engineering - Roads

- 2.1 The road allowances within the draft plan shall be named to the satisfaction of the City.
- 2.2 The Owner covenants and agrees to design and construct all municipal roads in accordance with City standards and specifications.
- 2.3 Prior to registration of any phase of the subdivision, the Owner agrees to acquire and convey to the City any lands external to the Draft Plan of Subdivision, as necessary, to complete the road infrastructure requirements as recommended in the accepted Transportation Impact Assessment Study including road connection from the

subdivision to Elgin Mills Road East.

- 2.4 Prior to the registration of any phase of the subdivision, the Owner agrees to review and update the cross-section of Street 1 to include sidewalk on both sides consistent to Markham's design standards for local roads to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
- 2.5 Prior to registration of any phase of the subdivision, the Owner acknowledges and agrees that as part of the Transportation Impact Assessment Study, to identify locations where pedestrian crossovers are appropriate to support and maintain continuity of active transportation network to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering. Furthermore, the Owner agrees to design and construct pedestrian crossovers, where required, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering. The pedestrian crossovers shall be constructed at the Owner's sole cost.
- 2.6 Prior to registration, the Owner agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to implement the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan in accordance to the accepted recommendations and provisions as informed by the Transportation Mobility Plan Update Revision #2 dated November 2024 to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees to provide a TDM Letter of Credit in the amount reflective of the TDM measures.
- 2.7 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to provide temporary turning circles where required at their cost and remove them and restore the streets to their normal condition at their cost when required by the City, to the satisfaction of the City of Markham. The design of the temporary turning circles, and any implications on surrounding land use, shall be addressed in the Subdivision Agreement to the satisfaction of the City. The Owner further agrees that dead end streets without temporary turning circles shall be barricaded to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and, conditions respecting the maintenance of such streets by the Owner until acceptance and assumption by the City will be included in the subdivision agreement.
- 2.8 Temporary Turning Circle:
 - a) The Owner shall construct a temporary turning circle at the south end of Street "1" partially over Lots 1, 2 and 67 (the "Turning Circle") and shall remove the Turning Circle and restore the lands as and when directed to do so by the Director of Engineering, all at its own expense, in accordance with the approved engineering drawings. The Owner shall provide security for these obligations in accordance with Schedule "E". The Owner shall provide a temporary easement to the City over the Turning Circle lands for the purposes of public access to the Turning Circle, as required and shown in Schedule "C" at no cost to the City, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and Director of Engineering. The temporary easement will be released upon extension of the road (by others) as set out in clause 8.16(3), to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.
 - b) The Owner agrees that Lots 1, 2 and 67 be placed under an "H" Holding Provision until such time that Street 1 south of the Draft Plan can be constructed to provide access to the

above lot and block.

Hydro Corridor Crossing

- 2.9 The Owner shall agree within the Subdivision Agreement, at its sole cost and expense, arrange for the conveyance to the City of such lands and easements within the hydro corridor required by the Director of Engineering for the 17.5m ROW connection to the existing Victoria Square Boulevard through the hydro corridor at no cost and expense to the City, free and clear of encumbrances to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that such lands are currently owned by HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL (the "Province") and that the Owner shall make all arrangements with the Province and Hydro One for the said conveyance of lands and easements to the City at no cost to the City.

3.0 Development Engineering – Municipal Services

- 3.1 The Owner shall covenant and agree to design and construct all municipal services in accordance with City standards and specifications.
- 3.2 Prior to the release for registration of the Draft Plan of Subdivision, the Owner shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City of Markham that two independent water supply points for adequate redundancy and looping for domestic and fire protection purposes will be provided.
- 3.3 The Owner agrees not to apply for any building permits until the City is satisfied that adequate road access, municipal water supply, sanitary sewers, and storm drainage facilities are available to service the proposed development as required by the City's By-law 2005-104, as amended.
- 3.4 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to revise and/or update the accepted functional servicing and stormwater management reports, if directed by the City in the event that the Director of Engineering determines that field conditions are not suitable for implementation of the servicing and stormwater management strategies recommended in the previously accepted functional servicing and stormwater management reports.
- 3.5 The Owner shall covenant and agree in the Subdivision Agreement that if the proposed sewers connect to existing downstream sewers that are not assumed by the City, to undertake and pay for a sewer video inspection program for the existing sewers to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering. The Owner further agrees to do the sewer video inspection:
- a) Prior to the connection being made;
 - b) Upon the removal of the temporary bulkhead or as directed by the Director of Engineering; and

- c) Upon all roads, parking lots, driveways in the Owners Subdivision having been paved to the final grades, sidewalks, walkways, multi-use paths constructed and boulevards sodded.

The Owner further agrees to provide securities for the video inspection and for flushing and cleaning the existing downstream sewers to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.

- 3.6 The Owner agrees that major overland flows from the subdivision will traverse through external lands not owned by the Owner. The Owner agrees to make the necessary arrangements with the adjacent property owner to construct the overland flow route(s) on the external lands to the downstream receiving stormwater management pond, and convey lands or easement required for the conveyance of overland flows to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.

Groundwater Management

- 3.7 Prior to commencing any constructions, the Owner shall agree to identify any municipal infrastructure potentially susceptible to settlement due to the dewatering activities in the hydrogeology report/settlement assessment. If any are identified, the owner must submit a pre-construction survey (including photos) and CCTV of the municipal infrastructures to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.

Development Engineering - Lands to be Conveyed to the City / Easements

- 3.8 The Owner shall grant required easements to the appropriate authority for public utilities, drainage purposes or turning circles, upon registration of the plan of subdivision. The owner shall also provide for any easements and works external to the draft Plan of Subdivision necessary to connect watermain, storm and sanitary sewers to outfall trunks and stormwater management facilities to the satisfaction of the City.
- 3.9 Upon registration of the plan of subdivision, the Owner shall convey Block 92 to the City, for grading purposes, free of all costs and encumbrances, to the satisfaction of the City

Development Engineering – Utilities

- 3.10 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement that hydro-electric, telephone, gas and television cable services, and any other form of telecommunication services shall be constructed at no cost to the City as underground facilities within the public road allowances or within other appropriate easements, as approved on the Composite Utility Plan, to the satisfaction of the City of Markham and authorized agencies.
- 3.11 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to enter into any agreement or agreements required by any applicable utility companies, including Powerstream, Enbridge, telecommunications companies, etc.
- 3.12 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to facilitate the construction of Canada Post facilities at locations and in manners agreeable to the City of Markham in consultation with Canada Post, and that where such facilities are to be located within public rights-of-way, they

shall be approved on the Composite Utility Plan and be in accordance with the Community Design Plan. The Owner agrees that should it propose an enhanced community mailbox installation, any costs over and above the standard installation must be borne by the Owner, and be subject to approval by the City in consultation with Canada Post.

- 3.13 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to include on all offers of purchase and sale a statement that advises prospective purchasers that mail delivery will be from a designated Community Mailbox. The Owners will further be responsible for notifying the purchasers of the exact Community Mailbox locations prior to the closing of any home sale.
- 3.14 The Owner shall covenant and agree in the Subdivision Agreement to provide a suitable temporary Community Mailbox location(s), which may be utilized by Canada Post until the curbs, sidewalks and final grading have been completed at the permanent Community Mailbox locations. This will enable Canada Post to provide mail delivery to new residents as soon as homes are occupied.
- 3.15 The Owner covenants and agrees that it will permit any telephone or telecommunication service provider to locate its plant in a common trench within the proposed subdivision prior to registration provided the telephone or telecommunications services provider has executed a Municipal Access Agreement with the City. The Owner shall ensure that any such service provider will be permitted to install its plant so as to permit connection to individual dwelling units within the subdivision as and when each dwelling unit is constructed.

6.0 Environmental Engineering - Environmental Clearance

- 6.1 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to retain a “Qualified Person” to prepare all necessary Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) and file Record(s) of Site Condition with the Provincial Environmental Site Registry for all lands to be conveyed to the City. The “Qualified Person” shall be defined as the person who meets the qualifications prescribed by the Environmental Protection Act and O. Reg. 153/04, as amended. The lands to be conveyed to the City shall be defined as any land or easement to be conveyed to the City, in accordance with the City’s Environmental Policy and Procedures for Conveyance of Land to the City Pursuant to the Planning Act.
- 6.2 Prior to the earlier of the execution of a pre-servicing agreement or Subdivision Agreement, the Owner agrees to submit Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) report(s) prepared by a Qualified Person, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act and its regulations and all applicable standards, for all lands to be conveyed to the City for peer review and concurrence.
- 6.3 Prior to the earlier of the execution of a pre-servicing agreement or Subdivision Agreement of a phase within the draft Plan of Subdivision, the Owner agrees to submit environmental clearance(s) and Reliance Letter(s) from a Qualified Person to the City for all lands or interests in lands to be conveyed to the City to the satisfaction of the City of Markham. The Environmental Clearance and Reliance Letter will be completed in accordance with the City’s standard and will be signed by the Qualified Person and a person authorized to bind the Owner’s company. The City will not accept any modifications to the standard Environmental Clearance and Reliance Letter, except as and where indicated in the template.

- 6.4 The Owner agrees that if, during construction of a phase within the draft Plan of Subdivision, contaminated soils or materials or groundwater are discovered, the Owner shall inform the City of Markham immediately, and undertake, at its own expense, the necessary measures to identify and remediate the contaminated soils or groundwater, all in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act and its regulations, to the satisfaction of the City of Markham and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
- 6.5 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to assume full responsibility for the environmental condition of the lands comprising the draft Plan of Subdivision. The Owner shall further agree in the Subdivision Agreement to indemnify and save harmless the City, its directors, officers, Mayor, councilors, employees and agents from any and all actions, causes of action, suite, claims, demands, losses, expenses and damages whatsoever that may arise either directly or indirectly from the approval and assumption by the City of the municipal infrastructure, the construction and use of the municipal infrastructure or anything done or neglected to be done in connection with the use or any environmental condition on or under lands comprising the draft Plan of Subdivision, including any work undertaken by or on behalf of the City in respect of the lands comprising the draft Plan of Subdivision and the execution of this Agreement.
- 6.6 Prior to the conveyance lands to the City, the Owner shall agree to provide to the City, a Letter of Acknowledgement of the Record of Site Condition from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the lands to be conveyed to the City.

7.0 Development Engineering – Storm Water Management

- 7.1 Prior to final approval of the draft plan, the Owner shall submit a stormwater management study, prepared by a qualified engineer, detailing the provision of water quality and quantity management facilities, hydraulic gradelines, overland flow routes, and erosion and siltation controls for the draft plan for approval by the City and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

8 Development Engineering – Services within Regional Road

- 8.1 The Owner acknowledges that any proposed servicing on Woodbine Avenue is subject to the approval from York Region. Prior to execution of the pre-servicing agreement or subdivision agreement, whichever is earlier, the Owner shall obtain approval from York Region for works within the Region right-of-way. In the event, York Region does not permit the installation of the proposed servicing within Warden Avenue right-of-way, the Owner shall revise the draft plan if required to provide alternate locations for the proposed servicing including providing servicing blocks if required to the City, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering.

9.0 Streetlight Types – Municipal Engineering

- 9.1 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to contact the City of Markham prior to commencing the design for streetlighting to confirm the type(s) of poles and luminaires to be provided for different streets and/or lanes.

10.0 Downstream Sanitary Sewer Capacity Analysis and Upgrade:

- 9.2 The Owner acknowledges and agrees that the existing sanitary sewer on James Joyce Drive, south east of Elgin Mills Road and Victoria Square Boulevard, west of the Hydro Corridor (the “Downstream Sanitary Sewer”), has limited capacity to accommodate the additional sewage flows that will be generated by the Owner’s plan of subdivision.
- 9.3 The Owner acknowledges and agrees that the City will conduct long-term flow and rain gauge monitoring in the area for minimum one year beyond 85% occupancy of the Victoria Glen community development by City approved contractor at the expense of the Victoria Glen landowners. Data collected through this monitoring will be used to calibrate the sanitary sewer model for assessing sewer capacities while quantify Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) at the Owner’s expense.
- 9.4 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to adhere to York Region’s Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Standard for the design and construction of public and private-side sanitary sewers and connections. The Owner covenants and agrees to actively reduce I/I within the contributing area.
- 9.5 The Owner shall acknowledge and agree that further development in the area will not proceed if the monitored flow exceed the City’s Design Criteria, as determined at the City’s discretion.
- 9.6 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to provide a Security for the downstream sanitary sewer upgrades required for the Victoria Glen community if such upgrade is required.

11.0 Downstream Sanitary Sewer Improvements (“External Works”):

- 12.1 The Owner agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to design and construct improvements to the Downstream Sanitary Sewer at no cost to the City, obtain written permission from all affected land owners to carry out such external works, and obtain all necessary permits from the City’s Environmental Services and Operations departments prior to the commencement of the work, if the design flow and flow monitoring undertaken above show that the Downstream Sanitary Sewer does not have capacity to accommodate the additional sewage flow that will be generated by any phase or portion of a phase within the Owner’s Plan of Subdivision. The Owner shall provide any developers’ group agreement (if any) relating to the construction of the said upgrades.

12.0 Hydro-Corridor Crossing (“External Works”):

- 13.1 The Owner shall agree within the Subdivision Agreement, at its sole cost and expense, arrange for the conveyance to the City of such lands and easements within the hydro corridor required by the Director of Engineering for the 17.5m ROW connection to the existing Victoria Square Boulevard through the hydro corridor at no cost and expense to the City, free and clear of encumbrances to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that such lands are currently owned by HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL (the "Province") and that the Owner shall make all arrangements with the Province and Hydro One for the said conveyance of lands and easements to the City at no cost to the City.

- 13.2 13.2. Prior to the registration of the subdivision, the Owner shall enter into a Funding Agreement with the City pursuant to which the Owner shall agree to indemnify the City for any claims relating to the City acquiring the said lands and easements and to pay any and all costs in connection with the conveyance of the said lands and easements to the City prior to the City entering into any agreement with the Province for the conveyance of the said lands and easements to the City.
- 13.3 13.3. The Owner further acknowledges and agrees that in the event that the Owner wishes to commence construction on such lands before such lands and easements are conveyed to the City, it shall be responsible for obtaining any required permission from the Province and/or Hydro One to access and construct on such lands at its sole cost and expense.
- 13.4 The Owner agrees within the Subdivision Agreement that the proposed crossing will ensure grading will match into the existing lands without drainage obstructions or conflicts with the existing Toronto Hydro infrastructure and associated buffers.
- 13.5 Prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreement, or Pre-Servicing Agreement, or Construction Agreement, the Owner shall obtain permission from Hydro, in writing, to grade or to perform any Work within the Hydro corridor.

15.0 Fire

- 15.1 Firebreak lots/blocks shall be designated within a subdivision plan agreement, to the satisfaction of the Fire Services.
- 15.2 The adequacy and reliability of water supplies, fire hydrant and fire department connection locations shall be subject to the review and approval of the Fire Services.
- 15.3 Fire hydrants for all developments shall be spaced at intervals not exceeding 90m. Fire hydrants shall be located at the beginning/end of each lane.
- 15.4 The Owner shall acknowledge and agree that building permits will not be issued for lands in any stage of development until the Director of Building Standards has been advised by the Fire Services that there is an adequate water supply for firefighting operations and two separate, remote and unobstructed accesses is available.
- 15.5 To ensure reliability of access for Fire Services vehicles under all conditions, two full moves and unobstructed means of street access, independent of one another shall be provided into the development. If less than two full moves accesses are provided, each dwelling within the development shall be fully equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, designed in accordance with NFPA 13.
- 15.6 A townhouse building shall not exceed a distance of 45m in length.

- 15.7 Lanes that service townhouse blocks with detached garages shall not exceed 90m.
- 15.8 Lanes shall be designed in accordance with minimum fire access route specifications indicated in the Ontario Building Code.

16.0 Waste

- 16.1 The Owner acknowledges that all garbage, recyclables and organic materials shall be collected by the City once weekly in accordance with the City's collection schedule, as it may be amended from time to time. Effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 391/21: BLUE BOX, collection of recyclables shall be the obligation of product producers. The Owner is responsible for contacting the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority, requesting information regarding the organization responsible for providing the site with recycling collection, and establishing recycling collection services.
- 16.2 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to purchase from the City two (2) recycling containers, one (1) green bin and one (1) kitchen collector per dwelling unit, so that each resident may participate in the City's waste management program. Furthermore, the Owner shall ensure that the recycling containers, green bins, kitchen collectors and educational materials provided by the City are deposited in each dwelling unit on or before the date of closing or new occupancy, whichever occurs first.
- 16.3 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement that upon dwelling occupancy, unobstructed roadway access, in accordance with the City's design requirements, will be provided for the safe passage of municipal waste collection vehicles on the designated collection day.
- 16.4 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement that at times when the required access can not be provided, the Owner shall be responsible for moving all residential waste from the occupied dwellings to an alternate location, approved by the City Official, at the Owner's expense, for collection by the City.

