

Unionville Sub-Committee Minutes

June 14, 2022, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Electronic Meeting

Sub-Committee
Members

Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Ex-Officio)

Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Regional Councillor Jim Jones (Ex-Officio)

Councillor Keith Irish (Ex-Officio)

Councillor Alan Ho

Councillor Reid McAlpine

Councillor Amanda Collucci

Council Members

Regional Councillor Joe Li

Councillor Karen Rea

Councillor Andrew Keyes

Councillor Khalid Usman

Staff

Frank Clarizio, Director of Engineering

Alain Cachola, Senior Manager, Infrastructure & Capital Works

Nehal Azmy, Senior Capital Works Engineer

Chris Rickett, Director of Economic Growth, Culture &
Entrepreneurship

Laura Gold, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Unionville Sub-Committee convened at 9:05 AM with Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton in the Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Frank Clarizio, Director of Engineering, advised that today's meeting is to inform the Committee of the City's engagement schedule and strategy for the Unionville Revitalization Project.

Alain Cachola, provided a presentation entitled "Main Street Unionville Revitalization Project and Communication Plan".

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Unionville Revitalization Project:

- Staff were requested to advise the Committee which indigenous group will be consulted on the project;
- Contemplated whether it is better to close the street and do the construction as quick as possible, or keep one lane open to permit the businesses to stay open and do the construction over a longer period of time;
- Suggested staff should be prepared to have definitive answers to questions regarding the construction at the public meeting being held on June 23rd, as businesses want to know how they will survive;
- Suggested that staff may need to hold another meeting with the Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA), as the meeting held last week regarding the project had a poor turnout;
- Suggested that businesses will be able to stay open during construction if the parking issues can be resolved;
- Questioned where the construction equipment will be stored;
- Noted that the businesses should be prepared for internet disruptions during the construction;
- Noted the importance of controlling traffic during the construction, and hiring a police officer if required;
- Suggested that the parking lot and laneway should have a well-defined entrance;
- Debated whether property tax relief should be provided to the landowners, noting that the City would need to ensure that the landowners are providing the break to their tenants if it provided a tax relief;
- Questioned if this was the right time to do the construction, as many businesses are still recovering from the pandemic.

Mr. Clarizio advised that staff are in the process of engaging stakeholder on the construction schedule and technique, and that staff are trying to minimize the

impact of the construction as much as possible. Mr. Clarizio noted that the purpose of the June meetings are to engage stakeholders and gather information, which staff will then analyze and develop options on how to best manage the construction. Staff would then present the options at a second set of meetings. Mr. Clarizio clarified that reconstructing the parking lot and laneway is part of the revitalization project, but that the expansion of the parking lot is not within the scope of the project. Mr. Clarizio confirmed that the construction needs to be done in mild weather when most of the festivals occur. Mr. Clarizio clarified that it is still being determined where the construction equipment will stored, and that staff are inquiring if the contractor can store the equipment offsite. Mr. Clarizio confirmed that he would ask the consultant about the possibility of creating a defined entrance to the parking lot and laneway serving Main Street Unionville.

Chris Rickett, Director of Economic Growth, Culture, and Entrepreneurship, advised that staff are actively engaging the UBIA on how to minimize the impact of the construction on their business. Mr. Rickett noted staff are also looking at other way of potentially helping the businesses, such as helping them digitally transform their business, and ensuring any tax relief flows to tenant.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Unionville Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:35 AM.