

# Markham Sub-Committee

## Minutes

February 4, 2020, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Council Chamber

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)
Council Members	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Khalid Usman
Staff/Guests	<u>Staff</u> Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage Scott Chapman, Election and Committee Coordinator	<u>Guests</u> Richard Scott, Parks Canada Sheryl Santos, Parks Canada Jeffrey Law, Parks Canada

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Sub-Committee meeting convened at the hour of 1:08 PM in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jack Heath presiding as Chair.

### 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

### **3. MARKHAM ROAD-MOUNT JOY SECONDARY PLAN STUDY**

#### **3.1 UPDATE ON MARKHAM ROAD-MOUNT JOY SECONDARY PLAN STUDY AND CHARRETTE**

Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy, delivered a presentation on the Markham Road-Mount Joy Secondary Plan study, providing members of the Sub-Committee with an overview of the project status as well as the proposed components and timetable for the study design charrette.

The Sub-Committee made the following recommendations relative to the design charrette for the Markham Road-Mount Joy Secondary Plan study:

- Extending the route of the guided bus tour to include Main Street Markham south to Highway 7 and a stop at Major Mackenzie Avenue and the Donald Cousens Parkway;
- Scheduling separate weekday dates for the guided bus tour and demonstration plans development session;
- Hosting a public session on a weekend morning to provide input into the development of the demonstration plans in addition to the weekday evening open house;
- Formatting the demonstration plan and public sessions as focused consultant led-meetings with presentations on each of the key study themes rather than rotating stations; and,
- Consider allocating additional resources for councillor outreach.

The Sub-Committee consented to endorse the proposed design charrette approach, subject to the recommendations and comments provided by the members.

### **4. CORNELL ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK GATEWAY STUDY**

#### **4.1 PARKS CANADA UPDATE MARKHAM GATEWAY WELCOME AREA (REESOR ROAD / HIGHWAY 7)**

Richard Scott, Parks Canada, was in attendance and delivered a presentation on the planning process to date for the Rouge National Urban Park Markham Gateway Welcome Area, including an overview of the site context, existing and future trail network, key themes and design attributes identified through consultations with stakeholder groups, final conceptual site plan, and next steps in the detailed design and implementation process.

The Sub-Committee discussed the following relative to the Markham Gateway Welcome Area:

- Ensuring sufficient wayfinding and navigation resources throughout the Rouge National Urban Park, including ample signage identifying trail distances and routes as well as stable WiFi and cellular reception;
- Proposed street-view perspectives of the Welcome Area from Reesor Road and Highway 7, including proposed landscaping strategies along the exterior perimeter of the site;
- Exploring the feasibility of future trails along the east side of Reesor Road, through the valley lands of the Little Rouge Creek, and connections to the Rouge Valley trail network;
- Proposed activities and event programming; and,
- Continuing to investigate requirements for on-site parking, taking into consideration the scale of envisioned programming and availability of alternate transportation options.

Members of the Sub-Committee requested that Parks Canada present a detailed design plan for the Markham Gateway Welcome Area at a future meeting.

#### **4.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PROPOSED LAND USE AND BUILT FORM EXERCISE WITH LANDOWNERS IN THE GATEWAY**

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, advised that certain employment lands within the Gateway study area are currently subject to requests for conversion relative to York Region's 2041 Municipal Comprehensive Review. Mr. Prasad recommended that the Sub-Committee postpone its consideration of this item to a future meeting after Council has confirmed its recommendations to York Region on the conversion requests.

The Sub-Committee consented to postpone consideration of this item to a future meeting.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Markham Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.