17.0 Urban Design

A. STANDARD CONDITIONS

Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan

- 17.1 The Owner shall submit for approval a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreements, to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design in accordance with the Tree Preservation By-Law 2023-164.
- 17.2 The Owner shall submit a site grading plan showing the trees to be preserved based on the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan for approval, prior to the issuance of a Site Alteration Permit, Tree Permit, or Pre-Servicing Agreement, to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design.

- 17.3 The Owner shall obtain written approval from the City's Director of Planning and urban design before destroying or injuring trees within the area of the draft plan.
- 17.4 The Owner shall submit a tree compensation schedule detailing replacement and enhancement planting or the replacement values, for approval by the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design, as part of the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and in accordance with the Tree Preservation By-law 2023-164, City Streetscape Manual, as amended based on the following:
- a) Progressive Aggregate Caliper Method valuations for all trees 20 cm DBH or greater on private lands and for all trees of any size on public lands.
 - b) Where a site does not allow for replacement tree planting, the City will require payment of replacement value based on the Progressive Aggregate Caliper Method valuations required by condition 13.4 a).
 - c) Where trees have been removed or damaged without authorization, the requirement for either the replacement or payment of replacement value shall be determined by the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
 - d) Street trees, restoration planting, and SWM Pond planting shall not be counted towards tree compensation planting.
 - e) Tree compensation planting is not eligible for DC credit.
- 17.5 The Owner acknowledges and agrees to implement the tree compensation schedule on a phase-by-phase basis, including submitting an updated Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan and Landscape Plans for each phase of development

Community Design

- 13.2 The Owner shall implement and incorporate all requirements of the approved Victoria Glen Community Design Plan into all landscape plans, architectural control guidelines, engineering plans and any other required design documents.
- 13.3 The Owner shall retain a design consultant acceptable to the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design to implement the Architectural Control Guidelines.
- 13.4 Plans submitted for model home permits for any building within the Draft Plan of Subdivision shall bear an approval stamp identifying the architectural company retained for architectural control and the signature of the control architect. The approval stamp shall certify that the floor plans, building elevations and site plans are designed in accordance with the approved Architectural Control Guidelines.
- 13.5 The Owner shall ensure that the design architect for any buildings within this Draft Plan of Subdivision shall not also assume the role of control architect for this Draft Plan of Subdivision.
- 13.6 The Owner acknowledges and agrees right-of-way design including intersection configurations shall be consistent with the latest approved North Markham Future Urban Area right-of-way cross sections. Any changes to right-of-way cross-section design shall be approved by the City.

Landscape Works

- 13.7 Prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreement, the Owner shall submit landscape plans prepared by a qualified landscape architect based upon: the North Markham Urban Design Guidelines, the approved Architectural Control Guidelines, the approved Victoria Glen Community Design Plan, and the Glendower Subdivision Trail Design Brief, to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design, and including the following:
- a) For all public streets, streetscape plan and street tree planting in accordance with the City Streetscape Manual dated June 2009, as amended;
 - b) A specialized depth of topsoil (300mm minimum) in the entire municipal boulevard
 - c) for sod, and a specialized depth of planting soil (900mm minimum) in continuous
 - d) planting trenches to appropriately plant boulevard trees in accordance with the
 - e) City Streetscape Manual dated June 2009, as amended;
 - f) For all corner lots provide privacy wood screen corner lot fencing, as required;
 - g) Noise attenuation fencing as required;
 - h) For all lots backing or flanking onto an Open Space Block, or Greenway Block, , a 1.5m high galvanized steel chain-link fence to be installed along the property boundary and entirely within public lands (footing and fencing).
 - i) For areas where a galvanized steel chain link fence meets a privacy or acoustic fence, the galvanized steel chain link fence shall overlap the abutting privacy or acoustic fence by 0.5 m and provide a separate footing to deter entrance to an Open Space Block, or Greenway Block, and minimize conflicts with the privacy or acoustic fence foundation;
 - j) For all lots flanking onto Mid-block Walkway Connection Blocks, Servicing Blocks, or utility notches, a 1.2 m high decorative metal fence (footing and fencing) shall be placed on the private property and be aligned with the privacy or acoustic fence. The building shall be setback at a minimum of 2.4 m from the property line (3.0 m is preferred);
 - k) For all lots backing or flanking onto Park Blocks, a 1.5 m high black vinyl chain link fence (footing and fencing) shall be placed on private property and be aligned with privacy or acoustic fence;
 - l) For all lots backing or flanking onto hydro corridors, a 1.5 m high black vinyl chain link fence (footing and fencing) shall be placed on the private property and be aligned with the privacy or acoustic fence;
 - m) For window street flanking onto hydro corridors, a 1.5 m high black vinyl chain link fence (footing and fencing) and/or retaining wall (footing and retaining wall) shall be placed on hydro one property;
 - n) For Open Space Blocks and Mid-block Walkway Connection Blocks provide landscaping;
 - o) Any trail related-works, including but not limited to trails, trail amenities, and trailheads within Greenway Blocks, Open Space Blocks, Servicing Blocks, and Walkway Blocks;

- p) Landscaping should be provided between each townhouse block;
- q) Any other landscaping as determined in the Community Design Plan, Architectural Control Guidelines and Tree Inventory and Compensation Schedule; and
- r) For Open Space Blocks and Greenway Blocks, provide tree compensation planting, buffer planting, restoration planting, and the inclusion of habitat features

- 17.18 The Owner shall construct all landscape works referred to in Condition 13.7 in accordance with the approved plans at no cost to the City. The construction of trail network, item 13.7 l) is not eligible for Development Charge credits at the discretion of the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
- 17.19 The Owner shall not permit their builders to charge home purchasers for the items listed in Condition 17.19.
- 17.20 The Owner shall include in all agreements of purchase and sale the following clause:

“PURCHASERS ARE ADVISED THAT AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF THE SUBDIVISION WITHIN WHICH THIS LOT IS LOCATED, THE CITY HAS REQUIRED THE DEVELOPER TO UNDERTAKE AND BEAR THE COST OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- STREET TREES (TREES PLANTED IN THE CITY BOULEVARD OR IN ADJACENT PUBLIC LANDS OR PRIVATE LOTS to meet 13.7 a).
- FENCING AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY.
- FENCING AT LANES (IF SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY THE CITY).
- TREE PLANTING IN REAR YARDS ADJOINING THE LANES (IF SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY THE CITY).
- NOISE ATTENUATION FENCING AS IDENTIFIED IN THE NOISE IMPACT STUDY.
- FENCING OF SCHOOLS, PARKS, WALKWAYS, SERVICING, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY BLOCKS.
- BUFFER PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING FOR, WALKWAY AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY BLOCKS
- SUBDIVISION ENTRY FEATURE AND DECORATIVE FENCING AS IDENTIFIED ON LANDSCAPE PLANS APPROVED BY THE CITY.
- FRONT YARD LANDSCAPING FOR CERTAIN LANE BASED TOWNHOUSE UNITS.

THE DEVELOPER HAS BORNE THE COST OF THESE ITEMS AND THE HOMEPURCHASER IS NOT REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THIS EXPENSE.”

Trail System

- 17.21 The Owner acknowledges and agrees to implement a trail system; the Greenway Block 87, and Open Space Block 91, in accordance with the requirements of the Community Design Plan and the Glendower Subdivision Trail Design Brief, dated January 2025,

to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design and the City's Director of Engineering. The Owner shall make best efforts to coordinate the construction of the trail system on its lands with the abutting subdivision (19TM-23007), so that the trails on both subdivisions and be opened to the public at the same time.

- 17.22 The Owner agrees to provide the detailed design of the trail system for approval by the Director of Planning and Urban Design prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreement.

Financial

- 17.24 Prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreement, the Owner shall provide a Letter of Credit, in an amount to be determined by the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design, to ensure compliance with applicable tree preservation, tree compensation, restoration planting, habitat features, fencing, streetscape, landscape works, and other landscaping requirements applicable to the subject phase.

B. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 17.23 The Owner shall retain a design consultant to prepare Architectural Control Guidelines to be submitted to the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design for approval prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreement.
- 17.25 The Architectural Control Guidelines shall include provisions requiring buildings to comply with the City's Bird Friendly Guidelines.
- 17.26 The Owner shall retain a design consultant to prepare Architectural Control Guidelines that incorporate age-friendly design elements to comply with the City's Age-Friendly Design Guidelines.
- 17.27 The Architectural Control Guidelines shall include provisions requiring a minimum of 5% of the low-rise product to be limited to having 2 risers or less (not including the door threshold) to the level of the porch. The architectural design and site grading shall be proposed to accommodate with these requirements.
- 17.28 The Owner acknowledges and agrees to submit elevation drawings and floor plans for all townhouse blocks identified in the Architectural Control Guidelines, identifying all proposed utility metres and AC condenser unit locations, stamped by the Control Architect, to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager of Urban Design, prior to submission of application for any building permits.
- 17.29 The Owner acknowledges and agrees prior to the execution of the Subdivision Agreement to provide a 1.5 m wide sidewalk on both sides of Street 1, and the minimum required boulevard space for street tree planting within the right of way, to the satisfaction of City's Director of Engineering and Planning and Urban Design.
- 17.30 The Owner agrees to provide an accessible walkway connection to Woodbine Avenue upon the full build-out of Woodbine Avenue to the satisfaction of the City's Director

of Planning and Urban Design.

Parks and Open Space

- 17.25 The Owner covenants and agrees that the parkland dedication requirement for the Draft Plan of Subdivision is 0.337 hectares (the "Total Parkland Requirement"), as per a rate of 1 hectare per 600 units, for a total unit count of 202 units, and is calculated as follows.

$$1 \text{ hectare} / 600 \text{ units} \times 202 \text{ units} = \mathbf{0.337 \text{ hectares}}$$

- 17.26 The Owner acknowledges and agrees that this parkland dedication requirement is calculated for a total of up to but not exceeding 202 units. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that any increase in the number of units within the Subdivision beyond the approved 202 units, may trigger additional parkland dedication requirements, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
- 17.27 The Owner covenants and agrees to convey Park Block 88 inclusive to the City, free of all costs and encumbrances, to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design, upon registration of the first phase of the plan of subdivision

Block Number	Park Type	Area
Block 88	Parkette	0.337 hectares

- 17.28 Prior to the release for registration of this Draft Plan of Subdivision, the Owner shall provide the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design with a letter from the Victoria Glen Landowners Group Trustee indicating the total parkland dedication to date for this Draft Plan of Subdivision and the adjacent Draft Plan of Subdivisions, as of the date of the subject phase's Subdivision Agreement execution.

Base Park Development

- 17.29 The Owner shall provide and/or install the following in support of the base park construction for Block 88:
- 100 mm diameter water line be installed to service the Park Block 88. The water services will have a shutoff valve at the park property line with the service extending one metre into the park block and shall be plugged;
 - A 120/240 volt, single-phase, three-wire power supply to be made available to the Park Block 88. The provision of this power supply will consist of a 3-conductor #3/0 aluminum underground cable drop located inside of the park property, three metres from the street line and one metre from the adjacent property line. The cable supply will originate from the closest single-phase pad mounted transformer and will be left coiled and attached to a 2"x4" wood stake, visible above grade;
 - rough grade using clean structural -fill to minus 300mm (+50mm tolerance) below finished grade from the approved engineered grading plans or 12" below (+2"

tolerance) and certified by the Engineer, in accordance with City standards. Grade to be inspected and certified by the Engineer as engineered, structural, debris free, non-organic, compacted to 95% SPD and shall be accompanied by the Engineer's seal which has been signed and dated by them along with an electronic CAD drawing file containing as-built information which supports the certification of grades minus 300mm (+50mm tolerance) below engineered grading plans. Plans shall show spot elevations on a 10m x 10m grid, contours at 0.25m contour intervals, as well as perimeter grades which match approved grading plans. Should any issues arise during park construction with regards to the structural capacity of the sub-soil or presence of topsoil fill, debris, etc., and additional works are required to ensure that the Park can be built to City standards, the Owner shall, at the direction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design, undertake such as additional work as required;

- d. upon the completion of rough grading and topsoiling of the Park Block 88, provide geotechnical report completed by a qualified professional confirming suitable parkland soil requirements, bearing capacity of subsoil, textural class, and chemical analysis identifying no contaminants with a bore hole log report including a minimum of four (4) boreholes per acre. Should the results of the existing sub soils not meet suitable park land soil requirements or should any issues arise during above base park construction by the City with regards to the structural capacity of the sub-soil or presence of topsoil fill, debris, etc., and additional works are required to ensure that the park can be built to City standards, the Owner shall, at the direction of the City's Director of Planning and Urban Design undertake such additional work as required to excavate and remove soils to an appropriate depths and supply and install suitable soils at the Owners expense;
- e. prior to spreading topsoil, provide results of topsoil fertility testing, confirming that the topsoil to be installed in the Park meets the City's requirement for levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, micro nutrients and its textural class and organic content etc. The Owner agrees to amend topsoil according to the City's current specifications for 'Topsoil and Finish Grading', to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design;
- f. provide and install topsoil to a depth of 300 mm spread over the entire park including removal of all boulders and non-organic debris larger than 100mm from topsoil, and seed the park with a City approved seed mix to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design;
- g. install temporary fence around entire Park at the property line, complete with construction gate, in accordance with OPSD 971.101 and maintain the fencing until for the two-year maintenance period, or until final acceptance of the Park by the City;
- h. grade, topsoil and sod all adjacent boulevards and maintain turf debris free;
- i. base parkland as-built survey (AutoCAD format) completed by an Ontario Land Surveyor that is to the satisfaction of Director of Planning and Urban Design;
- j. any other landscaping required by the approved Community Design Plan; and
- k. maintenance of the Park, including cutting the grass a minimum of six times per year, between the dates of May 1 and October 30th, for the two-year maintenance period and removal of all refuse, junk, stones, dumping, debris or other material

deposited on the Park, at the expense of the Owner until final acceptance of the Park by the City, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design.

- l. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing park components set out in clauses (a) to (k) are not eligible for credit against development charges.
- m. Stockpiles, shoring/staging works, or storage of construction equipment or materials, other than the materials, equipment, and stockpiles required for the base park work, are not permitted on lands conveyed or to be conveyed to the City for park purposes unless approved in writing by the Director of Planning and Urban Design

- 17.30 Stockpiles, shoring/staging works, or storage of construction equipment or materials, other than the materials, equipment, and stockpiles required for the base park work, are not permitted on lands conveyed or to be conveyed to the City for park purposes unless approved in writing by the Director of Planning and Urban Design.

17.0 Planning

- 17.1 Prior to final approval of the draft Plan of Subdivision or any phase thereof, the Owner shall enter into a Developers Group Agreement(s) to ensure the provision of community and common facilities such as school sites, municipal services, parks and public roads in the Victoria Glen Secondary Plan area, to the satisfaction of the City (Commissioner of Development Services and City Solicitor), and a certificate confirming completion of such agreement(s) shall be provided to the City by the Developers Group Trustee to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.
- 17.2 That the Owner covenants and agrees to provide written clearance from the Trustee of the Victoria Glen Landowners Group, prior to registration of any phase of the draft Plan of Subdivision, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
- 17.3 The Owner shall provide and post display plans in all sales offices which clearly indicate the location of the following facilities in relation to the lot being purchased, prior to any Agreements of Purchase and Sale being executed by the Owner, a builder, or their real estate agents:

Parks by type, including a Park Concept Plan and Streetscape Plans; stormwater management facility and related facilities; schools by type; place of worship sites; other institutional sites by type; commercial sites by type; other surrounding land uses and facilities as specified by the City; existing or future; arterial and collector roads, transit routes and stops; City approved sidewalk, walkway and bike route locations; City approved postal box and utility furniture locations or possible locations if prior to approval; City lot grading standards.

All display plans shall be reviewed and approved at the sales office by City staff, prior to the displaying at the sales office.

- 17.4 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to include warning clauses in agreements of purchase and sale for all units with single car garages advising purchasers of the following:

- a) the City's parking by-law requires a minimum of two parking spaces, one in the driveway and one in the garage;
- b) the City's zoning by-law restricts the width of the driveway, this width does not allow two cars to park side by side; and,
- c) overnight street parking will not be permitted unless an overnight street parking permit system is implemented by the City.

