

Markham Sub-Committee Minutes

May 7, 2020, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Sub-Committee Members	Regional Councillor Jack Heath	Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Ex-Officio)
	Councillor Karen Rea	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton (Ex-Officio)
	Councillor Andrew Keyes	Councillor Keith Irish (Ex-Officio)
Regrets	Councillor Amanda Collucci	
Council Members	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Alan Ho
Staff/Guests	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design Ron Blake, Senior Development Manager Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy Stacia Muradali, Acting Manager, East District Scott Chapman, Election and Committee Coordinator Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election and Committee Coordinator	Lindsay Dale-Harris, Bousfields Julius De Ruyter, Julius De Ruyter Planning and Development Services Thanh Nguyen, Liberty Development Lezlie Phillips, Liberty Development Frank Palombi, Lindvest Christian Lamanna, Madison Group David Singer, Madison Group Bella Ziering-Lando, Norfinch Group Adam Liu, OnePiece Developments Michael Walker, OnePiece Developments Larry Varlese, Valleyview Gardens Robert Webb

1. CALL TO ORDER

In consideration of the ongoing state of emergency surrounding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the emergency public health orders issued by the Government of Ontario, this meeting was conducted electronically to maintain physical distancing among participants.

The Markham Sub-Committee meeting convened at the hour of 2:02 PM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath presiding as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. MARKHAM ROAD-MOUNT JOY SECONDARY PLAN

3.1 REVISED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy, delivered a presentation on a revised approach for the Markham Road-Mount Joy Secondary Plan design charrette prepared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Sub-Committee were provided with an overview of the charrette status, impacts to the initial project timeline, and revised strategies for in-person and virtual stakeholder engagement.

There was discussion regarding potential strategies and opportunities for leveraging digital technologies to secure public engagement. Members of the Sub-Committee recommended that staff organize an interactive community consultation session through videoconferencing or digital platform providing a virtual public kickoff that introduces the initiative, presents the charrette objectives, and obtains initial stakeholder feedback.

The Sub-Committee consented to endorse the revised charrette approach, subject to the comments and recommendations raised by the members.

Moved By Councillor Andrew Keyes
Seconded By Councillor Karen Rea

That the Markham Sub-Committee support the revised approach and timing of the Markham Road-Mount Joy Secondary Plan charrette.

Carried

3.2 9999 MARKHAM ROAD - REPORT BACK ON HOLD PROVISION

Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design, addressed the Sub-Committee in regard to the development application submitted for 9999 Markham Road, providing members with an overview of the status of hold (H) provision for the Phase 1B lands requested by Markham Council and the preliminary results of the location and feasibility study commissioned for a potential GO Transit Station at Major Mackenzie Drive.

Staff noted that the timeline of the location and feasibility study has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the study consultants have identified a tentative completion date of late June to early July 2020. Staff advised that the Sub-Committee defer a decision on a removal of the hold provision until the completion of the study.

Adam Liu, OnePiece Developments, representative for the applicant, was in attendance and requested that the removal of the hold provision be deferred no later than the date identified by the study consultants.

Moved By Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded By Councillor Karen Rea

That a decision on a removal of the hold (H) provision for the lands identified in the Phase 1B site plan of the development application for 9999 Markham Road be postponed to July 2020 pending completion of the Markham Road-Mount Joy Secondary Plan Baseline Study that will include an assessment of a potential GO Transit Station at Major Mackenzie Drive.

Carried

4. CORNELL ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK GATEWAY

4.1 LAND USE / BUILT FORM EXERCISE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research, delivered a presentation on the proposed Terms of Reference for a Land Use and Built Form Exercise for the lands within the Cornell Rouge National Urban Park Gateway study area. Key objectives for the Exercise were outlined, including timing and recommended parameters for the Land Use and Built Form Concept.

The Sub-Committee discussed the following relative to the proposed Land Use and Built Form Exercise:

- Expected timing of the draft Land Use and Built Form Exercise;

- Coordination among the Gateway landownership group;
- Extending the primary study area to include lands along the Reesor Road frontage north of Highway 7;
- Ensuring appropriate interfacing of land uses along Reesor Road north of Highway 7 and at the intersection of Highway 7 and the Donald Cousens Parkway with the overall design concept of the Gateway;
- Strategies for accommodating anticipated increases in vehicular traffic in the Gateway area, including the potential widening of Highway 7 east of Reesor Road and the addition of a by-pass roadway through Locust Hill
- Capacity and configuration of parking facilities within the Rouge National Urban Park; and,
- Potential relocation or integration of the existing heritage structure situated within the Rouge National Urban Park Welcome Area.

Christian Lamanna, Madison Group, indicated landowner support for undertaking the Exercise and requested that the draft Land Use and Built Form Concept reporting date be extended to September 2020 to afford sufficient time for coordination among the stakeholders.

Moved By Councillor Keith Irish
Seconded By Councillor Andrew Keyes

That the Markham Sub-Committee endorse the draft Terms of Reference for the Cornell Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Land Use and Built Form Exercise with an amended study area and reporting date.

Carried

4.2 CORNELL ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP

Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage, delivered a presentation on a proposed mandate and composition for the Infrastructure Steering Committee to be established as part of the implementation strategy for the Cornell Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Study. Key deliverables for the committee and considerations for the pedestrian bridge identified in the study were reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the potential configuration of the proposed pedestrian bridge. It was recommended that the mandate of the Infrastructure

Steering Committee include a technical review to clarify and define the purpose and function of the pedestrian bridge, having regard to its relationship to the larger trail and cycling network.

Moved By Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

That a Terms of Reference be established to create the 'Cornell RNUP Gateway Infrastructure Steering Committee,' to be comprised of senior staff and stakeholders as outlined in the staff presentation, for the purpose of advancing streetscape and bridge implementation options at Highway 7 and Reesor Road with the first meeting targeted for the fall of 2020.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.