

Unionville Sub-Committee Minutes

January 12, 2021, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Electronic Meeting

Sub-Committee

Members

Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Regional Councillor Jim Jones (Ex-Officio)

Councillor Keith Irish (Ex-Officio)

Councillor Alan Ho

Councillor Reid McAlpine

Regrets Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Ex-Officio)

Councillor Amanda Collucci

Council Members Regional Councillor Joe Li

Councillor Andrew Keyes

Councillor Isa Lee

Staff/Guests Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services

Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design

Brian Lee, Director, Engineering

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation

Soran Sito, Manager, Environmental

Joseph Palmisano, Manager, Transportation Planning

Fei Yang, Transportation Engineer Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage

Stephen Lue, Manager, Development, Central District

Parvathi Nampoothiri, Manager, Urban Design

Abhinav Sukumar, Planner II Michelle Wong, Planner I Ronji Borroah, City Architect Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff

Grace Lombardi, Acting Election & Committee Coordinator Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election & 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 Unionville Sub-Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:31 AM with Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton presiding as Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 UNIONVILLE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES - DECEMBER 10, 2020

Moved By Regional Councillor Jim Jones Seconded By Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the Unionville Sub-Committee meeting held on December 10, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried

3.2 UNIONVILLE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES - DECEMBER 14, 2020

Moved By Regional Councillor Jim Jones Seconded By Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the Unionville Sub-Committee meeting held on December 14, 2020 be confirmed.

Carried

4. MARKHAM CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN UPDATE - AGENCY PARTNERS ENGAGEMENT

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, addressed the subcommittee and provided brief opening remarks relative to staff's engagement with agency partners, which include Metrolinx, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC), Ministry of Transportation (MTO) 407 Transitway regarding various matters related to the Markham Centre Secondary Plan.

Stephen Lue, Manager, Central District, delivered a presentation providing an update with respect to the City's status on the Markham Centre Secondary Plan. Mr. Lue provided a high-level overview on the issues with the agency partners surrounding the Unionville GO Station, which included the existing tributary 5 alignment, potential tributary 5 re-alignment, Bus Rapid Transitway alignment, City-preferred 407 Transitway alignment, and existing street network.

Staff advised that development options would be presented to the February 8, 2021, Development Services Committee.

Quentin Hanchard, on behalf of TRCA, delivered a presentation and provided an overview of the Markham Centre context, tributary 5 of the Rouge River, tributary 4 of the Rouge River, and road extensions.

Members of the Unionville Subcommittee discussed the following with respect to the presentations:

- Reviewing the piping in tribuary 4 between Enterprise Boulevard and the 407 Transitway;
- Concerns with piping in tribuary 4 affecting the road network connections and possible affecting the density vision;
- Concerns with issues on the Scriberras crossing over the Rouge River impacting the Markham Centre Secondary Plan and delaying the process;
- Ensuring the most economical way for transportation is achieved by conducting a cost comparison for transportation going either under or over the 407 Transitway;
- Potentially relocating the Unionville GO Station to the south side of the 407 Transitway;
- Distances between GO Stations;
- Ownership of the Metrolinx parking lot and potentially future development of affordable housing;
- The need for a future conceptual review of the area bound by Kennedy, Highway 407, Enterprise and tributary 4 that could maximum development potential;
- Concerns with noise and appearance of the train layover on the north side of Enterprise Boulevard, and west side of the existing tracks potentially impacting surrounding lands and future developments; and,
- Conducting a comprehensive review of all crossings within the Markham Centre Secondary Plan.

Moved By Councillor Keith Irish Seconded By Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the presentation titled "Markham Centre Secondary Plan Update - Agency Partners Engagement" be received.>

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Keith Irish Seconded By Councillor Reid McAlpine

That the Unionville Sub-Committee meeting adjourn at 11:12 AM.

Carried