- 17.5 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to implement the strategy and actions of the Community Energy Plan in support of the City's net zero emissions by 2050 objective, to the satisfaction of the Director of Sustainability and Asset Management and the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
- 17.6 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to provide a minimum of six (6) of the low-rise units with built-in secondary suites, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
- 17.7 The Owner covenants and agrees in the Subdivision Agreement to offer their purchasers at the time of sale the following options to facilitate aging in place and improved accessibility:
- a) Ramps where suitable
 - b) Primary bedroom on the main floor on select models
 - c) Elevators or the potential to accommodate a future elevator on select models
 - d) Secondary entrances to facilitate secondary suites
 - e) Double front entry doors for detached designs
 - f) Open floor plans where possible, with minimum hallway widths of 36 inches or greater
 - g) Pull down lever style door handles
 - h) Electrical outlets placed 18- 24 inches from the floor level throughout the home, except over kitchen and bathroom counters
 - i) Main bathroom with wood reinforcing built into the walls of the bath tub and over the toilet for future installation of grab bars
 - j) A walk- in shower in all master bathrooms
 - k) Generous primary bedroom shower sizes that can accommodate shower seats
 - l) Generous main floor stair widths and appropriate railings to accommodate future chair lifts

18.0 Canada Post

- 18.1 The Owner/developer agrees to include on all offers of purchase and sale, a statement that advises the prospective purchaser that mail delivery will be from a designated Community Mailbox.
- 18.2 The Owner/developer will be responsible for notifying the purchaser of the exact Community Mailbox locations prior to the closing of any unit sale.
- 18.3 The Owner/developer will consult with Canada Post Corporation to determine suitable locations for the placement of Community Mailbox and to indicate these locations on

the appropriate servicing plans.

- 18.4 The Owner/developer will provide the following for each Community Mailbox site and include these requirements on the appropriate servicing plans:
- a) An appropriately sized sidewalk section (concrete pad) to place the Community Mailboxes on.
 - b) Any required walkway across the boulevard.
 - c) Any required curb depressions for wheelchair access.
- 18.5 The Owner/developer further agrees to determine and provide a suitable temporary Community Mailbox location(s), which may be utilized by Canada Post until the curbs, sidewalks and final grading have been completed at the permanent Community Mailbox locations. This will enable Canada Post to provide mail delivery to the new homes as soon as they are occupied.
- 18.6 The Owner/developer further agrees to provide Canada Post at least 60 days' notice prior to the confirmed first occupancy date to allow for the community mailboxes to be ordered and installed at the prepared temporary location.

19.0 York Region

- 19.1 The Owner/developer further agrees to provide Canada Post at least 60 days' notice prior to the confirmed first occupancy date to allow for the community mailboxes to be ordered and installed at the prepared temporary location.
- 19.2 The Owner shall save harmless the City of Markham and York Region from any claim or action as a result of water or sanitary sewer service not being available when anticipated.
- 19.3 The Owner shall agree that no private vehicular access will be permitted to Woodbine Avenue, except for Block 85. Access to Block 85, subject to further review, shall be consolidated, and exclusive turn lanes shall be provided on Woodbine Avenue.
- 19.4 The Owner shall agree to provide direct pedestrian and cycling connections to the boundary roadways and adjacent developments, as well as facilities on the site (e.g., convenient and secure bike racks near entrances) to promote the usage of non-auto travel modes. The Owner shall provide drawings to show the pedestrian and cycling connections and facilities.
- 19.5 The Owner shall agree to implement the recommendations of the Transportation Study, including TDM measures and incentives, as approved by the Region.
- 19.6 The Owner shall agree to advise all potential purchasers of the existing and future introduction of transit services. The Owner/consultant is to contact YRT Contact Centre (tel. 1-866-668-3978) for route maps and the future plan maps.
- 19.7 The Owner shall agree in wording satisfactory to Development Engineering, that an Engineering Approval or a Site Plan Application approval from the Region is required to be in place before the commencement of any site alteration or construction works

for Block 85 abutting Woodbine Avenue.

- 19.8 The Owner shall agree where enhanced landscape features beyond street tree planting, sod and concrete walkways are proposed in the York Region Right-of-Way by the Owner or the area municipality, these features must be approved by Development Engineering and shall be maintained by the area municipality. Failure to maintain these landscape features to York Region's satisfaction will result in the area municipality incurring the cost of maintenance and/or removal undertaken by the Region.
- 19.9 The Owner shall agree to implement the noise attenuation features as recommended by the noise study and to the satisfaction of Development Engineering
- 19.10 The Owner shall agree that where berm, noise wall, window and/or oversized forced air mechanical systems are required, these features shall be certified by a professional engineer to have been installed as specified by the approved Noise Study and in conformance with the Ministry of Environment guidelines and the York Region Noise Policy.
- 19.11 The following warning clause shall be included with respect to the lots or blocks affected:
- "Purchasers are advised that despite the inclusion of noise attenuation features within the development area and within the individual building units, noise levels will continue to increase, occasionally interfering with some activities of the building's occupants".
- 19.12 Where noise attenuation features will abut a York Region Right-of-Way, the Owner shall agree in wording satisfactory to York Region's Development Engineering, as follows:
- a) That no part of any noise attenuation feature shall be constructed on or within the York Region Right-of-Way;
 - b) That noise fences adjacent to York Region roads may be constructed on the private side of the 0.3 metre reserve and may be a maximum 2.5 metres in height, subject to the area municipality's concurrence;
 - c) That maintenance of the noise barriers and fences bordering on York Region Right-of-Way's shall not be the responsibility of York Region.
- 19.13 The Owner shall agree to be responsible for determining the location of all utility plants within York Region Right-of-Way and for the cost of relocating, replacing, repairing and restoring any appurtenances damaged during construction of the proposed site works. The Owner must review, or ensure that any consultants retained by the Owner, review, at an early stage, the applicable authority's minimum vertical clearances for aerial cable systems and their minimum spacing and cover requirements. The Owner shall be entirely responsible for making any adjustments or relocations, if necessary, prior to the commencement of any construction.

Conditions to be Satisfied Prior to Final Approval

- 19.14 The road allowances included within the draft plan of subdivision shall be named to the satisfaction of the City of Markham and York Region.
- 19.15 The Owner shall provide to the Region the following documentation to confirm that water and wastewater services are available to the subject development and have been allocated by the City of Markham:
- a) A copy of the Council resolution confirming that the City of Markham has allocated servicing capacity, specifying the specific source of the capacity, to the development proposed within this draft plan of subdivision; and
 - b) A copy of an email confirmation by a City of Markham staff member stating that the allocation to the subject development remains valid at the time of the request for Regional clearance of this condition.
- 19.16 The Owner shall provide an electronic set of the final engineering drawings showing the water and wastewater infrastructure for the proposed development to Development Services and Infrastructure Asset Management for record.
- 19.17 Concurrent with the submission of the subdivision servicing application to the area municipality, the Owner shall provide a set of engineering drawings, for any works to be constructed on or adjacent to the York Region road, to Development Engineering, Attention: Manager, Development Engineering, that includes the following drawings:
- a) Plan and Profile for the York Region road and intersections;
 - b) Cross Section on York Region right-of-way at 20m interval where the site is abutting;
 - c) Grading and Servicing;
 - d) Intersection/Road Improvements, including the recommendations of the Traffic Report;
 - e) Construction Access Design;
 - f) Utility and underground services Location Plans based on SUE Investigation with Level A accuracy at crossings and Level B accuracy for alignment and the info shown on the drawings;
 - g) Traffic Control/Management Plans;
 - h) Erosion and Siltation Control Plans;
 - i) Landscaping Plans, including tree preservation, relocation and removals;
 - j) Arborist Report;
 - k) Sidewalk locations, concrete pedestrian access to existing and future transit services and transit stop locations as required by York Region Transit/Viva;
 - l) Functional Servicing Report (water, sanitary and storm services);
 - m) Water supply and distribution report;
 - n) Engineering drawings showing plan and profile views of proposed sewers and watermains and appurtenances, including manholes, watermains, valves, hydrants, etc. proposed within the subdivision.
- 19.18 The Owner shall submit a detailed Development Charge Credit Application to York Region, if applicable, to claim any works proposed within the York Region Right-of-Way. Only those works located in their ultimate location based on the next planning upgrade for this Right-of-Way will be considered eligible for credit, and any work done

prior to submission without prior approval will not be eligible for credit.

- 19.19 The Owner shall provide drawings for the proposed servicing of the site to be reviewed by the Engineering Department of the area municipality.
- 19.20 The location and design of the construction access for the subdivision work shall be completed to the satisfaction of Development Engineering and illustrated on the Engineering Drawings.
- 19.21 The Owner shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Development Engineering, that all existing driveway(s) along the Regional road frontage of this subdivision will be removed as part of the subdivision work, at no cost to York Region.
- 19.22 The Owner shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Development Engineering that elevations along the streetline shall be 0.2 metres above the centreline elevations of the York Region roadway, unless otherwise specified by Development Engineering.
- 19.23 The Owner shall have prepared, by a qualified Tree Professional, a Tree Inventory and Preservation / Removals Plan and Arborist Report identifying all existing woody vegetation within the York Region Right-of-Way to be removed, preserved or relocated. The report / plan, submitted to Development Engineering for review and approval, shall adhere to the requirements outlined in the York Region Street Tree and Forest Preservation Guidelines and shall be to the satisfaction of York Region Natural Heritage and Forestry Staff.
- 19.24 The Owner shall have prepared, by a qualified professional Landscape Architect, landscape design plans detailing landscape works and street tree planting in the York Region Right-of-Way as required by any and/or all of the following, York Region's Streetscaping Policy, York Region's Street Tree Preservation and Planting Design Guidelines, any prevailing Streetscape Masterplan or Secondary Plan or as required by Urban and Architectural Design Guidelines.
- 19.25 Region's Street Tree Preservation and Planting Design Guidelines, any prevailing Streetscape Masterplan or Secondary Plan or as required by Urban and Architectural Design Guidelines.
- 19.26 The Owner shall engage the services of a consultant to prepare and submit for review and approval, a noise study to the satisfaction of Development Engineering recommending noise attenuation features.
- 19.27 The Region requires the Owner submit a Phase One Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA") in general accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act and O. Reg. 153/04 Records of Site Condition, as amended ("O. Reg. 153/04"). The Phase One ESA must be for the Owner's property that is the subject of the application and include the lands to be conveyed to the Region (the "Conveyance Lands"). The Phase One ESA cannot be more than two (2) years old at: (a) the date of submission to the Region; and (b) the date title to the Conveyance Lands is transferred to the Region. If the originally submitted Phase One ESA is or would be more than two (2) years old at the actual date title of the Conveyance Lands is transferred to the Region, the Phase One ESA will need to be either updated or a new Phase One ESA

submitted by the Owner. Any update or new Phase One ESA must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Region and in general accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 153/04. The Region, at its discretion, may require further study, investigation, assessment, delineation and preparation of reports to determine whether any action is required regardless of the findings or conclusions of the submitted Phase One ESA. The further study, investigation, assessment, delineation and subsequent reports or documentation must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Region and in general accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 153/04. Reliance on the Phase One ESA and any subsequent reports or documentation must be provided to the Region in the Region's standard format and/or contain terms and conditions satisfactory to the Region.

The Region requires a certified written statement from the Owner that, as of the date title to the Conveyance Lands is transferred to the Region: (i) there are no contaminants of concern, within the meaning of O. Reg. 153/04, which are present at, in, on, or under the property, or emanating or migrating from the property to the Conveyance Lands at levels that exceed the MOECC full depth site condition standards applicable to the property; (ii) no pollutant, waste of any nature, hazardous substance, toxic substance, dangerous goods, or other substance or material defined or regulated under applicable environmental laws is present at, in, on or under the Conveyance Lands; and (iii) there are no underground or aboveground tanks, related piping, equipment and appurtenances located at, in, on or under the Conveyance Lands.

The Owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and delivery of the Phase One ESA, any subsequent environmental work, reports or other documentation, reliance and the Owner's certified written statement.

19.28 Upon registration of the plan, the Owner shall convey the following lands to York Region for public highway purposes, free of all costs and encumbrances, to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor:

- a) A widening across the full frontage of the site where it abuts Woodbine Avenue of sufficient width to provide a minimum of 20.5 metres from the centreline of construction of Woodbine Avenue and any lands required for additional turn lanes at the intersections, and
- b) A 0.3 metre reserve across the full frontage of the site, except at the approved access location, adjacent to the above noted widening, where it abuts Woodbine Avenue and adjacent to the above noted widening(s).

19.29 The Owner shall provide a solicitor's certificate of title in a form satisfactory to York Region Solicitor, at no cost to York Region with respect to the conveyance of the above noted lands to York Region.

19.30 The Owner shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Development Engineering, that all local underground services will be installed within the area of the development lands and not within York Region's road allowance. If a buffer or easement is needed to accommodate the local services adjacent to York Region's Right-of-Way, then the

Owner shall provide a satisfactory buffer or easement to the Area Municipality, at no cost to the Region.

- 19.31 The Owner shall provide an executed copy of the subdivision agreement with the local municipality to the Regional Corporate Services Department, outlining all requirements of the Corporate Services Department.
- 19.32 For any applications (Site Plan or Zoning By-law Amendment) deemed complete after January 1, 2020, the Owner shall enter into a Development Charge Rate Freezing Agreement with York Region to freeze/lock in the Development Charge rate at the time the site plan application or Zoning By-law Amendment is deemed complete submission, satisfy all conditions, financial and otherwise, and confirm the date at which Regional development charge rates are frozen; Regional Development Charges are payable in accordance with Regional Development Charges By-law in effect at the time that Regional development charges, or any part thereof, are payable. Please contact Fabrizio Filippazzo, Manager, Development Financing Administration to initiate a Development Charge Agreement with York Region.
- 19.33 The Regional Corporate Services Department shall advise that Conditions 1 to 30 inclusive, have been satisfied

20.0 Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP)

- 20.1 The Owner shall agree in the subdivision agreement to satisfy any requirements with respect to the Provincial Endangered Species Act.

21.0 Heritage

- 21.1 That as a condition of the development approval, the owner provide and install at their cost, an interpretive baked enamel "Markham Remembered Plaque" to commemorate the history of the Henry and Charlotte Lever House.

23.0 Rogers

- 23.1 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to (a) permit all CRTC-licensed telecommunications companies intending to serve the Communications Service Providers facilities within the Subdivision, and (b) provide joint trenches for such purpose.
- 23.2 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to grant, at its own cost, all easements required by the Communications Service Providers to serve the Subdivision, and will cause the registration of all such easements on title to the property.
- 23.3 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement to coordinate construction activities with the Communications Service Providers and other utilities, and prepare an overall composite utility plan that shows the locations of all utility

infrastructure for the Subdivision, as well as the timing and phasing of installation.

- 23.4 The Owner shall agree in the Subdivision Agreement that, if the Owner requires any existing Rogers facilities to be relocated, the Owner shall be responsible for the relocation of such facilities and provide where applicable, an easement to Rogers to accommodate the relocated facilities.

24.0 **Natural Heritage**

- 24.1 The Owner covenants and agrees to convey all Greenway and Open Space blocks to the City of Markham in a physical condition to the satisfaction of the City.
- 24.2 The Owner covenants and agrees to implement the recommendations of the Environmental Impact Study.
- 24.3 That prior to final approval of the draft plan, the Owner agrees to prepare a Natural Heritage Restoration Plan for Greenway and Open Space Blocks. The NHRP shall include detailed landscape plans prepared to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Urban Design.
- 24.4 The Owner covenants and agrees to provide a Letter of Credit in the subdivision agreement to secure the ecological restoration and trail construction works identified in the NHRP.
- 24.5 The Owner covenants and agrees to include warning clauses in all agreements of purchase and sale for any lot abutting a Greenway or Open Space Block providing notice that "Lands adjacent to this property have been conveyed to the City of Markham for environmental protection purposes. These lands will be left in an untouched, naturalized state. Purchasers are advised that building encroachments, dumping of yard waste and removal of trees/vegetation are not permitted on city-owned lands. No fence gates shall be permitted between private property and environmentally sensitive areas. Purchasers are further advised that trails are planned to be constructed within the valley system which may result in pedestrian traffic and noise".
- 24.6 The Owner covenants and agrees to prepare and distribute a natural heritage stewardship guide to all purchasers abutting a Greenway or Open Space Block.
- 24.7 The Owner covenants and agrees to ensure that the trailhead (Block 91) shall be zoned OS1.

25.0 **TRCA**

- 24.8 The final Plan of Subdivision shall be in general conformity with the draft plan prepared by KLM Planning, dated November 19, 2024 and signed by Stephen Kosmachuk; OLS dated February 12, 2025. Prior to a request for clearance of any phase of this plan, to:
- a) Include blocks that are to be conveyed to the Municipality or TRCA as appropriate to the satisfaction of the City of Markham and TRCA.

