

Milliken Sub-Committee Minutes

November 25, 2020, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Electronic Meeting

Committee Members	Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Khalid Usman Councillor Isa Lee Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Ex-Officio)	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton (Ex-Officio) Regional Councillor Jim Jones (Ex-Officio) Councillor Keith Irish (Ex-Officio)
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning and Urban Design Brian Lee, Director, Engineering Stephen Lue, Manager, Development, Central District Sabrina Bordone, Senior Planner, Central District	Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research Liliana Da Silva, Senior Planner Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage Alida Tari, Manager, Access and Privacy Grace Lombardi, Acting Election and Committee Coordinator Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election and Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

In consideration of the ongoing public health orders, this meeting was conducted electronically to maintain physical distancing of participants. With the recent passage of Bill 197 COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, municipal Council Members are now permitted to meet remotely and count towards quorum.

The Milliken Sub-Committee meeting convened at the hour of 1:04 PM with Regional Councillor Joe Li presiding as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. MILLIKEN CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN UPDATE

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, addressed the Subcommittee and provided brief opening remarks relative to the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan.

Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy, delivered a presentation providing an update regarding the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan. The presentation included, the process and status, draft vision, draft development concept, background and related public initiatives, and next steps. Mr. Lyons provided clarification on the additional areas that were added to the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan Area in the 2017 Draft Development Concept. He advised the Subcommittee that staff are currently reviewing the technical studies, and anticipate providing the Milliken Subcommittee with a draft Milliken Centre Secondary Plan in 2021. It was noted that in 2021 the draft Milliken Centre Secondary Plan will also be presented to the Development Services Committee and staff will host a Statutory Public meeting.

The subcommittee discussed the expanded areas; proposed completion timelines and the importance of expediting the completion of the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan.

Moved By Councillor Khalid Usman
Seconded By Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the presentation titled “Milliken Centre Secondary Plan Update” dated November 25, 2020 be received; and,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

4. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UPDATE

Stephen Lue, Manager, Development, Central District, delivered a presentation providing an update on development applications within the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan area. Mr. Lue advised the Subcommittee that redevelopment within the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan area has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fragmented landownership within the area.

Randy Peddigrew, Remington Group, addressed the Subcommittee and outlined some of factors that have caused the Remington Group development applications on the west side of the tracks to be delayed. Mr. Peddigrew advised that regardless of the court hearing

outcome, Remington Group would like to proceed with the application and continue to work with it.

The Milliken Subcommittee discussed the following relative to the development application update:

- Impact in delays of the development applications to complete the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan;
- Status on the process with existing and future applications;
- Importance of a well-designed pedestrian network ;
- Potential road pattern connectivity;
- Providing certainty to the development industry on the process of the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan;
- Ensuring staff are proactive with landowners and assist with any outstanding issues to allow landowners to proceed with their applications;
- The importance of staff working with landowners and Metrolinx to ensure the potential Denison GO Station is a priority;
- Importance of achieving an urban centre that with a vibrant neighbourhood, and destination for residents and visitors north of Steeles Avenue; and,
- Importance of staff working with the City of Toronto to ensure that the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan is well integrated with their plan.

Moved By Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

1. That the presentation entitled Development Applications Update, be received; **and,**
2. **That staff be directed to continue to work with landowners to advance the completion of the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan and resolve any outstanding issues; and**
3. **That staff be directed to request that the landowners work toward the completion of the Landowners Group agreement; and, further,**
4. **That Staff and landowners continue to collaborate to accelerate the process based on previous models used for other GO stations to advance the Denison Station with Metrolinx.**

Carried

5. MIDLAND AVENUE EXTENSION

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, addressed the subcommittee and provided some opening remarks relative to the Midland Avenue Extension.

Brian Lee, Director, Engineering, delivered a presentation and provided the Subcommittee with a high-level overview of the status of the Midland Avenue Extension. Mr. Lee informed the Subcommittee that staff continue to work with the City of Toronto staff to ensure that all infrastructure projects along Steeles Avenue are coordinated. It was noted that the Midland Avenue extension needs to be completed soon to ease traffic congestion on Steeles Avenue, and to assist with traffic issues on Midland Avenue and Sun Yet Sen Avenue. Mr. Lee noted that the Midland Avenue extension will not begin until the required properties are available.

Members of the Milliken Subcommittee discussed the following relative to the Midland Avenue Extension:

- Issues with traffic congestion on Midland Avenue and Sun Yet Sen Avenue; and,
- Concerns with the delay in acquiring properties for the Midland Avenue extension right-of-way, and recommending that staff continue to assist with resolving these issues.

Moved By Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded By Regional Councillor Jim Jones

1. That the presentation titled "Midland Avenue Extension and Steeles Grade Separation and Proposed Denison GO Station" be received.

Carried

6. STEELES GRADE SEPARATION AND PROPOSED DENISON GO STATION

Brian Lee, Director, Engineering, delivered a presentation on the status of the Steeles Grade Separation and Proposed Denison GO Station. Mr. Lee provided an overview of the railway connections to the Unionville GO Station, location of tracks, retaining walls and grade separation, and pedestrian connectivity. The grade separation work is funded by Metrolinx.

Mr. Lee also informed the Subcommittee that the Denison GO Station was supported by Council in a staff report in 2016. Mr. Lee is of the opinion that a new GO Station at

Denison Street will provide more benefit and service to the Secondary Plan than another station location at 14th Avenue.

Members of the Milliken Sub-Committee discussed the following relative to the Steeles Grade Separation and Proposed Denison GO Station:

- Sufficient passengers are needed to justify a GO Station; and,
- Incorporating shorter trains and more frequency to receive additional GO Station within the Milliken Centre Secondary Plan to assist with density; and further,
- Staff be asked to continue to work with Metrolinx to pursue a station at Denison Street.

Moved By Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded By Regional Councillor Jim Jones

1. That the presentation titled "Midland Avenue Extension and Steeles Grade Separation and Proposed Denison GO Station" be received.

Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded By Councillor Isa Lee

The Milliken Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Carried