



Development Services Committee Minutes

April 3, 2018, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Council Chamber

Meeting No. 6

All Members of Council

Development Services Issues

Chair: Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Vice-Chair: Councillor Don Hamilton

Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship Issues

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alan Ho

Transportation and Engineering Capital Projects Issues

Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li
Vice-Chair: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Attendance

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li (arrived at 9:50am)
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci (arrived at 9:55am)
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Lee, Acting Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Ron, Blake, Senior Development Manager
Sally Campbell, Manager, East District
Loy Cheah, Acting Director of Engineering
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor and Acting Director of Human Resources
George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Biju Karumanchery, Director of Planning and Urban Design
David Porretta, Supervisor Traffic Operations
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:03 a.m. in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair. Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong assumed the Chair for Transportation and Engineering Capital Projects items, No.7 & 8.

Development Services Committee recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
- March 19, 2018 (10.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held March 19, 2018, be confirmed.

Carried

**2. TRAFFIC SAFETY AT
MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL (5.12)**

[Communication](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the communication from Markham District High School Council entitled “Traffic Safety at Markham District High School” with respect to Traffic Safety issues, be received.

Carried

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

**3. HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MINUTES
- March 14, 2018 (16.11)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held March 14, 2018, be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER
PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
NAME: JOSEPH WIDEMAN HOUSE
ADDRESS: 5 HERITAGE CORNERS LANE, WARD 4 (16.11.3)
[Report](#)**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Intention to Designate a Property Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, Name: Joseph Wideman House, Address: 5 Heritage Corners Lane,” dated April 3, 2018, be received; and,
- 2) That as recommended by Heritage Markham, the Joseph Wideman House at 5 Heritage Corners Lane be approved for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest; and,
- 3) That the Clerk’s Department be authorized to publish and serve Council’s Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act; and,
- 4) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be authorized to place a designation by-law before Council for adoption; and,
- 5) That if there are any objections in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be directed to refer the proposed designation to the Ontario Conservation Review Board; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**5. INTERPRETIVE PLAQUE PROGRAM
FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PROPERTIES – UNIONVILLE, WARD 3 (16.11)
[Report](#)**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the report titled “Interpretive Plaque Program for Heritage Conservation District Properties - Unionville,” dated April 3, 2018, be received; and,

- 2) That Council authorize staff to utilize up to \$350 of the \$6,000 previously allocated as the City's portion of the Markham Village interpretive plaque program for the City's contribution to the plaque cost for the two identified Unionville plaques; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**6. VICTORIA SQUARE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT STUDY STATUS (16.11)**

[Report](#)

There was discussion regarding other tools that could be used to protect heritage resources such as individual property designation, site plan control, and official plan policies specifically for Victoria Square and other policies. Staff noted that there could be minor changes to Heritage Buildings that do not require a building permit or site plan control.

The Committee discussed informal enhancements that could be used to recognize the Victoria Square heritage area such as entry signage or street name signs. It was suggested that staff report back with a memo outlining some informal enhancement options.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the staff report titled "Victoria Square Heritage Conservation District Study Status," dated April 3, 2018, be received; and,
- 2) That based on general opposition expressed by property owners within the study area, staff be instructed to discontinue further action on this project at this time; and,
- 3) That research work prepared by the consultant team remain on file as a resource to support future local heritage conservation initiatives such as individual property designations; and,
- 4) That an update on the status of the study be posted on the City website and a notice be provided to each property owner in the study area; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**7. CHURCH STREET & ELM STREET
PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL (WARD 4) (5.12)**
[Presentation](#)

Peter Triantafillakis, Markham resident, addressed the Committee regarding the proposed all-way stop control at Church Street and Elm Street and spoke in support. He stated concerns with the potentially unsafe traffic conditions in and around Markham District High School (MDHS) during the peak hours of before and after school that could create a safety issue for the students during their commute to school. Mr. Triantafillakis indicated that he would also support any alternative measures that will address pedestrian safety concerns.

David Porretta, Supervisor Traffic Operations delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed all-way stop control at Church Street and Elm Street.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the proposed all-way stop control at Church Street and Elm Street:

- Investigate alternative solutions to improve the pedestrian safety concerns within the school zone area
- Investigate if a pedestrian crossing is warranted at the Mount Joy Creek or at Russell Stover Court
- Investigate installing a signalized pedestrian crossing similar to the one at Milne Dam Conservation and McCowan Road
- Investigate the need for one or more crossing guards on Church Street
- Consider including pedestrian education component

Staff addressed the Committee and pointed out issues with potentially installing any midblock crossings on Church Street without a sidewalk on the north side.