- b) Meet the requirements of TRCA's conditions, including the adjustment of block lot lines to the satisfaction of the City of Markham and TRCA as a result of the completion of required studies.
 - c) Should the above not be adequately addressed in the Plan, red-line revision will be required to the satisfaction of the TRCA, to address the Authority's requirements with respect to these conditions
- 24.9 The final Plan of Subdivision shall be in general conformity with the Victoria Glen Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP). Should the draft plan of subdivision not adequately reflect the MESP, a red-line revision will be required to the satisfaction of the TRCA.
- 24.10 Prior to registration of the Plan of Subdivision, the applicant shall provide an M-Plan demonstrating any adjusted block lines, additional blocks, and any other required revisions to the satisfaction of the City of Markham and TRCA.
- 24.11 That prior to any development, pre-servicing or site alteration, or registration of this plan or any phase thereof, the owners or their agents submitting constructed prior to the subject development the following plans and reports to the satisfaction of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority:
- a. A revised Functional Servicing Report and/or written verification that either:
 - i. The downstream storm sewers and SWM Pond BZ10 have sufficient capacity for the conveyance of stormwater from the subject subdivision; or
 - ii. Written confirmation that the downstream Storm Water Management Pond BZ10 will be constructed prior to the subject subdivision.
 - b. Detailed grading plans for the subject lands. These plans must indicate how grade differentials will be accommodated without the use of retaining walls within or adjacent to valley and stream corridor blocks. All modifications to existing slopes must result in geotechnically-stable slopes to the satisfaction of the TRCA.
 - c. Plans illustrating that all works, including all grading, site alterations, or materials associated with these activities, will not encroach, or be placed on lands outside of the development areas. These plans must also identify no grading works and fill placement within the valley corridor, beyond those approved by the TRCA.
 - d. Information detailing all anticipated temporary dewatering that may be required during the construction phases, including anticipated volumes, duration, discharge locations, and filtration media – as required, to the satisfaction of the TRCA, for the purposes of confirming whether erosion is anticipated and whether a TRCA permit is required.
- 24.12 That prior to any development, pre-servicing or site alteration, the applicant obtains all permits pursuant to the Conservation Authorities Act from the TRCA for all works proposed on the subject property for which permits would be required and those related to any associated off-site infrastructure or stormwater management works required to support this development. No grading, pre-servicing or temporary stormwater management works are to be initiated within TRCA's Regulated Areas until such time as a permit from the TRCA and all requisite

TRCA approvals are attained.

- 24.13 That the size and location of Stormwater Management Blocks and LID measures, including any outlets and outfalls and any stormwater management infrastructure utilized for quantity control, be confirmed to the satisfaction of the TRCA. And, if required to meet TRCA requirements, red-line revisions be made to the plan to expand these blocks or modify their size or configuration into the surrounding lands within this subdivision which are currently proposed for development.
- 24.14 That a warning clause be included in all agreements of purchase and sale, and information be provided on all community information maps and promotional sales materials for private lots or blocks on which infiltration related infrastructure such as LID's, rear yard swales and catch basins are located which identifies the following:
- a. That underground and/or surface stormwater management infrastructure is located on the subject property, which forms an integral part of the stormwater management infrastructure for the community. It is the owner's responsibility for the long-term maintenance of this system by ensuring that proper drainage is maintained. Grading within the rear yard, such as swales which convey stormwater to this system must remain in their original form.
- 24.15 That a warning clause be included in all agreements of purchase and sale, and information be provided on all community information maps and promotional sales materials for blocks and lots adjacent to TRCA regulated lands:
- a. The owners are advised that the rear lot lines are adjacent to environmental protection lands, which are regulated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. These lands are considered to be part of the publicly owned environmental protection area, which is intended to remain naturalized, and will not be actively maintained. A future public trail may be located within all or a part of this area, however private uses such as picnic, barbeque or garden areas; storage of materials and/or the dumping of refuse or ploughed snow are not permitted on these lands. In addition, access to the adjacent TRCA lands through the subject property is not permitted. Private rear yard gates are prohibited.
- 24.16 That the owner shall provide a comprehensive planting and restoration strategy having specific regard for the CUP3-3 unit recognizing that it supports the adjacent Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) as well as any proposed grading encroachment into the PSW buffer. The owner commits to funding the implementation of the restoration and enhancement plans on the subject lands, as well as any associated monitoring and warrantee to the satisfaction of TRCA and in accordance with the recommendations of the EIS.
- 24.17 That the owner agrees in the subdivision agreement, in wording acceptable to the TRCA:
- a) To carry out, or cause to be carried out, to the satisfaction of the TRCA, the recommendations of the technical reports and plans referenced in TRCA's conditions.

- b) To implement the requirements of the TRCA's conditions in wording acceptable to the TRCA.
- c) To design and implement on-site erosion and sediment controls in accordance with current TRCA standards.
- d) To maintain all stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control structures operating and in good repair during the construction period, in a manner satisfactory to the TRCA.
- e) To obtain all necessary permits pursuant to the conservation Authorities Act from the TRCA.
- f) To erect a permanent fence to the satisfaction of the TRCA on all lots and blocks abutting natural areas and their buffers (if gratuitously dedicated to the TRCA).
- g) To implement all water balance/infiltration measures identified in the submitted studies that have or are to be completed for the subject property.
- h) Implement all adaptive management and mitigation measures identified in the submitted design reports that have or are to be completed for the subject property.
- i) To provide for the warning clauses and information identified in TRCA's conditions.
- j) That where required to satisfy TRCA's conditions, development shall be phased within this plan.
- k) That prior to a request for renewal of draft approval of any phase of this subdivision, that the owner consult with the TRCA with respect to whether the technical studies submitted in support of this development remain to meet current day requirements, and that the owner update any studies and plans, as required, to reflect current day requirements.

26.0 Hydro One

26.1 Any proposed secondary land use on the transmission corridor is processed through the Provincial Secondary Land Use Program (PSLUP). The developer must contact Johnny Bi, Real Estate Coordinator at johnny.bi@hydroone.com to discuss all aspects of the subdivision design, ensure all of HONI's technical requirements are met to its satisfaction, and acquire the applicable agreements.

26.22. Prior to HONI providing its final approval, the developer must make arrangements satisfactory to HONI for lot grading and drainage. Digital PDF copies of the lot grading and drainage plans (true scale), showing existing and proposed final grades, must be submitted to HONI for review and approval. The drawings must identify the transmission corridor, location of towers within the corridor and any proposed uses within the transmission corridor. Drainage must be controlled and directed away from the transmission corridor.

26.3 Any development in conjunction with the subdivision must not block vehicular access to any HONI facilities located on the transmission corridor. During construction, there must be no storage of materials or mounding of earth, snow or other debris on the transmission corridor.

26.44. At the developer's expense, temporary fencing must be placed along the transmission corridor prior to construction, and permanent fencing must be erected along the common property line after construction is completed.

26.55. The costs of any relocations or revisions to HONI facilities which are necessary to accommodate this subdivision will be borne by the developer. The developer will be responsible for restoration of any damage to the transmission corridor or HONI facilities thereon resulting from construction of the subdivision.

26.66. This letter and the conditions contained therein should in no way be construed as permission for or an endorsement of proposed location(s) for any road crossing(s) contemplated for the proposed development. This permission may be specifically granted by OILC under separate agreement(s). Proposals for any secondary land use including road crossings on the transmission corridor are processed through PSLUP. HONI, as OILC's service provider, will review detailed engineering plans for such proposals separately, in order to obtain final approval.

Should approval for a road crossing be granted, the developer shall then make arrangements satisfactory to OILC and HONI for the dedication and transfer of the proposed road allowance directly to the City of Markham.

Access to, and road construction on the transmission corridor is not to occur until the legal transfers or lands or interests are completed.

In addition, HONI requires the following be conveyed to the developer as a precaution:

23.16. The transmission lines abutting the subject lands operate at either 500,000, 230,000 or 115,000 volts. Section 188 of Regulation 213/91 pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, require that no object be brought closer than 6 metres (20 feet) to an energized 500 kV conductor. The distance for 230 kV conductors is 4.5 metres (15 feet), and for 115 kV conductors it is 3 metres (10 feet). It is the developer's responsibility to be aware, and to make all personnel on site aware, that all equipment and personnel must come no closer than the distance specified in the Act. They should also be aware that the conductors can raise and lower without warning, depending on the electrical demand placed on the line.

26.0 TransCanada PipeLines Limited

23.2 TCPL's right-of-way shall be dedicated to the municipality as passive open space or parkland subject to TCPL's easement rights. TCPL's right-of-way shall be identified on all municipal plans and schedules as a pipeline/utility corridor.

23.3 A crossing and encroachment permit/agreement must be approved by TCPL for ongoing activities such as mowing or maintenance of the right-of-way on public lands.

23.4 The conditions, restrictions or covenants specified by TCPL shall be included in a separate agreement between TCPL and the Owner, and the Owner shall register

such agreement against title to the Subject Lands prior to registration of the subdivision plan by way of application to register conditions, restrictions or covenants, as applicable, pursuant to the Land Titles Act, or any amendments thereto.

23.5 Written consent must be obtained from TCPL prior to undertaking the following activities:

- a. Constructing or installing a facility across, on, along or under a TCPL right-of-way. A facility may include, but is not limited to: driveways, roads, access ramps, trails, pathways, utilities, berms, fences/fence posts;
- b. Conducting a ground disturbance (excavation or digging) on TCPL's right-of-way or within 30 metres of the centreline of TCPL's pipeline (the "Prescribed Area");
- c. Driving a vehicle, mobile equipment or machinery across a TCPL right-of-way outside the travelled portion of a highway or public road;
- d. Using any explosives within 300 metres of TCPL's right-of-way; and e.
- e. Use of TCPL's Prescribed Area for storage purposes.

23.6 During construction of the site, temporary fencing must be erected and maintained along the limits of the right-of-way by the Owner(s) to prevent unauthorized access by heavy machinery. The fence erected must meet TCPL's specifications concerning type, height and location. The Owner is responsible for ensuring proper maintenance of the temporary fencing for the duration of construction.

23.7 Permanent fencing may be required along the limits of TCPL's right-of-way. The fence erected must meet TCPL's and the municipality's specifications concerning type, location, and height. Any excavations for fence posts on, or within 30 metres of the pipeline must be done by hand or hydro vac. There shall be no augers operated on the right-of-way. The Owner shall notify TCPL 3 business days prior to any excavation for fence posts located on or within 30 metres of the pipeline. All fences made of metallic materials must be approved by TCPL prior to being erected on or within 30 metres of the pipeline.

23.8 Storage of materials and/or equipment on TCPL's right-of-way is not permitted.

23.9 Where TCPL consents to any ground disturbances in proximity to any TCPL pipeline, the original depth of cover over the pipelines within TCPL's right-of-way shall be restored after construction. This depth of cover over the pipelines shall not be compromised due to rutting, erosion or other means.

23.10 Facilities shall be constructed to ensure that drainage is directed away from the right-of-way so that erosion that would adversely affect the depth of cover over the pipelines does not occur. Catchment basins, drainage swales or berms are not permitted within TCPL's right-of-way. All infrastructure associated with site servicing, grading, and stormwater management (e.g. subdrains, manholes, catchbasins, retention walls, storm ponds, culverts/riprap) shall be setback a minimum of 7 meters from the edge of TCPL's right-of-way.

- 23.11 Should pooling of water or erosion occur on the right-of-way as a result of any facility installation or landscaping, the Owner will be responsible for the remediation to TCPL's satisfaction.
- 23.12 Any large scale excavation adjacent to the right-of-way, which is deeper than the bottom of the pipe, must incorporate an appropriate setback from TCPL's right-of-way and must maintain a slope of 3:1 away from the edge of the right-of-way.
- 23.13 Mechanical excavation within 1.5 metres of the edge of TCPL's pipeline is prohibited. Hand or hydrovac excavation must be utilized within this distance.
- 23.14 In no event shall TCPL be held liable to the Owner respecting any loss of or damage to the Owner's Facility which the Owner may suffer or incur as a result of the operations of TCPL. The Owner shall be responsible for all costs involved in replacing the Owner's Facility damaged or removed during TCPL's operations and shall indemnify and save harmless TCPL from all actions, proceedings, claims, demands and costs brought against or incurred by TCPL as a result of the presence of or damage to the Owner's Facility on the TCPL right-of-way.
- 23.15 All display plans in the lot/home sales office shall identify the TCPL pipeline right-of-way corridor within the proposed linear park block(s).
- 23.16 The Owner shall include notice of the following in all offers of purchase and sale:
- a. Notice of the easement agreement registered against the property which may affect development activities on the property;
 - b. Notice of the 30 metre Prescribed Area as regulated by the CER Act;
 - c. The number of high pressure natural gas pipelines within the easement and the location of the easement in relation to the development;
 - d. The setback for all permanent structures and excavations from the limits of the right-of-way; and,
 - e. The local One Call number 1-800-400-2255 or www.clickbeforeyoudig.com.
- 23.17 TCPL's prior approval must be obtained for the Site Plans for the permanent structures to be erected on lots and/or Blocks which are encumbered by, or are adjacent to TCPL's right-of-way.
- 23.18 If TCPL's pipelines experience contact damage or other damage as a result of construction, stop work immediately and notify TCPL at once.
- 23.19 All associated work, signage or any other engineering protection measures must be completed by TCPL or its qualified contractors at the sole expense of the Owner. The complete scope of work that may be required is subject to other conditions that may be necessary related to a finalized design that is approved by TCPL. Additionally, prior to TCPL or its contractors conducting any associated work, TCPL and the Owner must execute a reimbursement agreement, including financial assurances, which provides that the entire cost of conducting this associated work is 100% reimbursable to TCPL.

- 23.20 The owner shall ensure through all contracts entered into, that all contractors and subcontractors are aware of and observe the foregoing terms and conditions.

24.0 External Clearance Letters

- a) Canada Post shall advise that conditions XX to XX have been satisfied.
- b) The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks shall advise that condition XXX has been satisfied.
- c) The Regional Municipality of York Planning Department shall advise that condition XXX have been satisfied.
- d) The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority shall advise that condition XXX has been satisfied.
- e) The York Region District School Board shall advise that conditions XXX to XXX have been satisfied.
- f) Hydro One shall advise that conditions XXX to XXX have been satisfied.
- g) Rogers shall advise that conditions XXX to XXX have been satisfied.

Dated: XXXX, XX, 2025

Stephen Lue, Senior Development Manager



Report to: Development Services Committee

Report Date: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION REPORT
 Transmark Developments Ltd., Applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a 30- and 35-storey mixed use development with 864 residential units at 4216 Highway 7 East (Ward 3)

File PLAN 25 110915

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the July 8, 2025, report titled, "RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Transmark Developments Ltd., Applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a 30- and 35-storey mixed use development with 864 residential units at 4216 Highway 7 East (Ward 3), File PLAN 25 110915", be received;
- 2) THAT the Applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, submitted by Transmark Developments Ltd., under File PLAN 25 110915, to amend the City of Markham Official Plan and Zoning By-laws 122-72 and 2004-196, as amended, be refused without further notice;
- 3) AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report recommends refusal of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications (the "Applications") submitted by Transmark Developments Ltd. (the "Applicant") to permit a 30- and 35-storey mixed use development with 864 residential units with a density of 3.57 FSI (the "Proposed Development") on the lands located on the south side of Highway 7 East and generally west of Main Street Unionville (and the Unionville Heritage Conservation District), municipally known as 4216 Highway 7 (the "Subject Lands"), as shown on Figures 1 and 2. The Applicant proposes the following to permit the Proposed Development:

- a) redesignate the Subject Lands from "Commercial Corridor Area" to "Community Amenity Area – Major Urban Place
- b) rezone the Subject Lands and incorporate them within the Markham Centre Zoning By-law 2004-196, as amended, and to modify the development standards

Staff note that many of the concerns identified in this report have been communicated to the Applicant since the Pre-Application Consultation stage, but were not addressed or resolved as part of the Applications. The Proposed Development and Applications do not represent good land use planning as they propose development in isolation of the surrounding area rather than in a comprehensive and coordinated manner. Furthermore, the Proposed Development does not conform to the policies and vision of the Official Plan for this area; and detracts from the planned function of the municipal structure identified within the Official Plan and the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan. It is not appropriate, does not provide for the critical future road network, and disregards the existing and future land use context.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends refusal of the Applications submitted by the Applicant to permit the Proposed Development on the Subject Lands, as shown on Figures 1 and 2.

PROCESS TO DATE:

- December 1, 2021: A preliminary meeting was held to review a mixed-use development, containing two residential towers (30- and 37-storeys) and 769 residential units. Staff issued preliminary comments and concerns of the development intensity on December 31, 2021.
- November 29, 2022: A Pre-Application Consultation Checklist was issued for a revised proposal consisting of 832 residential units, and towers relocated to the rear of the property. The Checklist identified that Staff's initial comments and concerns remain applicable.
- May 15, 2024: A revised Pre-Application Consultation Checklist was issued for a revised proposal, and considering Bill 109 changes to application review processes and submission requirements. Staff's comments and concerns remained unchanged.
- April 15, 2025: Staff deemed the Applications complete.
- May 14, 2025: Heritage Markham Committee considered the Applications (refer to Appendix 'A' for the Heritage Markham Meeting Minutes).
- May 20, 2025: The statutory Public Meeting was held (refer to Appendix 'B' for the Public Meeting Minutes).
- August 13, 2025: The 120-day period set out in the Planning Act before the Applicant can appeal the Applications to the Ontario Land Tribunal (the "OLT") for a non-decision ends.

BACKGROUND:

Location and Area Context

The 2.05 ha (5 ac) Subject Lands, shown in Figures 1 and 2, are currently occupied by a one-storey, 6,366 m² (68,523.05 ft²) and 22-unit commercial plaza (The Shoppes of Unionville). A variety of businesses currently occupy 16 units, with uses that include medical offices, restaurants, and other commercial and retail uses. Figure 3 shows the surrounding land uses and table 1 summarizes the Applicant's Proposed Development.

