



Development Services Committee Minutes

November 16, 2015, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Council Chamber

Meeting No. 22

All Members of Council

Development Services

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

Economic Development

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

Transportation Issues

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

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire
Services
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Biju Karumanchery, Director of Planning and
Urban Design
Brian Lee, Deputy Director of Engineering
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Jim Jones

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:12 a.m. in the Council Chamber with Councillor Don Hamilton in the Chair. Regional Councillor Joe Li assumed the Chair for Transportation item No. 9.

The Committee observed a Minute of Silence in recognition of the incident in Paris, France on Friday, November 13, 2015.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

– None declared

1. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS (12.2.6)

City of Markham Staff:

Paul Moser, Captain, Fire & Emergency Services, 30 years
Alex Chiu, Councillor Ward 8, Mayor & Council, 30
Daniel Vincent, Provincial Offences Officer Supervisor, Legislative Services, 25 years
Julia Sprawson, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
Norman Jones, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 25 years
Bob Evans, Facility Operator I, Crosby C.C., Recreation Services, 25 years
Nelson Lam, Technical Support Specialist II, Information Technology Services, 25 years
Liza Semilla, Supervisor, Operations, 20 years
Angelo Taccone, Facility Operator 1, Mount Joy C.C., Recreation Services, 20 years
Bill Mabbett, Working Supervisor, Environmental Services, 20 years
Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Community & Fire Services Commissioner's Office, 15 years
Neil Webb, Alarm Room Operator, Fire & Emergency Services, 15 years
Mansoor Ali, Senior Development Engineer, Engineering, 10 years
Alexander Moore, Senior Manager, Purchasing & Accounts Payable, Financial Services, 10 years
Sara Yeung, Tax Policy Agent, Financial Services, 10 years
Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning, Financial Services, 10 years
Dean McDermid, Working Supervisor, Operations, 10 years
Peter Wokral, Planner II Heritage, Planning & Urban Design, 10 years
Stephanie Di Perna, Supervisor of Permit Administration, Building Standards, 10 years
Oliver Kollmar, Building Inspector II, Building Standards, 10 years
George Paraskevagos, Building Inspector II, Building Standards, 10 years
Pu Zhang, Engineering Design Assistant, Asset Management, 10 years
Michael Savoie, Facility Operator II, Recreation Services, 10 years
Peter Solymos, Supervisor, Water Quality, Environmental Services, 10 years
Mike Klein, Waterworks Operator II, Environmental Services, 10 years
Jason Ramsaran, Handyperson, Asset Management, 5 years
Robert Muir, Manager, Asset Management, 5 years
Alain Velasco, Facility Operator III, Recreation Services, 5 years
Stephanie Edwards, Provincial Offences Officer I, Legislative Services, 5 years
Anik Glaude, Curator and Program Co-ordinator, Culture, 5 years
Tyler Burns, Operations Labourer/Driver, Operations, 5 years
Calvin Northover, Truck Driver, Operations, 5 years
Derrick Doobay, Operations Labourer/Driver, Operations, 5 years
Wu-King Ho, Councillor Ward 2, Mayor & Council, 5 years
Colin Campbell, Councillor Ward 5, Mayor & Council, 5 years
Que Hsien Li, Regional Councillor, Mayor & Council, 5 years

**2. YRT/VIVA SYSTEM OVERVIEW:
FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND
2016 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN (5.14)**
[Presentation](#)

Adrian Kawun, Manager, Service Planning, York Region, gave a presentation entitled "YRT/Viva System Overview: Five-Year Strategic Plan and 2016 Annual Service Plan". The presentation outlined the system overview, 2015 accomplishments, transit planning: 2016-2020 Transit Strategy; 2016 Annual Service Plan, and next steps.

Mr. Kawun noted that since amalgamation, ridership has grown from 7 million to 22.7 million, and that new technologies enable more passenger trips within budget. YRT/Viva services have been recognized by industry professionals and have received several awards.

Mr. Kawun responded to questions from the Committee regarding: route changes; Mobility Plus services and fees; requested service improvements at Brother Andre School, 14th Avenue, and other routes; providing pedestrian flyovers for safety to access the Viva stations; consideration of free or reduced ridership for seniors and certain groups, and off-peak pricing; dial-a-ride service; using appropriate sized buses; bird strike mitigation for the glass bus stop structures; illumination; the double-fare at Steeles Avenue; the PRESTO card; and, working with City of Toronto, TTC, and the province to coordinate services.

