

Markham Sub-Committee Cornell Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Minutes

September 30, 2019, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Canada Room

Committee Members	Regional Councillor Jack Heath Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci	Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Ex-Officio) Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton (Ex-Officio) Regional Councillor Jim Jones (Ex-Officio) Councillor Keith Irish (Ex-Officio)
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Council Members Councillor Khalid Usman

Staff/Guests	<u>Staff</u> Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Margaret Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage Henry Lo, Senior Transportation Engineer Patrick Wong, Senior Planner, Natural Heritage Abbie Kar, Senior Planner, Urban Design Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office Scott Chapman, Election and Committee Coordinator	<u>Guests</u> Richard Scott, Parks Canada Patricia O'Reilly, Parks Canada Michael Coakley, Infrastructure Ontario Ralph Toringer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Paul Nodwell, Schollen and Company Frank Palombi, Lindvest Christian Lamanna, Madison Group Changize Sadr, Liberty Development Will Dorman David Smith Bob Rauer Steve Maynard
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Sub-Committee convened at the hour of 2:05 PM in the Canada Room with Regional Councillor Jack Heath presiding as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. PRESENTATION ON FINAL REPORT ON CORNELL ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK GATEWAY STUDY

Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage, addressed the Committee and provided brief opening remarks on the Cornell Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) Gateway Study, identifying key initiatives undertaken and the progress of the project to date.

Shonda Wang, SVN Architects & Planners, consultants for the City of Markham, delivered a presentation on the streetscape concept plan and implementation framework for the Gateway area, identifying key components of the vision of the Gateway, as well as key implementation actions. Next steps and key priorities for the City and Parks Canada moving forward in the project were discussed.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the proposed Gateway Streetscape Concept Plan and Implementation Framework:

- Importance of ensuring appropriate design transitions between Cornell Centre and the Rouge National Urban Park
- Need to ensure appropriate design integration and interface between public and private properties within and immediately outside the Gateway area
- Potential traffic calming strategies within the Gateway
- Strategies for accommodating anticipated increases in vehicular traffic in the Gateway area, including the potential for the addition of a by-pass roadway
- Need to ensure sufficient parking facilities and transit connections to mitigate parking infiltration into local residential streets by park visitors
- Potential opportunities to coordinate re-development of streetscapes with improvements to local municipal and utility services in Locust Hill
- Strategies for ensuring the safety of different users of the proposed multi-use pathways
- Importance of providing for appropriate and complementary active uses and spaces in close proximity to the Rouge National Urban Park

Moved By Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded By Councillor Andrew Keyes

That the final report on the Cornell Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Study be forwarded to Development Services Committee for consideration.

Carried

4. STAFF SUMMARY ON COMMENTS RECEIVED

Shonda Wang, SVN Architects & Planners, identified key comments received from project stakeholders during the study consultation process. Strategies for addressing common issues raised and next steps in the implementation of the Gateway Streetscape Concept Plan were discussed.

5. PARKS CANADA UPDATE ON VISITOR CENTRE PLANNING PROCESS

Richard Scott, Parks Canada, addressed the Committee and provided members with an update on the planning process for the Rouge National Urban Park Visitors Welcome Area. Preliminary concepts for park design and interpretive programming as well as projected construction timelines were identified.

There was discussion regarding potential opportunities to mitigate traffic and parking congestion in the Gateway area through the design of the Welcome Area, including strategic location of park entrances and parking facilities as well as the provision of park shuttle services. Opportunities to connect the Welcome Area and Locust Hill school house to Markham's existing trail network were also discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:32 PM.