Table 1: the Proposed Development (see Figures 4 and 5)

Residential Area:	69,846 m ² (751,816 ft ²) Gross Floor Area ("GFA")
Retail GFA:	2,335 m ² (25,131 ft ²)

Table 1: the Proposed Development (see Figures 4 and 5)

Dwelling Units:	864
Building Height:	Tower A: 35 storeys; Tower B: 30 storeys; Podium: 2-8 storeys
Density:	3.57 times the area of the Subject Lands (Floor Space Index – “FSI”)
Parking Spaces:	709 (including 130 visitor/commercial spaces) in two levels of underground parking and two levels within the podium

Written submissions and comments were received at the May 20, 2025, statutory Public Meeting (see the meeting minutes in Appendix ‘B’)

To date, the City received one written submission and one oral submission from the Unionville Residents Association objecting to the Proposed Development. The following summarizes the key matters raised to date with how they have been considered and outlined in the Discussion section of this report:

- a) The rationale for the future extension of RougeSide Promenade
- b) Conformity with the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan (“MCSP”)
- c) Providing an appropriate height transition and the potential for mid-rise development on the Subject Lands

The Provincial Policy framework acknowledges that municipal official plans are the most important document for implementing province-wide policy direction and focuses on intensification to support complete communities, with implementation through official plan policies and designations

The 2024 Provincial Planning Statement (the “2024 PPS”) provides direction on matters of Provincial interest related to land use planning and development and includes, in part, building strong, healthy and complete communities with an emphasis on efficient development and prioritizing planning and investment in the necessary infrastructure to accommodate projected needs. The 2024 PPS also states that “municipal official plans are the most important vehicle for implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement and for achieving comprehensive, integrated and long-term planning.”

Policy 3.1.1 indicates that infrastructure “shall be provided in an efficient manner while accommodating projected needs” and shall also “be coordinated and integrated with land use planning and growth management”.

Furthermore, Policy 2.4.2.1 states that “planning authorities shall delineate the boundaries of major transit station areas on higher order transit corridors through a new official plan or official plan amendment adopted under section 26 of the Planning Act.” While the 2024 PPS promotes development and intensification within a Major Transit Station Area (“MTSA”), Staff note that the Subject Lands are located outside of the delineated boundaries of the Andre De Grasse, Unionville, and Enterprise MTSAs, as shown in Figure 6.

The York Region Official Plan (the “2022 ROP”) designates the Subject Lands “Community Area” and within the “Urban Area” and “Built Up Area” in a “Regional Centre” with a portion of the Subject Lands located in the “Urban River Valley”

The 2022 ROP requires that intensification utilizes land efficiently and sustainably that is commensurate with available hard and soft services and existing infrastructure, while having regard for the local context. The 2022 ROP permits growth and development in the Community Areas and directs the highest densities and the greatest mix of land uses toward Regional Centres and other MTSAs. The 2022 ROP also identifies Regional Centres as the primary focal points for intensive development that will also provide “protection and construction of a continuous fine-grained street grid that facilitates the flexible and efficient movement of people and goods”. Finally, Section 2.3 of the 2022 ROP permits a mix and range of housing options to support complete communities and establishes that a minimum 25% of new housing outside of Regional Centres and MTSAs be affordable, and that a minimum of 35% of new housing in Regional Centres and MTSAs be affordable.

York Region provided comments on the Applications and stated that “it is recommended that the development be consistent with the draft Markham Centre Secondary Plan Update.”

The 2014 Official Plan (“2014 OP”) land use designation does not apply to the Subject Lands

The 2014 OP designates the Subject Lands as “Mixed Use Low Rise”, which permits small-scale mixed-use development with a maximum building height of three storeys in which non-residential use shall not exceed 1,000 m². However, Section 9.12.4 states that until the approval of an updated secondary plan for the Regional Centre-Markham Centre lands, the provisions of the 1987 OP, as amended by OPA 21, shall apply to the Subject Lands.

The Applicant proposes to amend the in-effect Markham Centre Secondary Plan (“OPA 21”) to permit the Proposed Development

OPA 21 designates the Subject Lands “Commercial Corridor Area” and a portion of the lands as “Special Policy Area.” Section 4.3.4 a) – “West of Unionville Main Street” provides additional site-specific policies, as noted below:

- i. the assembly of parcels will be encouraged in order to provide limited points of access to Highway 7 and coordinated parking;
- ii. buildings will be located as close as possible to the Highway 7 right-of-way taking into account the need for and design of pedestrian amenities and the overall design objectives for Highway 7;
- iii. parking shall generally be located to the rear of the principal buildings; and,
- iv. residential uses shall be limited to a maximum of two storeys over the ground floor commercial or other permitted uses in mixed use developments.”

Section 4.3.4 b) – Lands designated COMMERCIAL and SPECIAL POLICY AREA on Schedule ‘A’ – LAND USE in the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended, on the south side of Highway 7 abutting the westerly limit of the CNR right-of-way, known as 4261 Highway 7, with a total of approximately 2.4 ha shall be subject to the following policies:

- i. Uses which generate high volumes of traffic or have high traffic turnover shall generally not be permitted; and,
- ii. Buildings and structures shall be flood protected to an elevation of not less than 176.4 metres, Canadian Geodetic Datum.”

The Subject Lands are also located within the “Urban Edge” along Highway 7. Section 3.6.2 identifies the Highway 7 Urban Edge as an area where commercial and retail should be massed to the street and buildings are encouraged to have direct pedestrian access at street level. Section 3.6.2 b) further specifies that retail stores and/or building entrances should front onto the street. The Applicant proposes an Official Plan Amendment to re-designate the lands from “Commercial Corridor Area” to “Community Amenity Area – Major Urban Place” and to permit a maximum building height of 35 storeys and density of 3.57 FSI.

The DSC received the draft policy framework for the MCSP Update on July 3, 2024

The draft policy framework designates the Subject Lands “Mixed Use Low Rise” with a maximum height of 3 storeys and maximum density of 2 FSI. The emerging MCSP also identifies a Minor Collector Road (the extension of Rougeside Promenade) traversing the Subject Lands and connecting to the existing signalized entrance at Highway 7 with park space on the south and east side of the future road extension. Staff note that every iteration of the draft MCSP that was presented to DSC, including the 2021 Preliminary Concept, the 2022 Draft Development Concept, and the 2023 Recommended Development Concept, showed the Rougeside Promenade extension on the Subject Lands. The final MCSP is targeted for approval in Q4-2025.

The Subject Lands are partially located within a Special Policy Area

Section 9.12.7 of the 2014 OP, OPA 21, and the ongoing MCSP Update identify the southern portion of the Subject Lands within a Special Policy Area (“SPA”). The intent of the SPA is to support the continued viability of existing and approved land uses in the floodplain. The SPA provides for more flexibility and certain development permissions are permitted that would otherwise be prohibited due to flood risk. Any change or modification to policies or designations within a SPA requires the approval of the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources. Re-development within the SPA may be permitted where it would not result in any intensification above and beyond existing Official Plan land use permissions subject to addressing flood risks to the satisfaction of the City and TRCA. As discussed below, technical review by the TRCA will be required to ensure the Proposed Development can be floodproofed to TRCA’s satisfaction.

The portion of the Proposed Development within the SPA consists of a 2-storey podium and meets the requirements of OPA 21 and the MCSP Update. Staff opine that the Proposed Development would meet the SPA’s height and density restrictions subject to technical revisions to the Official Plan Amendment to clearly restrict development to 2-storeys within the SPA.

On May 14, 2025, the Heritage Markham Committee recommended that the Applications not be supported due to the lack of appropriate transition to the adjacent Unionville Heritage Conservation District (see Appendix ‘A’)

The 2014 OP requires that proposed developments on properties that are “adjacent” to cultural heritage resources be reviewed for their potential impact on the resource. Adjacency is defined in the Official Plan as being within 60 m of a cultural heritage resource and the definition of a cultural heritage resource includes a heritage conservation district. In January 2015, Council endorsed the Main Street Unionville Community Vision Plan (the “Vision Plan”), which identified Highway 7 from the train tracks to Main Street Unionville as a gateway corridor with small-scale, picturesque, and traditional style buildings. The Vision Plan prefers heights of 2.5 to 3.5 storeys

in the east with a possible 4 to 5 storeys near the tracks. Heritage Markham Committee noted that the Proposed Development should provide a transition in height from the proposed 8-storey building at 4021 and 4217 Highway 7 (to the west) towards the Heritage District to the east.

The Applicant proposes an amendment to Zoning By-law 122-72, as amended, (the “Zoning By-law”) to permit the Proposed Development, as shown in Figure 5

While currently zoned “Special Commercial One” (SC1), which permits a variety of commercial uses, residential uses are not permitted on the Subject Lands. The Applicant proposes to delete the entire Subject Lands from the Zoning By-law and incorporate it into the Markham Centre By-law 2004-196, as amended, within the “Markham Centre Downtown Two *XX (MC-D2*XX)” Zone to permit the Proposed Development with site-specific development standards including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) One supermarket with a maximum net floor area of 930 m²
- b) Minimum 0.6 parking spaces/dwelling unit plus 0.1 parking spaces/dwelling unit (visitors)
- c) A maximum residential gross floor area of 69,846 m²
- d) A maximum non-residential gross floor area of 2,335 m²
- e) A maximum of 870 dwelling units
- f) A maximum height of 117 m
- g) Minimum setbacks (front: 4.5 m; east side: 30 m; west side: 20 m; rear: 25 m)

DISCUSSION:

Staff opine that the Proposed Development does not represent good planning for the following reasons listed below

a) Provincial and Regional Policy Considerations: MTSA delineation and proximity to higher order transit

The Applicant submitted a Planning Justification Report noting that the Subject Lands should be considered as being located within a MTSA due to the relative proximity to higher order transit, including the Sciberras/Highway 7 VIVA Bus Rapidway Transit (“BRT”) Station and the Unionville GO Station.

York Region Staff note that the Applicant incorrectly identified a new local route that has not been proposed by the York Region Transit (“YRT”) and incorrectly identified the bus stop at Sciberras/Highway 7 as a higher order transit station. “Higher order transit” is defined as “transit that generally operates in partially or completely dedicated rights-of-way, outside of mixed traffic.” The BRT higher order transit will not travel through this portion of Highway 7 and will instead travel through Markham Centre along Enterprise Boulevard. As per the long-term transit network identified in the York Region’s 2022 Transportation Master Plan, the bus route that services this portion of Highway 7, including the Subject Lands, will continue to be a mixed traffic route with curbside service.

Although the Proposed Development is in proximity to an existing bus stop and bus route (VIVA Purple), as previously noted and as shown in Figure 6, the Subject Lands are not located within a MTSA. The delineation of a MTSA is intended to maximize the number of potential transit users that are within walking distance of a major transit station; however, the walking distance to Unionville GO Station from the Subject Lands is approximately 28 minutes, which Staff do not consider to be a close or walkable distance. Finally, the MCSP

Update does not propose any new MTSA's or revised delineations within this area of the Secondary Plan. As such, the Proposed Development is not considered to be located within any existing or emerging MTSA's that allow for the highest intensity of development.

b) OPA 21 and MCSP Update Considerations: The proposed heights and density are not appropriate

The Applicant proposes height and density maximums of 35 storeys and 3.57 FSI, or 427.7 units per hectare ("UPH"), which are far greater than what is permitted by the existing "Commercial" land use designation (which permits 3 storeys with no density provisions) and what the MCSP Update Study contemplates (2 to 3 storeys, potentially 4 storeys in low density areas outside of an SPA, and a density of 2 FSI). The proposed height and density also exceeds the permissions under the proposed redesignation of "Community Amenity Area – Major Urban Place", which permits 8 to 13 storeys and 80 to 148 UPH. Moreover, Staff note that the Applicant's density may actually be greater than proposed, as it includes lands that may need to be conveyed to the City as "Open Space" or "Hazard Lands", which would be excluded from the density calculation. Given that the natural heritage network boundary has not yet been determined, this may result in a further density increase. Further details are provided in the Natural Heritage section below.

The Subject Lands are also surrounded by existing and potential low- and mid-rise development. The heights and density of the Proposed Development serve as a major deviation from what OPA 21 and the emerging MCSP permits and is significantly higher and more intense than the existing and proposed development within the immediate area.

The scale of the proposed site-specific increases in height, densities, and number of residential units have the potential to establish an undesirable precedent and expectations for other developments outside of a MTSA. In addition to creating an undesirable new context within the area, it would place additional strain on the transportation network and servicing considerations which are outlined in more detail below.

c) Heritage Markham, OPA 21, and MCSP Update Considerations: The Proposed Development should not be evaluated in isolation of the surrounding area

The Proposed Development requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach and must include the Rouge-side Promenade Extension, as noted in this report, and respect the context of the surrounding mid- and low-rise built form, including the Unionville Heritage Conservation District to the east. Notwithstanding that the Subject Lands are located in Markham Centre, which permits higher levels of intensification, Staff are of the opinion that OPA 21 and the MCSP Update intends for the Subject Lands to be part of a Highway 7 Corridor sub-area where development shall feature predominantly mid-rise buildings. The intent of the policies, as demonstrated in Schedule 'DD' of OPA 21 and in Map SP8 of the draft MCSP, is for the greatest heights and density along Highway 7 to be located at Highway 7 and Warden and gradually taper down near Sciberras Road, while also accommodating for the anticipated population growth by delivering the necessary road network improvements detailed below.

d) MCSP Update Considerations: Exclusion of the Rougeside Promenade Extension

The MCSP Update study includes the review of the overall transportation network. The July 2024 Policy Framework identified the Rougeside Promenade extension (a minor collector road) connecting to Highway 7 in an alignment that is generally located along the southern portion of the Subject Lands and curved northward to the existing signalized intersection at Highway 7 (see Figure 7). The extension plays an important role in the overall transportation network for the surrounding area that the Applicant omitted in the Proposed Development.

Staff note that the MCSP Update is a plan designed to guide the development of Markham Centre over the next 20 to 30 years, as it relates to matters including, but not limited to, mobility, built form, land uses, parks and public spaces, and servicing. The mobility needs are informed by the Transportation Assessment as part of the Secondary Plan review. A key outcome of this assessment is the recommendation of a cohesive mobility framework that includes an integrated road network, cycling infrastructure, and transit systems to support the anticipated population of 139,000 residents and employment growth of 55,000 jobs in Markham Centre at full build out, whereas the in-effect OPA 21 only contemplated a population of 25,000 residents and 17,000 jobs.

The proposed road network, including the Rougeside Promenade extension, is part of a holistic mobility system assessed to address multiple objectives that include improving traffic flow, reducing congestion, enhancing connectivity and accessibility, and supporting multi-modal transportation options (cycling, walking, and transit). The road network recommendations were developed based on extensive data analysis, and technical assessments.

The extension is also integral to the overall network's functionality. It contributes to creating a connected grid that distributes traffic efficiently, strengthens community connections by avoiding over-reliance on existing arterial roads, and ensures equitable access to new developments in this area, and provides opportunities for potential future local transit routes. By integrating with the cycling and pedestrian networks, the extension also supports active transportation, reducing car dependency and aligning with the City's sustainability goals.

Furthermore, Transportation Staff have reviewed the Applicant's June 2024 Transportation Impact Study ("TIS") for the Proposed Development, prepared by LEA Consulting Ltd., which concludes that the Rougeside Promenade extension is not required to connect to the existing signal access on Highway 7 to support the Proposed Development. Staff have provided comments on this report and note that the TIS approach is based on the review of the development activities in the immediate area within a short-term and does not address the broader and long-term land use planning context included in the emerging MCSP update. For road capacity, the TIS also needs to consider the need for secondary access, connectivity, and pedestrian and cyclist connections. Therefore, Staff are of the opinion that the approach and conclusion from the submitted TIS are not appropriate.

Finally, Transportation Staff note that the Applicant must coordinate with adjacent landowners when considering the extension of Rougeside Promenade to identify feasible alignment(s). A Functional Traffic Design Study shall be provided to address the related road design matters. The Applicant has not addressed Staff's comments and concerns.

e) Parking Considerations

The Proposed Development includes 709 parking spaces (579 residential and 130 non-residential and visitor spaces), whereas 1,296 parking spaces for residential and visitors parking are required under the current City-wide Parking By-law 28-97, as amended ("By-law 28-97"). The Applicant requests a proposed parking rate of 0.67 spaces/unit and 0.15 spaces/unit for visitors with no additional parking spaces provided for commercial uses (which is intended to be shared with the visitors parking), whereas By-law 28-97 requires 1.25 spaces/unit plus 0.25 spaces/unit for visitors, and 1 space/30m² of net floor area for retail store uses (note that other commercial uses would have different parking rates and requirements). The proposed parking rates need to be supported by a revised Parking Study. Transportation Staff have noted inconsistencies in the proposed parking rates identified in the submitted draft Zoning By-law (a parking rate of 0.6 spaces/unit for residential and 0.1 spaces/unit for visitors) and in the TIS. A revised Transportation Demand Management Plan is also required to support the proposed parking rates.

f) Toronto and Region Conservation Authority ("TRCA") Considerations: Portions of the Subject Lands are located within the TRCA's Regulated Area and requires their review and approval in accordance with Ontario Regulation 166/06

The Subject Lands are located partially within the regulatory flood hazard and erosion hazards associated with the Rouge River Valley and within the area of interference of an unevaluated wetland. TRCA reviewed the Applications and noted that the Proposed Development is inconsistent with the emerging MCSP and does not include the Rougeside Promenade Extension. TRCA is unable to conduct a comprehensive review of the Applications until this matter is resolved. TRCA further notes that a future trail is shown at the south side of the Subject Lands that would require a future crossing of the Rouge River, which does not align with the City's Trails Master Plan. Additional crossings of the valley are not supported by the TRCA. The proposed future trail and bike path depicted on the submitted plans should be consistent with the City's Trails Master Plan.