The Committee requested further information regarding total operating costs of YRT/Viva, and the numbers for seniors' ridership.

Alui Chen, resident, spoke in support of free or reduced service fees for seniors and referred to a written submission provided to members of the Committee. The Committee discussed transfer policies.

Christiane Bergauer-Free, resident, discussed seniors' passes and also suggested that the traffic circles may require design refinements to accommodate the busses. Staff advised that the agency has been consulted on the design of the round-about. Ms. Bergauer-Free displayed tree leaves, twigs and apples that show signs of disease from pollution.

Moved by: Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the deputations by Alui Chen and Christiane Bergauer-Free regarding YRT/Viva services, and the written submission from Alui Chen be received; and**
- 2) That the presentation provided by Adrian Kawun, Manager, Service Planning, York Region, entitled "YRT/Viva System Overview: Five-Year Strategic Plan and 2016 Annual Service Plan" be received; and,
- 3) That the requests of the Committee and deputants be referred to York Region for consideration, and to the Commissioner of Community Services for consideration in the service review by the City of Markham, including:**

- a) **Working with FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program) to investigate and implement measures to mitigate bird collisions with new and existing bus shelters and associated infrastructure; and,**
- b) **Reducing the extreme light pollution from the Bus Yard located at Woodbine Avenue and Miller Road, with the goal of safe, sustainable, dark-sky friendly lighting; and,**
- 4) **That Markham's Seniors Advisory Committee be advised of discussions regarding seniors fees for transit; and further,**
- 5) **That YRT/VIVA report back to Markham Council in the first quarter of 2016.**

CARRIED

3. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
- November 2, 2015 (10.0)
[Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held November 2, 2015, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
- November 3, 2015 (10.0)
[Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Development Services Public Meeting held November 3, 2015, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**5. MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE MINUTES
- September 16, 2015 (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held September 16, 2015, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY VISION PLAN
UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS (10.0)**

[Memo](#)

Mayor Frank Scarpitti provided an overview of the progress to date and the recommended next steps. Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services, summarized the process going forward. Deputy Mayor Jack Heath offered to assist in any meetings with TRCA.

Doug Denby, resident, indicated general support for the proposed process and discussed Unionville and heritage issues.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) **That the deputation by Doug Denby regarding the Main Street Unionville Community Vision Plan, be received; and,**
- 2) That the staff memo entitled “Main Street Unionville Community Vision Plan, Update and Next Steps”, dated November 16, 2015, be received; and,
- 3) That the verbal update provided by Mayor Scarpitti on the meetings with commercial property owners on Main Street Unionville regarding support for the Vision Plan and the concept of funding of a Property Development Co-ordinator, be received; and,
- 4) That as recommended by staff on March 24, 2015:
 1. That a new advisory committee called the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee be created as per the terms of reference in this report (Appendix “A”); and,
 2. That staff be authorized to contact each of the identified organizations in the new advisory committee’s terms of reference to appoint a member to represent the organization on the new committee, and that representatives from the public at large be appointed through the Clerks Department’s board/committee volunteer process; and,

3. That Don Hamilton, Councillor, Ward 3 and Jim Jones, Regional Councillor be appointed as the Council representatives on the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee; and,
- 5) That the concept of the Property Development coordinator not be pursued at this time; and further,
- 6) That that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**7. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAM
FOR CHARRETTE STUDY OF UNIONVILLE HOME SOCIETY AREA (10.0)**
[Memo](#)

On November 2, 2015, Development Services Committee deferred consideration of the subject matter to the meeting this date, to allow Don Givens to work with the Commissioner of Development Services on an agreeable joint work and consultation plan.

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services reviewed the directions of the Committee on this matter, and reported on discussions with Don Givens of Malone Given Parsons Ltd., and the proposed work and consultation plan.

