

# Special Development Services Committee Minutes

Meeting Number 4  
February 19, 2019, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Council Chamber

Roll Call	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Regional Councillor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Alan Ho (left at 3:15 p.m.)	Councillor Reid McAlpine (left at 2:58 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.) Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Khalid Usman Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Karen Rea
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor & Acting Director, Human Resources	Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research Scott Chapman, Election & Council/Committee Coordinator

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 2:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

## 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

## 3. PRESENTATION - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ISSUES

### 3.1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 TO THE GROWTH PLAN FOR THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE 2017 (10.0)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services provided some introductory remarks on the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and staff's position on the Province's proposed amendments to the Plan.

Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 (10.0)"

The Committee discussed the importance of phasing growth in line with the delivery of transit infrastructure and investment. There was considerable discussion regarding the inadequate public transit and transportation infrastructure relative to the rate of growth in Markham, and emphasis on the need to secure a commitment from the Province to provide the City with the transportation investment required to accommodate growth through intensification.

There was discussion with respect to Markham's Designated Greenfield Area (DGA) and future urban expansion. The Committee expressed some concerns with the current density requirements in the DGA, and discussed the potential of requesting a lower density target for the DGA from York Region in order to reduce the impact of increased commuter traffic. The Committee discussed whether higher density development of lands surrounding Major Transit Station Areas could allow for a reduction in density requirements in the DGA. The Committee emphasized the importance of balancing employment and residential development in meeting the density targets in the DGA.

There was also some discussion regarding the City's employment lands. The Committee noted the importance of protecting the City's current employment lands while also being mindful of changing trends in employment.

Staff noted that a full recommendation report relative to the proposed amendments to the Growth Plan will be considered at the February 25 Development Services Committee meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Khalid Usman

1) That the presentation provided by Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research entitled "Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 (10.0)", be received.

**Carried**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1) That the Development Services Committee adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

**Carried**