



MINUTES
MARKHAM CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE
July 7, 2015, 1:30 pm
Council Chamber

Committee Members

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alex Chiu

Staff

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Ronji Borooah, City Architect
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Biju Karumanchery, Acting Director, Planning & Urban Design
Richard Kendall, Manager, Central District
Brian Lee, Deputy Director of Engineering
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Guests

Paul May, Chief Engineer, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

The Markham Sub-Committee convened at 1:35 pm with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

1. Status Update: Mobility Hub and Community Plan Study

Richard Kendall provided a review of the Mobility Hub Study project, the refined study area, the work undertaken to date, the status of the study elements, and next steps.

Discussions involved land development in the area with respect to the provision of transit, and the work plan for the consultants.

Staff recommend that the Mobility Hub and Community Plan Study be put on hold pending completion of the VIVA EA update study to review the transitway alignment through Markham Centre. Amendments to the Hub Study's scope of work and Terms of Reference may be required, based on the transit alignment recommendations that will emerge from the VIVA EA update. It is felt that the VIVA Study will be a more effective process to engage transit agencies on future transit alignments in Markham Centre.

2. VIVA

Paul May gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain the proposed Viva projects and improvements to the transit corridors in the Markham area. With respect to the previously planned Markham Centre project, Mr. May outlined realignment factors and issues, the Environmental Assessment amendment process, and the ongoing review of the overall transit network.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding the road network in the Markham Centre area to address traffic congestion. Urban design and public realm elements in Markham Centre were discussed.

3. Metrolinx

Brian Lee gave a presentation on service improvements and timelines for Metrolinx initiatives - the Stouffville Line; Regional Express Rail (RER); and the Stouffville Corridor – 2nd track.

4. Next Steps

The following resolution will be presented to Development Services Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the Staff presentation up-dating the Sub-committee on the status of the Markham Centre Mobility Hub and Community Plan Study and Metrolinx initiatives, be received; and,
- 2) That the presentation by VIVA regarding potential changes to their approved EA alignment through Markham Centre be received; and,
- 3) That the Markham Centre Mobility Hub and Community Plan Study and consultants be put on hold pending completion of the VIVA study to review their alignment through Markham Centre; and,
- 4) That Planning, Engineering and Urban Design staff be authorized and directed to provide the necessary support to the VIVA study; and,
- 5) That staff report back on the VIVA study and sustainable infrastructure requirements; and,
- 6) That staff report back on the scope of work and appropriate consulting team for completion of the Markham Centre Mobility Hub Study following completion of the Viva EA update by the Region; and further,
- 7) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The Markham Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:20 pm.