

Development Services Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 3

February 11, 2019, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Council Chamber

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Alan Ho
	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Regional Councillor Jack Heath (left at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 11:24 a.m.)	Councillor Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Joe Li (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Khalid Usman
	Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Councillor Karen Rea	
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services	Stephen Chait, Director, Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship
	Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor & Acting Director, Human Resources	Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Economic Development
	Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff	Alida Tari, Manager, Access & Privacy
	Brian Lee, Director, Engineering	Scott Chapman, Election & Council/Committee Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:31 a.m. in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair. Councillor Alan Ho assumed the Chair at 9:35 am for Culture and Economic Development Issues items, Nos. 8.1 and 9.1. Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton assumed the Chair at 1:05 p.m. for Transportation & Infrastructure items, No. 10.1.

The Development Services Committee recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The Development Services Committee reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2019 (10.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

1) That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held January 28, 2019, be confirmed.

Carried

3.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2019 (10.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

1) That the minutes of the Development Services Public meeting held January 22, 2019, be confirmed.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

6. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

7. CONSENT REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1 PRELIMINARY REPORT – APPLICATIONS FOR A DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY BERCZY WARDEN HOLDINGS INC. TO FACILITATE 879 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND MIXED USES ON THE LANDS KNOWN MUNICIPALLY

AS 10348 WARDEN AVENUE (WARD 2) (10.7, 10.5)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1) That the report dated February 11, 2019 titled “PRELIMINARY REPORT, Applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Berczy Warden Holdings Inc. to facilitate 879 residential units and mixed uses on the lands known municipally as 10348 Warden Avenue (Ward 2)” be received.

Carried

7.2 APPLICATIONS FOR A DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY BERCZY ELGIN HOLDINGS INC. TO FACILITATE THE CREATION OF APPROXIMATELY 798 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, 2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BLOCKS OR PARTS THEREOF, 1 PARK BLOCK AND THE SUPPORTING ROAD/LANE NETWORK WHICH INCLUDES ACCESS TO ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 3575 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST (WARD 2) (10.7, 10.5)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1) That the report dated February 11, 2019 titled “PRELIMINARY REPORT, Applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment by Berczy Elgin Holdings Inc. to facilitate the creation of approximately 798 residential units, 2 elementary school blocks or parts thereof, 1 park block and the supporting road/lane network which includes access to Elgin Mills Road East on

the subject property known municipally as 3575 Elgin Mills Road East (Ward 2)", be received.

Carried

8. PRESENTATIONS - CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

8.1 WEB SUMMIT, LISBON POST-CONFERENCE REPORT (10.16)

Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Economic Development delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Web Summit, Lisbon Post-Conference Report."

The Committee discussed the following relative to the presentation:

- The importance of attending conferences such as Web Summit for increasing Markham's profile in the global technology industry and promoting investment opportunities within the City
- That the City evaluate the number staff and resources required at these conferences to effectively promote Markham as a destination for economic investment
- The City's strategy for promoting Markham at Toronto's Collision Conference in May 2019
- That staff evaluate industry trends and determine which technology conferences Markham should attend in the future
- Increasing Markham's presence at conferences focused on emerging technologies such as cloud computing and Internet of Things applications
- Negotiating with Collision to increase City of Markham's Council presence at the conference

There was some discussion on Markham's international program and the importance of Asia. Staff advised that a report relative to the City's international program will be considered at the February 25 Development Services Committee meeting. Staff confirmed that the recommended international program will include a business mission to Asia.

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1) That the presentation provided by Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Economic Development entitled "Web Summit, Lisbon Post-Conference Report", be received.

Carried

9. REGULAR REPORTS - CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

9.1 DESTINATION MARKHAM STRATEGY (10.16)

Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Economic Development delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the information in the report.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Destination Markham Strategy:

- the multi-dimensional nature of the strategy in making Markham a destination for the investment, talent and tourism essential to Markham's bold strategies for growing the local economy
- leveraging digital engagement
- the effects of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) on tourism in Markham and other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area
- the potential impact of prohibiting short-term accommodations on tourism in Markham
- the components of the city-wide branding strategy identified in the report
- that staff consider engaging local school boards to promote Markham's premier education institutions as a means of attracting talent to the City
- prioritizing the planning of a comprehensive transit network to facilitate economic development and tourism
- current and future tourist attractions and programs in the City
- the importance of setting clearly articulated milestones and targets in future reports

There was discussion regarding the newly incorporated Destination Markham Corporation and its role in promoting tourism in Markham. Staff indicated that a report to Development Services Committee is anticipated in the spring outlining the board's proposed governance structure, recruitment and business plan.