Once the City supports, in principle, the Proposed Development concept, TRCA will work with the Applicant to establish the development limits on the Subject Lands. The Proposed Development must be located outside of TRCA's natural system and any development in the SPA must be floodproofed. TRCA also indicated that the floodplain delineation has not been finalized, and further analysis will be required based on revised plans. Based on the key issues noted above and the detailed technical comments outlined in TRCA's review letter to the Applicant, TRCA has confirmed that they are unable to support an approval of this application at this time.

g) Natural Heritage Considerations

Natural Heritage Staff completed the review of the Applications and note that the portion of the Subject Lands located within the SPA shall comply with the height and density permissions of the in-force land use designations. As such, heights shall be limited to a maximum of three storeys within the SPA and the draft Official Plan Amendment must clearly exclude the SPA lands from the proposed site-specific height and density provisions.

The Applicant is required to submit a buffer restoration plan for the vegetation protection zones associated with any significant woodland and significant valleylands. Furthermore, a

revised Environmental Impact Study (“EIS”) shall also be submitted addressing Staff’s comments including, but not limited to, identifying hazard lands to be conveyed to the City, and more analysis to demonstrate how the proposed development can be constructed in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and Species at Risk Act due to the proximity of the parking areas and access routes from the Rouge River meander belt. This area is a Regulated Habitat for Redside Dace and considered a Habitat for Endangered and Threatened Species under the Provincial Planning Statement.

In accordance with Section 4.6.1 c) of OPA 21, Hazard Lands shall be conveyed to the City as a condition of development approval and are defined by the greater of the stable top-of-bank, the Regulatory Flood Line, and the 10 m environmental buffer. A revised EIS, Site Plan, draft ZBA and OPA are required to identify Hazard Lands, if any, to be conveyed to the City and to be designated and zoned “Greenway” or “Open Space”.

h) Parkland Considerations

The Applications include park lands within the regulatory floodplain limit, which is not permitted. As per Section 4.3.2.3 c) of the 2014 OP, “parks must not be encumbered by uses that would take away from the enjoyment or use of the park”. Staff do not support parkland within the floodplain as they are considered encumbered and are not able to support necessary park programming facilities. The Applicant’s grading plan shows up to 18.4% slopes the proposed parks, which do not meet the City’s standards where slopes must be between 2 to 4% across the entire park block to provide positive surface drainage suitable for park programming and accessibility.

Furthermore, Section 4.3.2.3 a) of the 2014 OP, require parks to have frontage on one or more public street or publicly accessible private streets. The City’s park block standards require maximum public street frontage along the edges to ensure visibility and safety. The City’s best practice is to provide a minimum 50 m (164 ft) public street frontages for high visibility, pedestrian safety and access, and servicing and maintenance access.

The proposed parks do not match the location of the parkland identified in the emerging MCSP (Figure 7), which identifies the portion east and south of the future Rougeside Promenade Extension as parkland. However, Staff note that the lands to the south of Rougeside Promenade would be constrained and likely designated “Greenway”, to be conveyed to the City, pending the review of a revised EIS as noted in the Natural Heritage section above. Therefore, the viability of parkland on the Subject Lands is dependent on the outcome of future EIS studies and confirmation of the limits of the Greenway lands.

i) Servicing Considerations: The proposed servicing shall align with the Master Servicing Report for the MCSP

The water and wastewater servicing strategy to service the Proposed Development shall align with the overall servicing strategy for the MCSP area, as identified through the Municipal Servicing Study, which is currently in progress. The proposed density does not align with the current draft MCSP servicing strategy. As such, the Proposed Development must be revised to align with the draft servicing study, otherwise additional analysis may need to be conducted to determine an appropriate servicing strategy. Furthermore, Staff note that the density of the

Proposed Development is a significant increase from the population allocated to the existing sanitary sewer on Highway 7.

York Region also noted that the Proposed Development will require water and wastewater servicing allocation from the City. If the City does not grant this development the required allocation from the Region's existing capacity assignments to date, then the development may require additional infrastructure based on conditions of future capacity assignment.

j) Metrolinx Considerations

Metrolinx confirmed that their comments on the Pre-Application Consultation have not been fully addressed. The Proposed Development must be set back 30 m from the rail corridor and a safety barrier is required in the event of a train derailment scenario. A 3.5 m vegetation setback is also required. Metrolinx further noted that additional drainage from the Proposed Development is not permitted onto Metrolinx-owned lands, and a revised Stormwater Management Report is required for further review. Metrolinx also noted that the Traffic Noise Feasibility Assessment submitted by the Applicant did not incorporate the correct rail date; as such, a revised assessment is required for further review.

k) Housing Considerations

The Proposed Development will provide for a mix of residential unit sizes including 90 three-bedroom units (10%) at approximately 89.19 m² (960 ft²) and 148 (17%) two-bedroom units at 64.66 m² (696 ft²) which are suitable for families, and 443 (51%) one-bedroom units at 59.74 m² (643 ft²) and 182 (21%) studio apartments at 47.29 m² (509 ft²). Notwithstanding the proposed unit mix and sizes, the Applicant does not specifically provide affordable housing units, as defined by the Official Plan. The Official Plan defines "affordable" as the least expensive of the following:

- a) housing for which the purchase or rental price results in annual accommodations costs not exceeding 30% of gross annual household income for low and moderate income households; or
- b) housing for which the purchase or rental price is at least 10% below the average purchase price of a resale unit or average rent of a unit in the regional market area.

York Region notes that affordable rental housing is a priority for the Region. Staff further note that Council adopted the July 2021 Housing Choices: Markham's Affordable and Rental Housing Strategy, which identified the need for affordable housing, purpose-built rental, senior-focused housing, and family-sized units. Staff encourage the Applicant to consider these housing types as part of any future development on the Subject Lands.

l) Urban Design Considerations: Location of commercial units, Sun/Shadow Analysis, and Wind Study Analysis

The Applicant proposed four commercial units within the ground floor of the Proposed Development with access from the interior private driveway. Retail building entrances, following Section 3.6.2 - Urban Edge, subsection b) of OPA 21, should front onto Highway 7 to allow for direct pedestrian access at street level.

Urban Design Staff note that the proposed commercial uses do not adequately address the primary street frontage along Highway 7 and lack a clear pedestrian connection from the

public sidewalk to support street animation and accessibility. Non-residential uses should be located along the public street frontage to enhance visibility, support a more active streetscape, and encourage pedestrian activity.

Urban Design Staff reviewed the submitted Sun and Shadow Study and note that the proposed enclosed courtyard at-grade will remain shadowed for most of the day, from 9:18 am to 6:18 pm during the spring (March 21) and fall (September 21) equinoxes, and will be significantly and consistently shadowed by the podium and the proposed towers.

Urban Design Staff reviewed the submitted Pedestrian Level Wind Study and note that uncomfortable at-grade pedestrian wind conditions are identified in several key areas including near the Tower B residential lobby and other building entrances, along pedestrian walkways flanking the internal driveway corridor, and within the passenger pick-up/drop-off zone. These conditions occur in the spring and winter seasons within the area between the enclosed courtyard opening to the north and the two-storey podium to the south, creating a wind tunnel condition that will impact pedestrian comfort.

m) York Catholic District School Board ("YCDSB") Considerations

YCDSB expressed concerns with approving site-specific development applications with densities that exceed the proposed MCSP Update study. Given that the MCSP update has not yet been finalized and the phasing of the MCSP is unknown, YCDSB advised it is premature to provide formal comments on site-specific development proposals until the MCSP update is complete. Moreover, YCDSB advises that the updated projection of 139,000 people in the MCSP area directly impacts their student accommodation. If there is limited or no opportunity for the YCDSB to secure school sites within the MCSP to accommodate the proposed growth, then YCDSB may need to bus students living within Markham Centre to schools outside the area permanently. As such, YCDSB recommends the City consider provisions in the planning of the transportation network to accommodate increased traffic volumes, including the need for many school buses during peak time.

CONCLUSION:

This report identifies many concerns by York Region, TRCA, Metrolinx, YCDSB, and Staff that the Applicant did not address from the Pre-Application Consultation to the submission of the Applications. The Proposed Development and subject Applications are not appropriate and do not represent good land use planning. The Applicant seeks approval in isolation of the surrounding area, rather than through a comprehensive and coordinated manner. Furthermore, the Proposed Development completely disregards the planned function of the municipal structure identified within the Official Plan and Secondary Plan, is not appropriate in the context of the existing and emerging land use context, and does not provide for the critical future road network to accommodate the anticipated population growth of the broader area. Therefore, Staff recommend refusal of the Applications.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report has no financial impact to the Operating Budget or Life Cycle Reserve Study.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Applications do not align with the City's strategic priorities in the context of growth management and municipal services to ensure safe and sustainable communities.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

The Applications were circulated to various departments and external agencies.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Giulio Cescato, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Urban Design

Trinela Cane
Interim Commissioner of Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Figure 1: Location Map

Figure 2: Area Context and Zoning

Figure 3: Aerial Photo

Figure 4: Conceptual Site Plan

Figure 5: Conceptual 3D Views

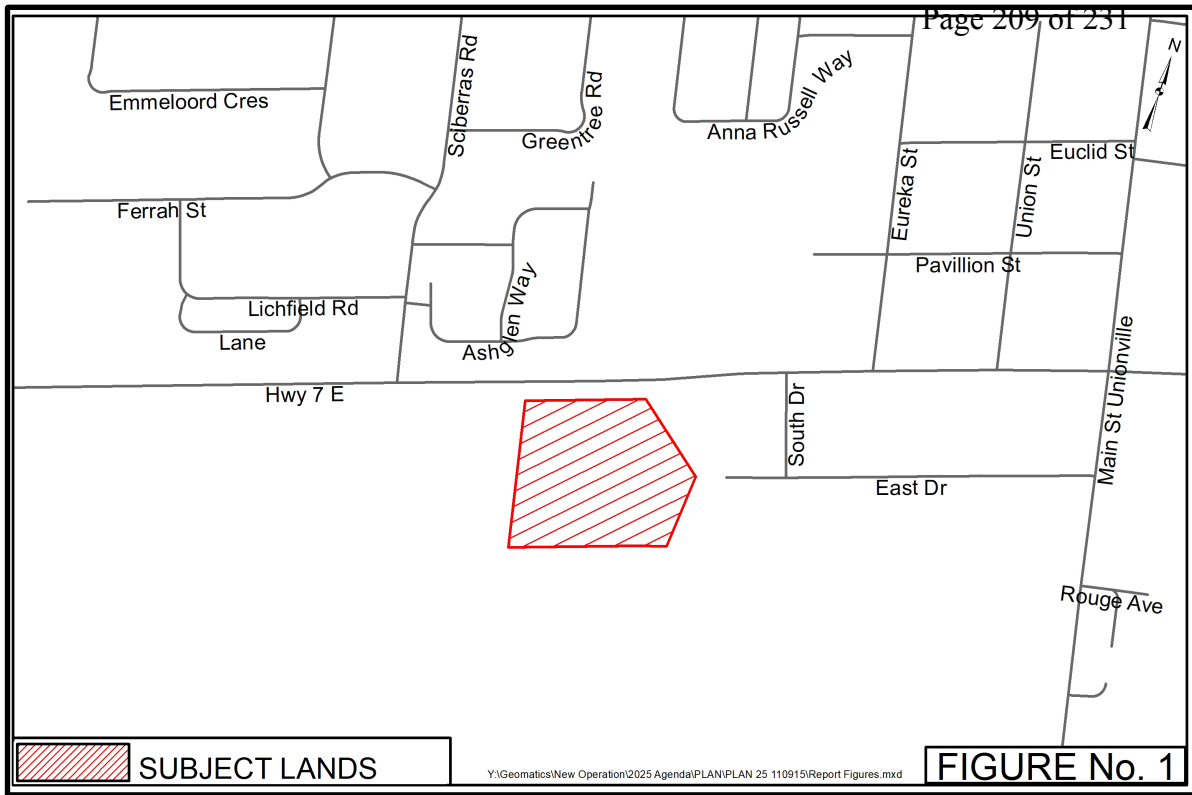
Figure 6: Major Transit Station Area

Figure 7: Draft 2024 MCSP Land Use Map

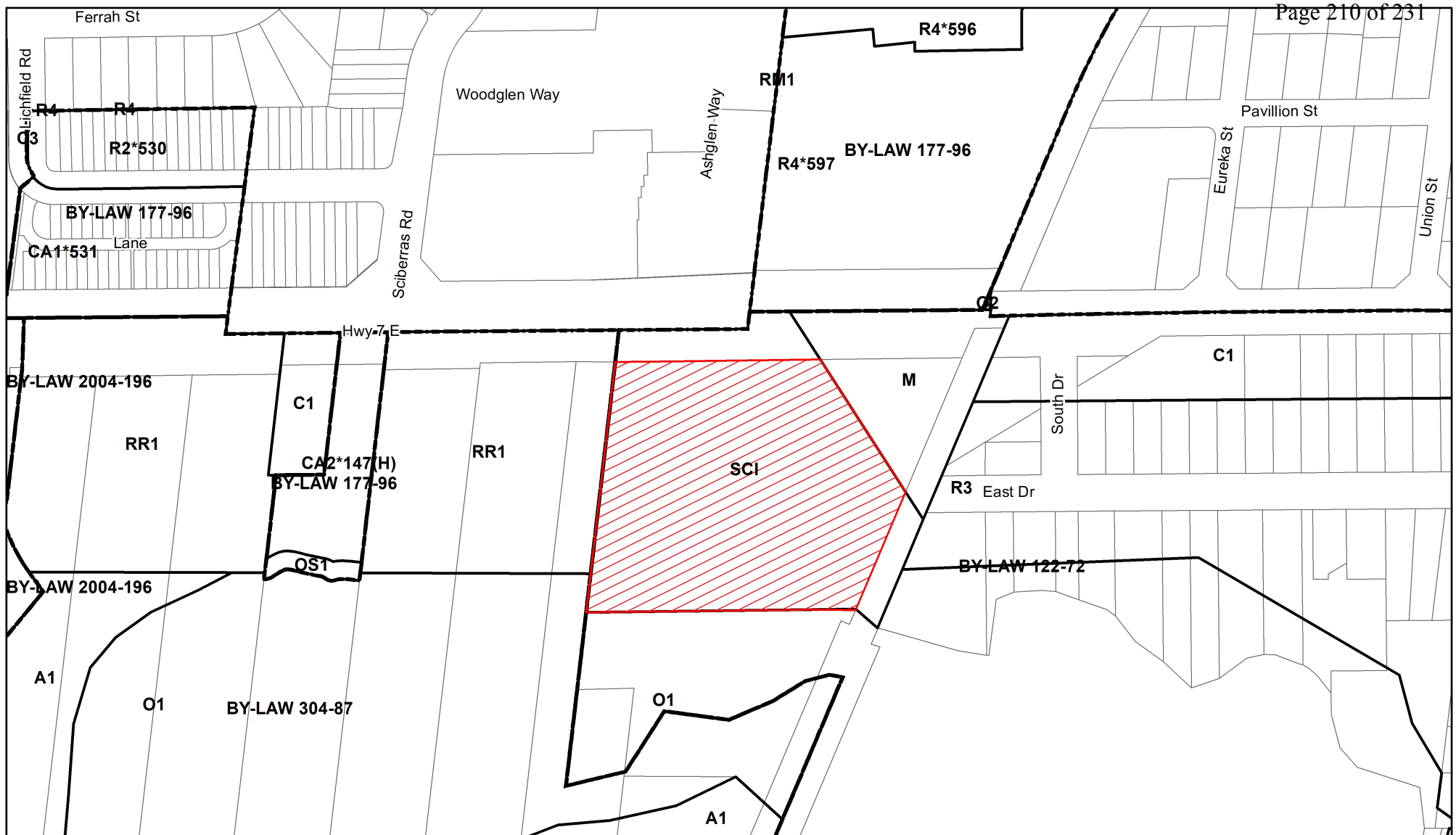
Appendix 'A': Heritage Markham Committee Meeting Minutes

