



MINUTES
UNIONVILLE / MOBILITY HUB SUB-COMMITTEE
July 21, 2014
Canada Room

Committee Members

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Chair
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho

Staff

Andy Taylor, CAO
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Richard Kendall, Development Manager – Central District
Sepideh Majdi, Senior Development Engineer
Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Consultants

Hilary Holden, Associate Principal, Arup
Annika Hui, Arup

The Unionville / Mobility Hub Sub-Committee convened at 11:13 a.m. with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

1. Disclosure of Interest – None Declared

2. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Unionville/Mobility Hub Sub-Committee meeting held on April 15, 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Markham Centre Mobility Hub Study

Hilary Holden, Associate Principal, ARUP provided a presentation titled “Markham Centre Precinct Plan: mobility hub and environs.

The following documents were circulated to the Committee: (1) a copy of the presentation; (2) the Statement of Work for Markham Centre Study and project timelines.

Discussion:

Study Area

The Committee requested the following changes to the study area:

- Expand the boundaries to reflect environmental features and valley limits on either side of Main Street Unionville, as well as including the woodlot and certain other buildings in the study area (e.g. the high school, the Marleigh Senior's project, the medical building, real estate office and service station site on Kennedy Road, to the limit of the secondary plan boundary).

Implications on Current Development Applications

The Committee questioned if the study would have any implications on current development applications/approvals in the area. Staff advised that the study would not remove any of the current zoning permissions, rather the study could potentially increase the density in certain areas.

Transportation Options for Mobility Hub Study

The Committee discussed certain transit options associated with the study area:

- Extending the expanded GO train service beyond the Unionville GO station, which could potentially include adding a Highway 7 stop;
- Opportunities for the 407 transitway to remain within the 407 alignment;

The Committee requested that the consultant develop a number of concepts, one which would recognize the existing EA alignment for the 407 transitway and another which reflects an alternate alignment but demonstrates that transit requirements can still be accommodated. The options should include the estimated capital costs related to the respective alignments. The options would then form the basis for further discussions with Metrolinx.

It was noted that Metrolinx will be participating in the study, but will not be contributing to the cost of the project.

Key issues that need to be resolved include: (1) the alignment of the 407 transitway; and (2) environmental issues with the TRCA.

Urban School

There was a discussion on whether an urban school concept would work in the study area.

Design Workshop

A design workshop is being held by the consultant team in late August/early September.

Public Stakeholder Workshop(s)

It was recommended that the public be given an opportunity to observe the study process, after the consultant's design workshop and ahead of the first Public Information Centre in November (post-election). The session could involve inviting the public to observe consultation workshop(s) with key stakeholders and/or the consultant team. It could be held as early as six weeks after the design workshop and take place over a couple of days. A public notice will be issued.

Project Name

The Committee recommended re-naming the project "Markham Centre Transit Hub and Community Plan" or a similar name that the community could relate to and understand.

Sub-Committee Meetings

The Chair recommended that the Sub-Committee meet monthly to review the project progress and to discuss any issues as they arise.

4. Adjournment

The Unionville / Mobility Hub Sub-Committee adjourned at 1:07 p.m.