There was discussion suggesting that staff report back after approximately a year from the stop sign being installed.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the September 11, 2017, DSC report, entitled “Church Street & Elm Street Proposed All-way Stop Control (Ward 4)”, and the staff powerpoint presentation dated April 3, 2018 be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule 12 of Traffic By-law 106-71, pertaining to compulsory stops, be amended to include all approaches to the intersection of Church Street & Elm Street; and,
- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs and pavement markings at the subject locations; and,

- 4) That the cost of materials and installation for the traffic signs and pavement markings be funded from capital account # 083-5350-18056-005; and,
- 5) That York Region Police be requested to enforce the all-way stop controls upon installation of these stop signs and passing of the By-law; and,
- 6) **That staff be directed to report back to Development Services Committee approximately one year after the installation of the all-way stop at Church Street & Elm Street; and,**
- 7) **That staff be directed to investigate the implementation of crossing guards between Elm Street and Wootten Way; and,**
- 8) **That staff be directed to investigate the potential to install some form of signalization between Elm Street and Wootten Way; and,**
- 9) **That staff be directed to investigate the implementation of a York Region Transit lay-by facility in front of the high school; and**
- 10) **That the deputation by Peter Triantafillakis be received; and further,**
- 11) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**8. CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (CPAC) MINUTES
- February 15, 2018 (16.34)
[Minutes](#)**

The Committee suggested that the proposed motion be referred back to staff.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the following motion be received and referred back to staff:

“Whereas CPAC has a primary responsibility to advise council about matters of safety for pedestrians and cyclists; and,

Whereas CPAC has examined several road widening projects planned for the Markham neighborhoods; and,

Whereas six lane roads are rated at 60 km/ hour, with it not uncommon for motorists to drive down wide arterials at speeds exceeding 80 km/hour; and,

Whereas Markham is designed without a fine grid, so there are long distances between intersections, making it common for pedestrians to illegally walk across the roads midblock; and,

Whereas a substantial body of research disputes the efficacy of street widening as a solution to congestion; and,

Whereas road widening projects in established Markham neighbourhoods cannot accommodate 6 lanes, dedicated cycle paths, and pedestrian walkways on both sides of the road- the compromises made sacrifice Markham's stated goals of encouraging active transportation by providing safe and pleasant paths for all users; and,

Whereas HOV and dedicated bus-lanes do little to reduce congestion. Other, less capital intensive measures are more productive in encouraging the use of public transportation; and

Therefore be it resolved that:

That Markham city staff notify CPAC at earliest possible stages and solicit input from CPAC on any projects, both city and region driven; and

That Markham city council understands that CPAC on principle rejects the idea of road widening of any existing arterial in the city limits; and,

That city and regional planners work to improve public transit in Markham as it intensifies, particular emphasis on commuting solutions along the HWY 7 East/ West and designing commuting solutions along all arterial roads; and further,

That city and regional planners consider altering widening projects to improve street beautification, with dedicated cycle and pedestrian paths, and timed measures to improve traffic flows, all at significantly less capital costs."

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the minutes of the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting held February 15, 2018, be received for information purposes.

Carried

MOTIONS

There were no motions.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motions.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

**9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CHARGE PREPAYMENT AGREEMENT
WITH KYLEMORE COMMUNITIES (YORKTON) LTD.
9350 TO 9392 KENNEDY ROAD (WARD 6) (7.11)
[Memo](#)**

Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the memo dated April 3, 2018.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the staff memorandum dated April 3, 2018 regarding “Authorization to Execute a Development Charge Prepayment Agreement with Kylemore Communities (Yorkton) Ltd; be received: and,
- 2) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the prepayment agreement as described herein; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**10. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
DEPUTATION FORMS (16.0)**

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee requesting that when a constituent fills out a form that they are automatically added to the notification listing to be notified of future meeting for planning applications being considered by Development Services Committee and Development Services Public Meeting. Staff advised that only individuals who check off the box on the form indicating that they would like to be notified of future meetings are added to the list.

**11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
FLEXIBLE SIGN IN SCHOOL ZONES (5.12)**

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee inquiring if the flexible signs in school zones could be installed at all Markham elementary schools. Staff advised that they will report back on the cost implications associated to this request.

**12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
LAND PRO CONFERENCE (10.5)**

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee advising she was at a Land Pro Conference that included information regarding Airbnb, and that some individuals believe that they can establish short term accommodation as legal non-conforming uses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Alternate formats for this document are available upon request.
--