Appendix 'B': Statutory Public Meeting Minutes

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SUBJECT LANDS



AREA CONTEXT / ZONING

APPLICANT: Transmark Developments Ltd.
4261 Highway 7

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 SUBJECT LANDS






AERIAL PHOTO (2024)

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4261 Highway 7

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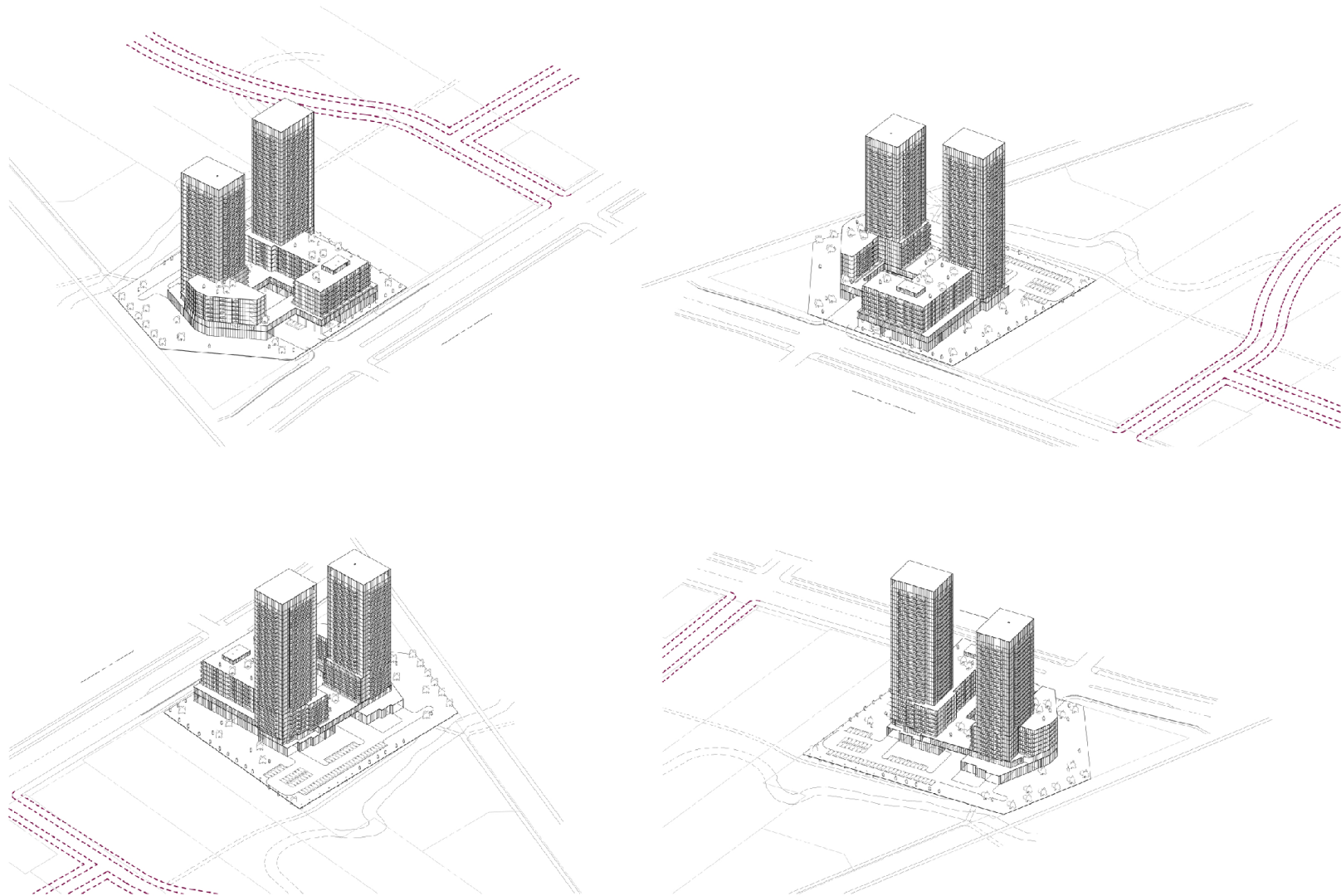
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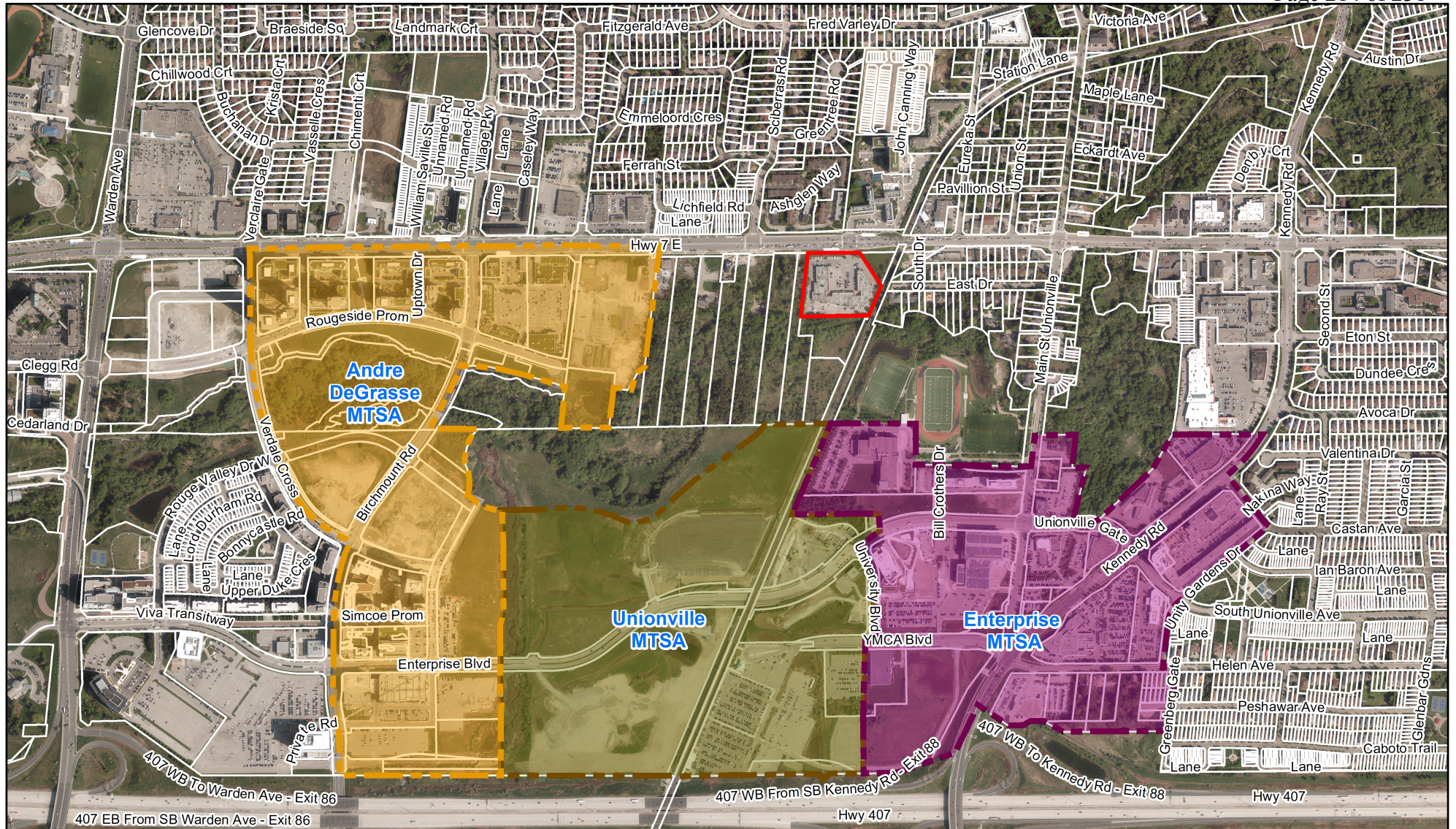


CONCEPTUAL 3D VIEWS

APPLICANT: Transmark Developments Ltd.
4261 Highway 7

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Major Transit Station Area (MTSA)

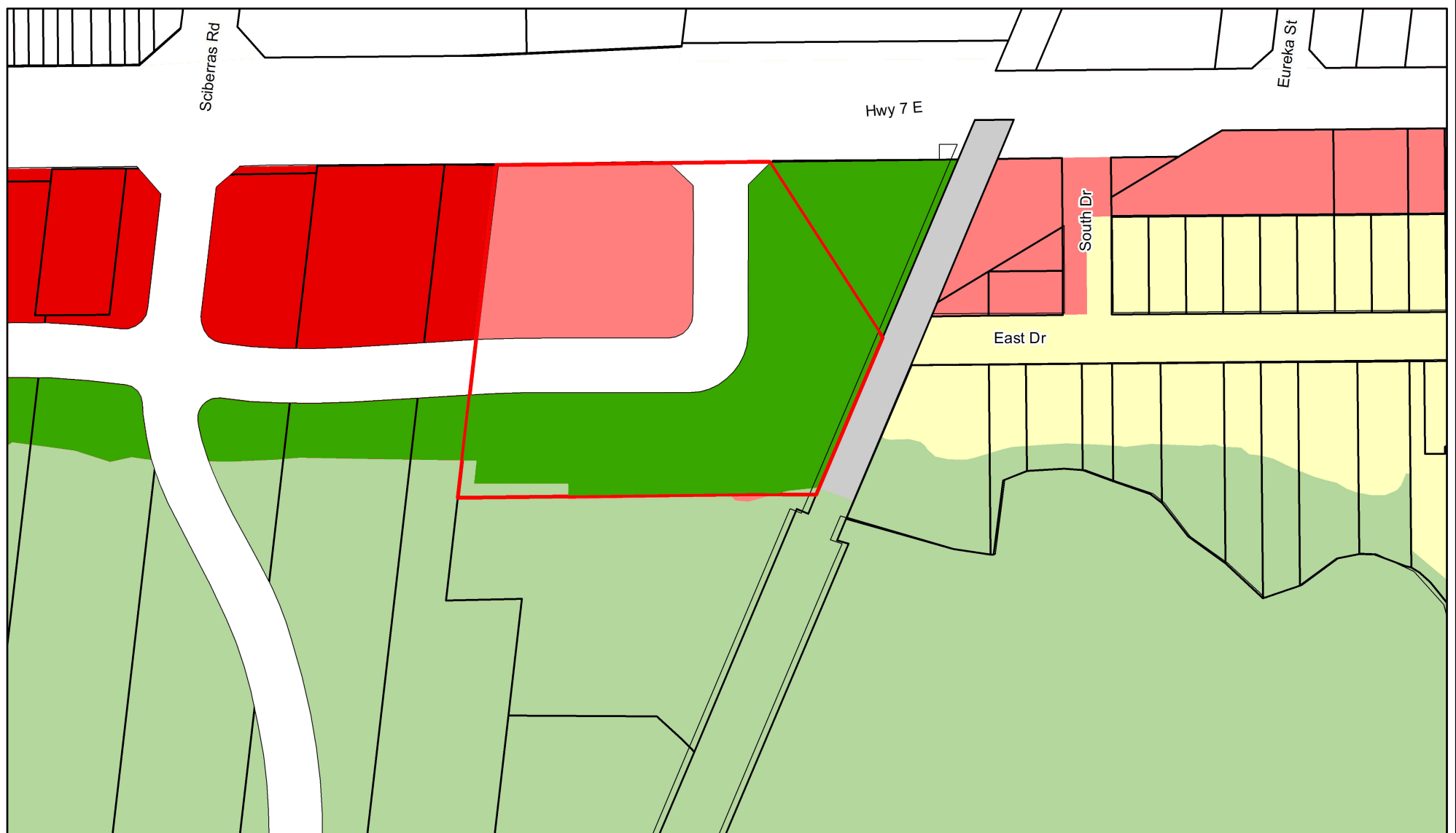
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 SUBJECT LANDS





2024 DRAFT MCSP LAND USE MAP

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| Mixed Use Mid Rise | Residential Low Rise | Public Park |
| Mixed Use Low Rise | Greenway | |

SUBJECT LANDS



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FIGURE 7



HERITAGE MARKHAM

EXTRACT

Date: May 23, 2025

To: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM # 6.1 OF THE FIFTH HERITAGE MARKHAM
COMMITTEE HELD ON MAY 14, 2025

6. PART FOUR - REGULAR

6.1 OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT & ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS APPLICATION

4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (16.11)

File Number:

25 110915 PLAN

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Planner, introduced the Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-Law Amendments Application for 4261 Highway 7 East which is adjacent to the Unionville Heritage Conservation District boundary.

Barton Leung, Senior Planner for the Central District, was in attendance to respond to questions from the Committee on the proposal. Mr. Leung advised that the Statutory Development Services Public Meeting for this application is scheduled to be held on May 20, 2025.

The Committee provided the following feedback on the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendments Applications:

Heritage Impact

- The proposed height lacks the appropriate transition to the adjacent Unionville Heritage Conservation District.
- The proposal does not respect the adjacent Unionville Heritage Conservation District.



- Stronger policies are needed to restrict building heights near heritage districts to protect their character and integrity.

Urban Planning & Precedent

- The proposal should follow the height envisioned in the draft Markham Secondary Plan which contemplates a step-down in building height along Highway 7 from Warden Avenue eastwards.
- The proposal should transition downward in height from the recently approved adjacent-8 story building.
- The previously approved Union Villa (12 stories) was mentioned as an exception to the desired height transition due it being an affordable seniors' residence.

Planning Process Concerns

- Noted the need to have a clear and consistent position among Planning and Heritage staff due to the possibility of the application being appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Other concerns included possible shadow, environmental, and traffic impacts.

Policy and Legal Framework

- The 2014 Official Plan definition of *adjacent* as a 60-meter buffer (the distance from a protected heritage property/district that triggers heritage review) was discussed.
- That proposed amendments by the Province may remove the requirement for certain planning studies (e.g. shadow and wind studies) that potentially weaken heritage protections.

Most of the Committee Members expressed strong opposition to the proposal due to its height, scale and massing relative to the low-rise character of the Unionville Heritage Conservation District.

Recommendation:

The Heritage Committee does not support the proposed development due to a lack of appropriate transition to the adjacent heritage Conservation District, particularly with respect to height, massing and design.

Carried



MEETING EXTRACT

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING

May 20, 2025

ITEM 4.3 - TRANSMARK DEVELOPMENTS LTD. AT 4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 3), APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

4.3 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, TRANSMARK DEVELOPMENTS LTD. AT 4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 3), APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TO PERMIT A MIXED-USE, HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF A 30- AND 35-STOREY TOWER WITH 864 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND 2,335 M² (25,131 FT²) OR RETAIL SPACE AT 4261 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 3), FILE NO. PLAN 24 25 110915 (10.3, 10.5)

The Public Meeting this date was to consider an application submitted by Transmark Developments Ltd.

The Committee Clerk advised that 175 notices were mailed on April 30, 2025 and a Public Meeting sign was posted on April 29, 2025. There was one written submission received regarding this proposal.

Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development, introduced the item.

Melissa Leung, Senior Planner, gave a presentation regarding the proposal, the location, surrounding uses and outstanding issues.

Stephan Kuzoff, Transmark Developments Ltd., provided a presentation on the proposed development application. Mr. Kuzoff expressed concern about the City's future plans to extend the Rouge-side Promenade through his property as it would leave him with little land to develop.

Mr. Lue explained the rationale for the future extension of Rouge-side Promenade, noting the extension is needed to accommodate the planned population of Markham Centre. Mr.

Lue emphasized that the purpose of tonight's Public Meeting is to review the Applicant's development application.

Sandra Tam, representing the Unionville Residents Association, provided a deputation in strong opposition to the development proposal. Ms. Tam suggested that the proposal should follow good planning principles and the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan, and that the heights of the towers should be limited to 3 storeys and decrease towards the heritage district. Ms. Tam also expressed concern that the development application does not include the proposed road through the property, as indicated in the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan. Ms. Tam asked Council to reject the application due it not aligning with emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan.

The Committee provided the following feedback on the proposed development:

- Expressed concern that the proposed height of the towers in the development application does not align with the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan or the vision for the Unionville Conservation District.
- Expressed concern that the plans for the Unionville GO Station are not known at this time.
- Suggested that the City could possibly support four to eight storeys on the Subject Lands due to it being located far enough from the Unionville Conservation District while remaining respectful of the Heritage District and the Mainstreet Unionville Vision Plan which only envisions three-storey developments along this stretch of Highway 7.
- Noted that the road network being proposed in the emerging Markham Centre Secondary Plan is critical to the overall plan for the area.
- Suggested that the City needs to understand what an underpass through the rail tracks would look like in this area along with any impacts of potential grade separation on Highway 7.
- Noted that City should work with the Applicant to optimize the development potential of the lands.

Staff responded and provided clarification to inquiries from the Applicant and the Committee.

