



MINUTES
MARKHAM SUB-COMMITTEE
October 6, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
York Room

Committee Members

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Amanda Collucci

Staff

Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage
Patrick Wong, Planner II, Natural Heritage
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Colin Campbell

The Markham Sub-Committee convened at 11:05 a.m. without quorum. A quorum was achieved at 11:30 a.m.

The Notes from a sub-committee meeting held on October 2, 2017 with landowners and agencies, was provided for background information.

**1. Cornell Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Vision and Design Plan
Draft Terms of Reference**

Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage, gave a presentation on the RNUP Gateway Vision and Design Plan, describing the subject lands and the process to date. Staff are seeking directions for moving forward with the Terms of Reference. A Request for Proposal will be released and consultants will be retained to undertake the study.

A summary of the Charrette highlights was provided with respect to traffic calming, ecological linkage, public art, building massing, form and height, and the Locust Hill lands. The next phase is to prepare a Vision and Design Plan, and an Implementation Plan. Discussions included collaboration and partnerships, scope of the work, deliverables, and challenges.

Discussions:

- An important aspect will be the financial framework.
- The influence area around the study area is important.
- A Highway 7 by-pass to the north of Locust Hill should be considered. This needs to be discussed with the stakeholders and determined early in the process.
- As a result of the Growth Plan, employment conversions are handled differently, and this study will focus on design with consideration of land use in the context of permitted land uses.

- Parks Canada will participate in the study process to help inform their welcome centre location. They are open to partnerships.
- Parks Canada will be working with the City to ensure trails and pathways connections.
- The title - "Welcome Area & Trails" will ensure the trails are connected; but is it putting too much emphasis on trails to the exclusion of other possibilities? "Welcome Area, Trails, and Other Facilities within the Gateway" was suggested.

The Notes from the sub-committee meeting held on October 2, 2017 were reviewed.

Next Steps

Additional comments were requested to be submitted by October 12, 2017. Staff will proceed with the Request for Proposal and consultant selection process with an objective to commence the study early in the new year. Authorization for the Study was confirmed by Council on May 29, 2017.

Adjournment

The Markham Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.