There was some discussion with respect to the potential obstacles to effective city building. Staff advised that they are currently exploring the value and potential of introducing financial incentives such as tax increment financing to stimulate commercial and office development in the City.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
 Seconded by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

- 1) That the staff report entitled, “Destination Markham Strategy”, dated February 11th, 2019 be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the Destination Markham Strategy and forward it to the newly incorporated destination marketing organization and relevant city departments; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10. REGULAR REPORTS - TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

10.1 WHISTLE CESSATION ON STOUFFVILLE GO LINE – THREE RURAL CROSSINGS (WARD 5) (5.12)

Brian Lee, Director, Engineering provided an overview of the staff report regarding the Whistle Cessation on Stouffville GO Line program with respect to three remaining rural crossings in the City. Mr. Lee also provided a brief update on the progress of the thirteen crossings originally included in the project.

The Committee inquired as to the expected timelines for completion of the original thirteen crossings as well as the additional three rural crossings identified in the report. Staff advised that it is anticipated that construction on the original thirteen crossings will be completed by March or April of 2019. Staff advised that once it receives Committee's approval on the report recommendations, construction on the final three crossings may begin in the fall of 2019 and be completed by the spring of 2020.

The Committee requested that staff review options and mechanisms for providing additional safety for pedestrians and cyclists at the three rural crossings.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
 Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

- 1) That the report dated February 11, 2019 entitled “Whistle Cessation on Stouffville GO Line – Three Rural Crossings (Ward 5)” be received; and,

- 2) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into agreements and/or a memorandum of understanding (as required) with Metrolinx and York Region for construction of crossing safety features and implementation of whistle cessation at three (3) rural crossings (Elgin Mills Road, 9th Line and 19th Avenue) on the Stouffville GO Line, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO); and,
- 3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into At-Grade Crossing Modification Agreements, Crossing Agreements or similar agreements (as required) with Metrolinx for modification of the existing crossings to incorporate new crossing safety features and to implement whistle cessation at three (3) rural crossings on the Stouffville GO Line, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the CAO; and,
- 4) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into the Metrolinx Liability/ Insurance/Indemnity Agreement or similar agreement (as required), which requires the road authorities to obtain insurance and assume full responsibility/liability for any claims, damages, etc., resulting from incidents that arise from or would not have arisen but for whistle cessation, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the CAO; and,
- 5) That Schedule “A” to the City’s Train Whistle Cessation By-law 2018-19 be amended to include the Elgin Mills Road crossing and the 19th Avenue crossing; and,
- 6) That the Regional Municipality of York be requested to confirm 100% funding (budget:\$43,159) and 100% liability for grade rail crossing at 9th Line (Regional Road 69), and requested to enter into an agreement or memorandum of understanding (as required) with the City of Markham and Metrolinx for construction of crossing safety features and implementation of whistle cessation at the 9th Line crossing, and enter into any additional necessary agreements with Metrolinx for implementation of whistle cessation at the 9th Line crossing; and,
- 7) That the Regional Municipality of York be requested to implement a 24-hour whistle cessation by-law for the 9th Line crossing; and,
- 8) That the Regional Municipality of York be requested to pass a Regional Council resolution for the implementation of whistle cessation for the 9th Line crossing; and further,
- 9) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

11. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

13. 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".*

13.1 METROLINX PURSUING MARKET-DRIVEN APPROACH TO NEW GO STATIONS

Mayor Frank Scarpitti addressed the Committee regarding an amended resolution from the Regional Council meeting regarding Metrolinx's prioritization of a development-driven approach to GO expansion stations at Kirby and Mulock on the Barrie corridor. Mayor Scarpitti noted that the proposed recommendation was amended to include the Denison/14th Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive on the Stouffville corridor.

It was suggested that this York Region resolution be circulated to City of Markham staff for advisement in future planning decisions.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

1) 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

15.1 DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ISSUES

15.1.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2018 (10.0) [Section 239 (2) (c)]

15.1.2 LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD – 2014 OFFICIAL PLAN PART 1 - LPAT SETTLEMENT HEARING (10.0)[Section 239 (2) (e)]

Development Services Committee consented to place this item on the February 12, 2019 Council agenda.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Khalid Usman

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1) That the Development Services Committee adjourn.

Carried