Moved by Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1. That the deputation by Sandara Tam, Unionville Residents Association, be received; and,**
- 2. That the written submission by Kate Cooper (Bousfield's Inc.) be received; and,**

3. That the report entitled “PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT, Application for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a mixed-use, high-rise development consisting of a 30-and 35-storey tower with 864 residential units located at 4261 Highway 7, Ward 3, File No. PLAN 25 110915”, be received; and,
4. That the Record of the Public Meeting held on May 20, 2025 with respect to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, be received; and,
5. That the application by Transmark Developments Ltd. for a proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment (PLAN 25 110915) be referred back to Staff for a report and a recommendation; and further,
6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried



The City of Markham has proposed a change to the general provisions of Zoning By-laws 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, 2004-196 and 2024-19, to allow outdoor storage on City-owned lands, outside of lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, as identified in the 2014 Official Plan.

Tell us what you think!

A statutory meeting to consider the City of Markham’s proposal will take place on:

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Members of the Development Services Committee will participate in a statutory meeting remotely (Zoom link) and in person (Council Chamber) at:



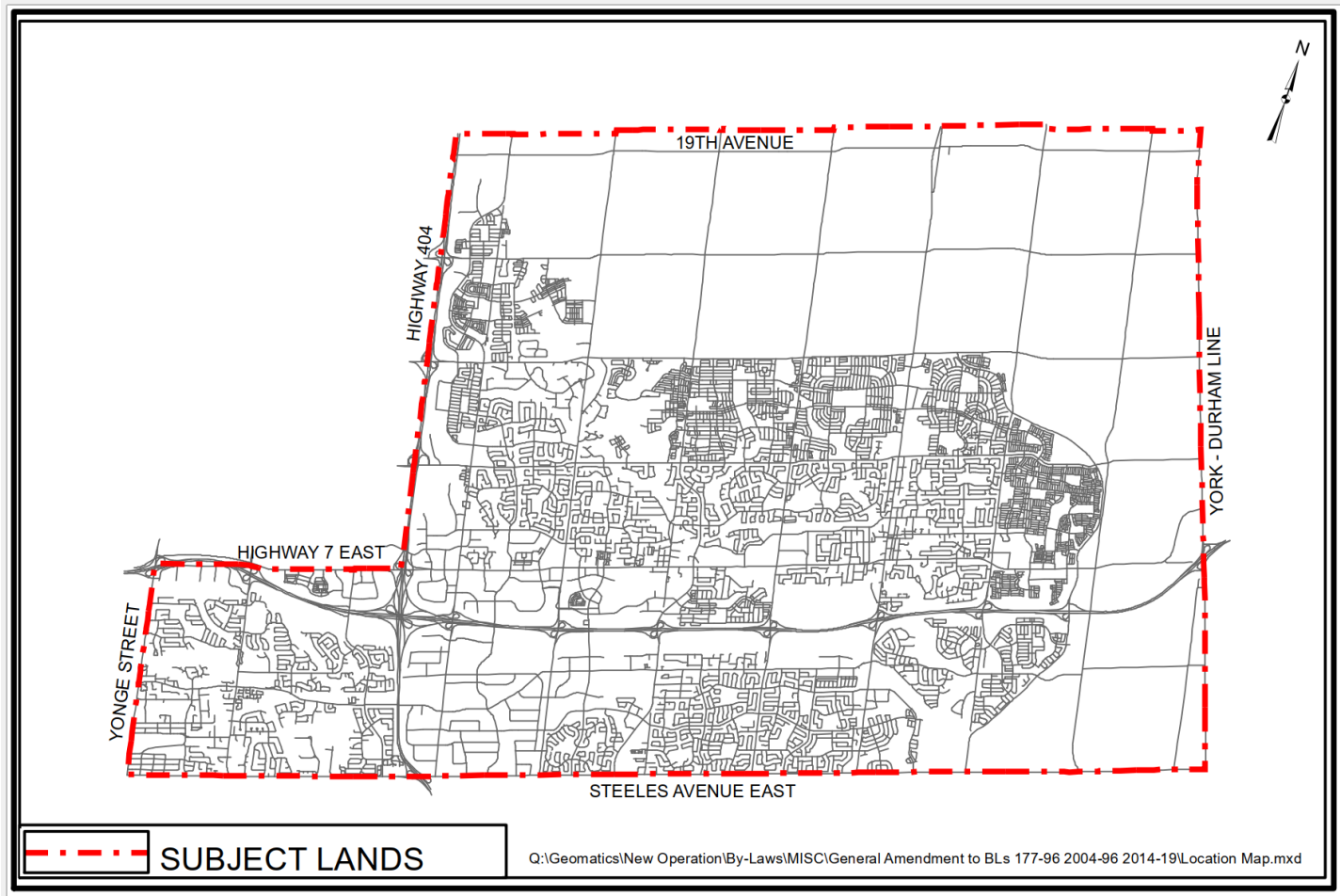
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Markham Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

All proceedings of this meeting are recorded, and video and audio streamed on the City’s website at pub-markham.escribemeetings.com.

Property Description

The affected lands are comprised of lands owned by the City of Markham.



The City’s Proposal

The purpose of the draft proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to allow the outdoor storage of equipment, materials and maintenance supplies on City-owned lands that are outside of lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.



Additional Information



For additional information on PR 25 124252, scan this to access the Public Meeting Information Report (PMIR).

PMIR

Connect with the File Planner

File Planner: Brad Roberts, Manager, Zoning & Special Projects
File Planner Phone: (905) 477- 7000, ext. 2800
File Planner Email: broberts@markham.ca
File Number: Refer to number PR 25 124252

Join the conversation!

Request to Speak (Deputations)

Any request to speak may be made to the Clerks Department up to the start of the statutory Public Meeting, and by one or all the following:

- Complete the “Request to Speak” form located online at markham.ca
- Email the City at notifications@markham.ca
- Call (905) 477-7760

Remember to provide your full contact information and the item to which you wish to speak.

Written or Email Submissions

Please quote file PR 25 124252 in your written or emailed comments, which the Clerks Department must receive no later than **5:00 pm the day before the statutory meeting**.

- Written: mail or personally deliver to the Clerks Department at the address above
- Email: send to notifications@markham.ca

Missed the 5:00pm written submission deadline?

Consider one of the following:

- Email Members of Council at mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca
- Request to speak at the statutory Public Meeting by completing and submitting an online “Request to Speak” form at www.markham.ca

If the deadline for written submission passed and Council finished considering the item of interest at the statutory Public Meeting, you may email your written submission to Members of Council.

Want to be notified after a decision is made?

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Markham, or approval authority, on the proposed Planning Project Application, you must make a written request to the Clerk’s Department at the address noted above or by email to notifications@markham.ca.

Please read this important information!

Notice to Landlords: If you are a landlord of lands containing seven (7) or more residential units, please post a copy of this notice in a location that is visible to all the residents.

Personal Information: Personal information collected in response to this planning notice will be used to assist City staff and Council to process this application and will be made public.

What if I want to appeal the proposal?

- If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Markham, or the approval authority, to the Ontario Land Tribunal, but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Markham before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.



Statutory Meeting Notice

- ii) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Markham before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

That means if this this official plan amendment or by-law is appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal and you would like to participate in the appeal in some form, you **must** make an oral submission at a public meeting, or submit written comments to the City Clerk, before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed by Markham City Council.

Date of Notice: June 18, 2025

Giulio Cescato, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Urban Design

Jim Jones
Chair, Development Services Committee



SUGGESTED DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution to use if application to be sent directly to Council

1. That the Public Meeting Information Report that proposes a City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment (PR 25 124252) to permit outdoor storage on city-owned lands, outside of lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands, as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and identified in the 2014 Official Plan, be received;
 2. That the record of the Statutory Meeting held on July 8, 2025, with respect to the proposed City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment to By-laws 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, 2004-196 and 2024-19, as amended, be received;
 3. That the City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment, be finalized and brought forward to the July 8, 2025, Council meeting to be enacted without further notice; and further,
 4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.
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**Development Services Commission
PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION
REPORT**

Date:	Tuesday, July 8, 2025		
Application Type:	Zoning By-law Amendment (the “Request”)		
Proponent:	City of Markham		
Proposal:	City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment to permit outdoor storage on city-owned lands, outside of lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands, as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and identified in the 2014 Official Plan		
Location:	City-wide		
File Number:	PR 25 124252	Wards:	All
Prepared By:	Brad Roberts, Manager of Zoning and Special Projects		
Reviewed By:	Stephen Lue, RPP MCIP, Senior Development Manager		

PURPOSE

This preliminary information pertains to the City-Initiated proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to permit outdoor storage on City-owned lands, outside of lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands, as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (the “TRCA”) and in the 2014 Official Plan, in the City of Markham (the “Subject Lands”).

NEXT STEPS

- Statutory Public Meeting, in accordance with the Planning Act is scheduled for July 8, 2025
- Consider input received at the statutory Public Meeting and commenting agencies to inform revisions to the draft Zoning By-law Amendments, where appropriate
- If approved, send the Zoning By-law Amendment to Council for enactment

LOCATION

The affected areas are comprised of all lands owned by the City of Markham, as shown on Figure 1.

BACKGROUND

In the past, the City has encountered situations where the outdoor storage of equipment and materials on lands owned by the municipality are not permitted given the restrictions in numerous and many outdated zoning by-laws. However, the advantages to allowing outdoor storage on city-owned lands include the following:



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- **Proximity to Work Sites:** Storing equipment and materials near active or recurring work areas (e.g., parks, roads, utilities) reduces transportation time and fuel costs
- **Rapid Response:** Allows quick access to tools, seasonal equipment, or emergency materials, improving response times during storms, road repairs, or infrastructure maintenance
- **Storage for Service Vehicles and Equipment:** Maintenance vehicles, traffic signs, winter sand/salt, and landscaping tools need secure, easily accessible storage options
- **Supports City Projects:** Outdoor storage of materials may reduce delays for city-initiated projects or sponsored events
- **Temporary and Seasonal Use:** Outdoor storage is often temporary and does not require permanent infrastructure

The City is cognizant that there are lands currently under its ownership that have environmental constraints and therefore, the proposed draft Zoning By-law Amendment would not permit such outdoor storage on lands designated Greenway or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands as defined by the TRCA, as identified in the 2014 Official Plan.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (the “ZBA”) enables permissions to allow outdoor storage on lands owned by a Public Authority

The City-initiated Draft Zoning By-law Amendment (Appendix 1) would provide opportunities for the outdoor storage of equipment, materials, and maintenance supplies on lands that are owned by a Public Authority, with certain restrictions.

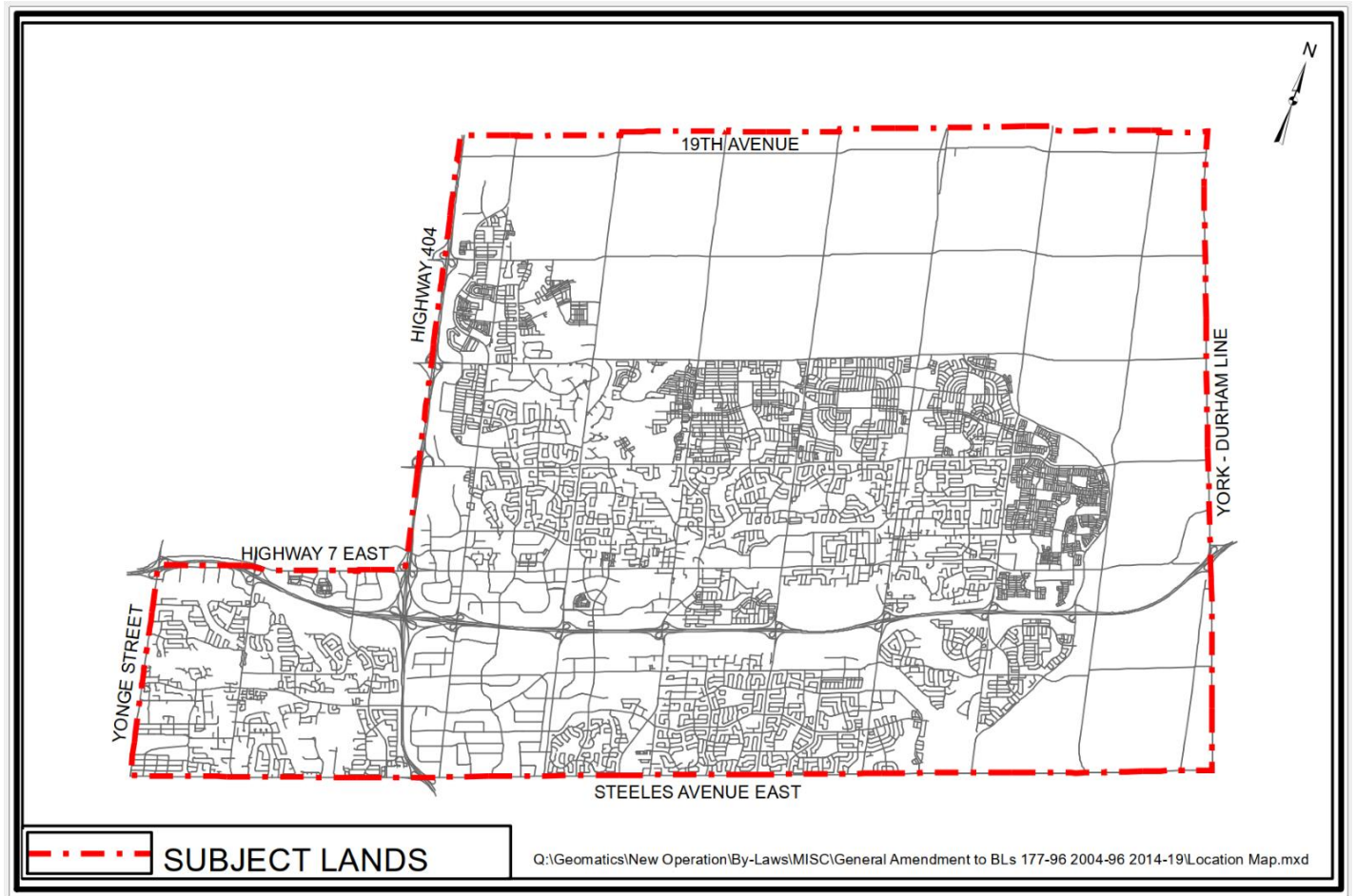
Accompanying Figure and Appendix:

Figure 1: Subject Lands Location Map

Appendix 1: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment



Figure 1: Subject Lands Location Map





Appendix 1: Draft Zoning By-law Amendment

BY-LAW 2025-_____

A By-law to amend By-law 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, 2004-196 and 2024-19, as amended

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Markham hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 2024-19, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - 1.1 That Section 4.6 a) is amended to add the following:

“(xv) **Accessory outdoor storage** or **outdoor storage uses** on lands owned by the **City**.”
 - 1.2 That Section 4.6 b) iii) is repealed and replaced with the following:

“(iii) **Accessory outdoor storage** or **outdoor storage uses** are permitted subject to the following:

 - (a) Where **accessory outdoor storage** or **outdoor storage uses** are specifically permitted in the **zone**; and,
 - (b) On lands owned by the **City**, not within the Greenway One (GWY1) and Greenway Two (GWY2) **zones**, or within any flood regulated areas or **hazardous lands** as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.”
2. That By-law 2004-196, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - 2.1 That Section 4.16 b) iii) is repealed and replaced with the following:

“(iii) *outdoor storage* or *outdoor storage uses* are permitted subject to the following:

 - (a) Where *outdoor storage* or *outdoor storage uses* are specifically permitted in the *zone*; and,
 - (b) On lands owned by the *corporation*, not within the Greenway designation as shown on Map 3 of the City’s 2014 Official Plan, or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.”



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3. That By-law 177-96, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

3.1 That Section 6.19 b) is repealed and replaced with the following:

“b) *outdoor storage* or *outdoor storage uses* are permitted subject to the following:

- i) Where *outdoor storage* or *outdoor storage uses* are specifically permitted in the *zone*; and,
- ii) On lands owned by the *Corporation*, not within the Greenway designation as shown on Map 3 of the City’s 2014 Official Plan, or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.”

4. By-law’s 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, and 19-94, as amended, are hereby further amended as follows:

4.1 “Notwithstanding any other provision in this by-law, accessory outdoor storage or outdoor storages use are permitted subject to the following:

- i) Where accessory outdoor storage or outdoor storage uses are specifically permitted in the zone; and,
- ii) On lands owned by the Corporation of the City of Markham, not within the Greenway designation as shown on Map 3 of the City’s 2014 Official Plan, or within any flood regulated areas or hazardous lands as defined by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.”

Read and first, second and third time and passed on _____, 2025.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

BY-LAW 2025-XXX

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Lands Affected

The proposed by-law amendment applies to all lands owned by the City of Markham and regulated under By-laws 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, 2004-196 and 2024-19, as amended.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose and effect of this By-law is to permit outdoor storage on lands under By-laws 2237, 2053, 1767, 2150, 2151, 1229, 122-72, 88-76, 163-78, 184-78, 118-79, 153-80, 165-80, 90-81, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, 2004-196 and 2024-19, as amended and owned by the City of Markham.



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