General Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 3
February 4, 2019, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Council Chamber

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Reid McAlpine
	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton	Councillor Karen Rea
	Councillor Jack Heath	Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Khalid Usman
	Keith Irish	Isa Lee
	Councillor Alan Ho	
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor and Acting Director of Human Resources
	Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services	Joel Lustig, Treasurer
	Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services	Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services	John Yeh, Manager, Policy & Research
		Josh Machesney, Election & Committee Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:35 AM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath in the Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2019 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved By Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded By Councillor Alan Ho

1) That the minutes of the January 21, 2019 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

5. CONSENT REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2018 MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved By Councillor Khalid Usman
Seconded By Regional Councillor Jim Jones

1) That the minutes of the November 15, 2018 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

5.2 2018 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)

Moved By Andrew Keyes
Seconded By Councillor Amanda Collucci

1) That the reports dated February 4, 2019 entitled "2018 Investment Performance Review" be received; and,

2) That staff be directed to update the Development Charges Borrowing Policy and the Investment Interest Allocation Policy to reflect that all internal lending to the Development Charges Reserve will be at the Prime Rate for borrowing deemed to be less than 5 years in duration, and at the York Region debenture rate when borrowing is deemed to be over five years in duration; and further,

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

Carried

6. REGULAR REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

6.1 ADDITIONAL CITY OF MARKHAM COMMENTS ON THE PROVINCE'S INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY IN ONTARIO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (7.11)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, provided a brief summary of the Staff report.

General Committee discussed the following with respect to Staff's comments on the Province's Increasing Housing Supply in Ontario Consultation Document:

- Public consultation with respect to development applications;
- Streamlining the development application process; and,
- Process for amending the Official Plan and Secondary Plans.

General Committee instructed Staff to review the Committee's discussion and review Staff's recommendations.

General Committee consented to refer this item to February 12, 2019 Council for consideration.

1) That the report entitled "Additional City of Markham Comments on the Province's Increasing Housing Supply in Ontario Consultation Document", dated February 4, 2019 be received; and,

2) That the report entitled "Additional City of Markham Comments on the Province's Increasing Housing Supply in Ontario Consultation Document", dated February 4, 2019, be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and,

3) That the City of Markham work with the Province to streamline the development application process including matters such as public consultation requirements in the approvals process; and,

4) That the City of Markham request the Province to review their One Window Planning Service for input, review, and approval of planning applications that includes streamlining review processes and utilize technology for enhanced coordination between Ministries; and further,

5) That the City of Markham request the Province to amend the *Development Charges Act, 1997 as amended*, to eliminate the 10% reduction for services and reduce the list of ineligible services.

7. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notice of motion.

9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Windrow and Winter Maintenance Workshop/Training Session

Councillor Karen Rea advised that as a result of the recent snowfall, she has had many calls from residents regarding the City's windrow and winter maintenance program.

Members of General Committee indicated that they would like a workshop/training and education session on the matter. Staff agreed to look at holding a workshop/training and education session in the coming months.

9.2 York Region Budget Information

Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton advised Members of General Committee that the Region of York is commencing their multi-year budget process. He further indicated that and if any Members of Council have questions regarding the Region's budget, they can reach out to a Regional Councillor for more information.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved By Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Seconded By Regional Councillor Jim Jones

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

Carried

11.1 LAND, BUILDING & PARKS CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

11.1.1 A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 7) (8.0) [Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to refer the following item to the February 12, 2019 Council agenda for consideration:

11.1.1. A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality or Local Board (Ward 7) [Section 239 (2) (c)]

12. ADJOURNMENT

The General Committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Seconded By Regional Councillor Jim Jones

1) That the General Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried