

Unionville Sub-Committee Minutes

May 2, 2023, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Council Chamber

Sub-Committee
Members

Deputy Mayor Michael Chan, Chair

Councillor Reid McAlpine

Councillor Amanda Collucci

Councillor Isa Lee

Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Ex-Officio)

Regional Councillor Jim Jones (Ex-Officio)

Regional Councillor Joe Li (Ex-Officio)

Staff

Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services

Mark Visser, Acting Treasurer

Stephanie DiPerna, Director, Building Standards

Chris Rickett, Director, Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship

Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering

Nehal Azmy, Senior Capital Works Engineer

Alain Cachola, Senior Manager, Infrastructure & Capital Works

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery

Erica Alligood, Election & Committee Coordinator

Rajeeth Arulanantham, Assistant to Council / Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Unionville Sub-Committee convened at 3:04 PM with Deputy Mayor Michael Chan in the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Chan left the meeting at 4:14 PM. Councillor Reid McAlpine assumed the Chair.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and their commitment to stewardship of the land. We acknowledge the communities in circle. The North, West, South and Eastern directions, and Haudenosaunee, Huron- Wendat, Anishnabeg, Seneca, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit peoples. We share the responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

That the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Unionville Sub-Committee be approved as presented.

Carried

4. PRESENTATION - MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering, provided an introduction, advising that the purpose of the sub-committee is to provide an update on the Main Street Unionville revitalization project. Director Clarizio advised that Staff would provide an update detailing the scope change requests that had been received related to the project, to advise of next steps, and to seek feedback from the sub-Committee, particularly on the scope change requests. Director Clarizio introduced Alain Cachola to provide a presentation.

Alain Cachola, Senior Manager, Infrastructure & Capital Works, provided a presentation detailing the upcoming aspects of the Main Street Unionville revitalization project and detailing staff recommendations and next steps. Mr. Cachola introduced Michael Murray, CIMA, to provide a breakdown of the proposed advanced work as part of the project.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the staff presentation:

- Questioned if the advanced work is contained in one tender and if the work would start at the same time for the different area;
- Questioned the decision to re-line a steel pipe rather than replacement;
- Encouraged Staff to explore pre-installation of servicing infrastructure to minimize future disruption;

- Inquired about other opportunities for the re-location of the Alectra vault;
- Expressed support for the scope change relative to the planned parking bays and noting that the colour of the pavers on the parking bay could be the same as the sidewalk as parking would be limited for a majority of the year;

Staff provided the following responses to inquiries from the Committee:

Advanced Work Tenders:

Staff advised that the advanced work will be done through a single tender and General Contractor and confirmed that they are looking into the sequence of the different project elements. Staff advised that the UBIA cautioned of festivals taking place throughout the summer and advised that they will look to minimize any impacts due to the project.

Steel Pipe Re-lining & Servicing Infrastructure

Staff confirmed that pipe re-lining is a widely accepted and effective practice used to elongate the lifespan of steel pipes. Staff advised that this approach is not only cost-effective, but also minimizes disruption of a full watermain replacement. Staff also confirmed that they are working with the Applicant to pre-install servicing infrastructure based on where they will likely have service connections.

Alectra Vault Re-location

Staff advised that the original intent was to move the Alectra vault from the sidewalk to the adjacent landscaped planter but in finding this re-location would result in the loss of two healthy trees, they have opted to keep the Alectra vault in the original location. Staff clarified that they also explored moving the vault to the area at the bottom of the stairs and found it not feasible due to utility conflicts.

Staff advised that Alectra is already prepared to begin construction. Staff confirmed that they would continue to explore alternate options.

Following the meeting staff consulted with Alectra and property staff to explore the opportunity to relocate the Alectra vault further south and outside of the road right of way. This option was not recommended since the proposed location is privately owned. In addition Alectra advised that given current time constraints they are unlikely to meet the proposed timeline with this option.

Parking Bay Pavers - Scope Change Request

Staff advised that due to AODA considerations, they had proposed the parking bay and sidewalk to contain different colour pavers, clearly differentiating the two areas. Lisa Cullen, CIMA+, noted that representatives of the Accessibility Committee had indicated during the Advisory Committee & Community Group meeting (April 27, 7p.m.) that

Accessibility Committee members were not opposed to the parking bay paver being the same as the sidewalk, and that keeping the Cloudburst colour paver border outlining the parking stall areas would be sufficient to provide visual contrast between the main pedestrian corridor and the parking stall areas.

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That Staff be directed to explore other opportunities to relocate the Alectra vault including moving it further South; and,

That failing another solution, that the Alectra vault remain on the boulevard with some encroachment on the sidewalk; and further,

That the Parking Bay pavers match the sidewalk pavers: Molina paver - 150mm x 300mm pavers (80mm thickness) in two colors: Moraine and Luna.

Carried

Main Street Unionville Public Art Program

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery, delivered a presentation detailing public art plans and subsequent scheduling for the Main Street Unionville revitalization project.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the staff presentation:

- Advised that positive feedback was received related to the public art plans following the Main Street Unionville Revitalization Community Engagement meeting;
- Inquired about the size and scope of the major art installation;
- Questioned the location of installations, asking if we did not explore certain areas that did not seem to coincide with the overall project such as the front of Crosby arena;

Staff confirmed that other areas were considered for the installation but were deemed unfeasible. Staff advised that an installation was considered at Station Lane but found that there were issues surrounding Metrolinx and the subsequent approval process. Staff advised that the installation will contain integrated elements which could result in a significant installation. Staff advised that they understand that the Recreation Department is looking to improvements for the entire Crosby Arena space, which would be done in conjunction with various departments.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

That the presentation entitled Main Street Unionville Public Art Program be received;
and,

That Staff are directed to undertake the artist selection; and further,

That staff finalize the evaluation for the major art installation.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Unionville Sub-Committee adjourn at 3:07 PM

Carried