Lauren Capilongo, representing Malone Given Parsons Ltd., indicated that Regional Councillor Jim Jones was in agreement with the plan.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) **That the staff Memo dated November 16, 2015, providing an update on the Terms of Reference and Work Program for Charrette Study of Unionville Home Society, be received; and,**
- 2) **That the work and communication plan outlined in the November 16, 2015 Memo be endorsed; and further,**
- 3) **That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

CARRIED

**8. AWARD OF CONTRACT 206-R-15 MARKHAM CENTRE
CONSOLIDATED MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICING PLAN (5.7, 7.12)**
[Report](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled “Award of Contract 206-R-15 Markham Centre Consolidated Master Environmental Servicing Plan, be received; and,
- 2) That contract “206-R-15 be awarded to the highest ranked bidder Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure (“Amec”) in the amount of \$395,714.11 inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) That a contingency in the amount of \$39,571.41 inclusive of HST be established to cover any additional study costs and that authorization to approve expenditures of this contingency amount up to the specified limit in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,
- 4) That staff be authorized to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$89,040.00 inclusive of HST to cover the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (“TRCA”) fees; and,
- 5) That the tendering process for the TRCA contract be waived in accordance with the Purchasing By law # 2004-341, Part II, Section 7 Non Competitive Procurement, item 2 (e); which states “Tenders, Requests for Proposal and Request for Quotation may not be required for goods and services to be provided by the TRCA; and,
- 6) That the Engineering Department Capital Administration Fee in the amount of \$52,234.26 inclusive of HST, be transferred to revenue account 640-998-8871 (Capital Admin Fees); and,
- 7) That the total project cost of \$576,559.78 (\$395,714.11 + \$39,571.41 + \$89,040.00 + \$52,234.26) be funded from capital account 053-5350-15056-005, Markham Centre MESP Consolidation; and,
- 8) That the shortfall in the amount of \$18,859.78 be funded from the Engineering Capital Contingency account; and further,
- 9) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**9. WHISTLE CESSATION ON
STOUFFVILLE GO LINE – PROGRESS UPDATE (5.12)**

[Memo](#)

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, provided an update on this matter with respect to the directions of Council on September 28, 2015. Work on this matter is ongoing and staff will provide a further update in January, 2016. Staff responded to e-mail comments provided from residents, and the timeline for the project was discussed. It was requested that the staff update Memo be posted on the City website.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the memorandum dated November 16, 2015 entitled "Whistle Cessation on Stouffville GO Line - Progress Update" be received.

CARRIED

**10. NEW BUSINESS
TRIBUTE (UNIONVILLE) LIMITED
SITE PLAN APPLICATION
AT 20 FRED VARLEY DRIVE
FILE NO. SC 13 109695 (10.6)**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath introduced this matter and noted the concern of residents regarding tree issues relating to the development application by Tribute (Unionville) Limited at 20 Fred Varley Drive.

The Committee consented to hear deputations on this matter.

C. J. Deacon and Robert Fleischacker, representing the Unionville Ratepayers Association and the Unionville Villagers Association, gave a deputation advising that significant tree removal is proposed on the development site as a result of design changes to the underground parking, undertaken in consultation with TRCA and City staff. There is also concern that adjacent trees in the rear yards of Station Lane properties may be impacted. A delay in the approval for tree removal was requested pending more fulsome discussions.

The Committee discussed the site plan changes. Staff have not yet signed off on the tree removal application, so there is still time to resolve this issue. Staff will report back prior to issuing any approvals. The Committee suggested that staff provide the Deputy Mayor with additional information, in preparation for a meeting with TRCA.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) **That Deputy Mayor Jack Heath be requested to arrange a meeting with TRCA, Planning staff, and the residents, to resolve tree issues for the development by Tribute (Unionville) Limited at 20 Fred Varley Drive; and,**
- 2) **That staff report back to the Development Services Committee on November 30, 2015.**

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE – ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK (6.3)

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath provided an update on recent meetings with the parties involved and suggested that Council receive a presentation on this matter at a future meeting.

12. IN-CAMERA MATTER (8.0)

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Development Services Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matter:

- (1) LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD APPEAL - 1 MILMAR COURT - WARD 1) (8.0)
[Section 239 (2) (e)]

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the Development Services Committee rise and report from the in-camera session 12:45 PM.

CARRIED

The following in-camera items were approved by Development Services Committee as follows:

- (1) LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD APPEAL - 1 MILMAR COURT - WARD 1) (8.0)
[Section 239 (2) (e)]

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

This item has been forwarded to the November 24, 2015 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Public Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

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