



MINUTES
MARKHAM SUB-COMMITTEE
September 22, 2015, 3:30 pm
Canada Room

Committee Members

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Amanda Collucci

Regrets

Councillor Colin Campbell

Staff

Lilli Duoba, Manager, Natural Heritage
Marina Haufschild, Sr. Planner, Secondary Plans & Urban Design
Biju Karumanchery, Acting Director, Planning & Urban Design
Marion Plaunt, Manager, Intensification and Secondary Plans
Graham Seaman, Senior Manager, Sustainability Office
Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy & Research
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Guests

Louis Lavoie, Parks Canada
Jon Lohmus, IBI Group,
Paul Nodwell, Schollen & Company, CSCO Group
Mike Bender, TRCA
Edward Mak, Lindvest
Asif Abbas, Region of York

Consultants

Robert Freedman, Freedman Urban Solutions Inc.
James Roche, DTAH

The Markham Sub-Committee convened without quorum at 4:15 pm with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair. A quorum was achieved at 4:33 pm

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None declared

1. Minutes of May 25 and June 23 2015 Meetings

Moved by: Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by: Councillor Amanda Collucci

The minutes of the Markham Sub-Committee meeting held May 25, 2015 and June 23, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Cornell-RNUP Gateway Charrette

- i) Introduction of Consultants retained for Cornell – Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Charrette

Robert Freedman, Freedman Urban Solutions Inc., and James Roche, DTAH were introduced as the consultants retained for the charrette. They provided background information on the consulting partners and project experience.

- ii) Consultant Presentation on Cornell – Rouge National Urban Park Gateway Charrette

The consultants provided an overview of “What is a charrette?” and the objectives. Discussions included gateway concepts, which can include architecture, signage, planting, public art, landscaping, physical landmark, pathways, etc., creating a transition from one place to another and a sense of arrival. The active recreation and other aspect of the RNUP were discussed, with respect to the vision for the gateway as a significant, unique feature.

The first phases of the charrette project involves preparation: reconnaissance and research, soft and hard data gathering, and material preparation. The second phase is the actual charrette working sessions including design explorations and gathering feedback. Phase three is the decision phase, developing the plan through design team meetings, presentations and discussions.

The charrette process will include both open public sessions and invitation sessions. Staff will circulate the list of invitees for review.

The Committee considered the gateway feature general study area. This could include transition areas and nodes. The Committee requested that the study area boundaries be delineated as part of the charrette process.

- ii) Charrette Dates and Location

The charrette will be held at the Markham Civic Centre and is scheduled for the third week in November, 2015 (week of November 23). There will be two public presentations over two days. On Tuesday, there would be an all-day session with landowners. On Wednesday, there would be meetings with internal staff and consultants regarding technical details, followed by a public presentation.

3. Next Steps

The charrette is scheduled for the third week in November, 2015 (week of November 23).

Adjournment

The Markham Sub-Committee adjourned at 5:20 pm.