



Development Services Committee Minutes

March 4, 2014, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Council Chamber

Meeting No. 5

All Members of Council

Development Services

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

Economic Development

Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu

Transportation Issues

Chair: Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alan Ho

Attendance

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Councillor Carolina Moretti

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:02 AM in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair. Regional Councillor Gord Landon assumed the Chair for Transportation item, No. 1.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Valerie Burke disclosed an interest with respect to Item No. 3 regarding Shining Hill Homes Inc. at 360 John Street in Thornhill, by nature of a family owned business in the Thornhill area, and did not take part in the discussion of, or vote on the question of the approval of this matter.

1. SETTING SPEED LIMITS ON REGIONAL ROADS (5.10)

[Presentation](#)

Steven Kemp, Director, Traffic Management and ITS, Region of York gave a presentation entitled "Setting Speed Limits on Regional Roads".

The presentation reviewed the criteria for determining the appropriate speed limit, including safety issues and drivers focus. York's previous policy, based on the 85th percentile speed limit spiral has been revised to minimize injury based on crash survivability and stopping distances related to speed. The basic speed limit is 60 km/h in urban areas, 80 km/h in rural areas, 70 km/h in transition areas, and 40 km/h in school zones at certain times. Mr. Kemp identified locations within Markham affected by changes and noted that there would be no travel time impacts during peak traffic periods.

Mr. Kemp and staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding the speed limit and regional/provincial status of Highway 7 east of Donald Cousens Parkway, and Highway 48 north of Major Mackenzie Drive; designation of collector roads; the appropriate speed for Highway 48 between Highways 7 and 407 where there is significant pedestrian traffic, and for Box Grove Bypass at 14th Avenue; linking accident statistics to causes other than speeding; balancing safe speed limits with rush hour behaviour; increasing the speed limit for separate VIVA lanes; flyovers for major intersections; road designs that imply a highway setting; irregular speed limits and the timing of traffic lights that impede the smooth flow of traffic; coordinating local and regional road speed limits; closing local roads to control traffic infiltration; and full-time speed reduction in school zones.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the presentation provided by Steven Kemp, Director, Traffic Management and ITS, Region of York entitled "Setting Speed Limits on Regional Roads" be received.

CARRIED

**2. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- January 9, 2014 (16.34)

[Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held January 9, 2014, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**3. PRELIMINARY REPORT
SHINING HILL HOMES INC., OFFICIAL PLAN
& ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS
TO PERMIT A MIXED-USE, COMMON ELEMENT
CONDOMINIUM TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT 360 JOHN STREET
FILE NOS. OP 13 108797 & ZA 13 108797 (10.3, 10.5)**
[Report](#)

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Councillor Howard Shore provided correspondence from Condor Properties dated February 26, 2014 regarding transfer of ownership of a strip of buffer lands to adjacent residences, and a draft motion in this regard, for review by staff and future consideration.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the report titled “Shining Hill Homes Inc., Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment applications to permit a Mixed-Use Common Element Condominium Townhouse development at 360 John Street, File Nos. OP 13 108797 & ZA 13 108797,” dated March 4, 2014 be received; and,
- 2) **That the correspondence from Condor Properties dated February 26, 2014, and draft motion be received and staff report back on how best to give effect to the draft resolution.**

CARRIED

**4. PROPOSED BUTTONVILLE HERITAGE DISTRICT ENTRY
AND STREET NAME SIGNAGE (2.16, 16.11)**
[Report](#)

The Committee questioned the location of the signs as indicated on the map, and received clarification from staff.

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Proposed Buttonville Heritage District Entry and Street Name Signage” dated March 4, 2014, be received; and,
- 2) That Council endorse the proposed design and location for entry signage, shown on Figures 1 and 2 of the staff report dated March 4, 2014, for the Buttonville Heritage Conservation District; and,

- 3) That Council endorse the proposed design of street name signage, shown on Figure 1 of the staff report dated March 4 , 2014, for the Buttonville Heritage Conservation District; and,
- 4) That approval be granted to the Manager of Operations and the Manager of Heritage Planning to negotiate with other governmental organizations and agencies the final location of the entry signs which are proposed to be located within the Woodbine Avenue right of ways outside the jurisdiction of the City; and,
- 5) That the Mayor and Clerk's Department be authorized to execute any agreements required to permit City owned signage to be installed on the Region of York's Woodbine Avenue right of way, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and,
- 6) That the cost of the supplies required for the entry signage (wooden posts, intecel board, appliqué, stain, etc.) and installation, at an upset cost of \$3,500.00 and any application approval fees payable, be paid for from the Heritage Preservation Account (Reserve) 087-2800115; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**5. VICTORIA SQUARE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE (16.11)**
[Report](#)

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the staff report titled "Victoria Square Heritage Conservation District Study Steering Committee," dated March 4, 2014, be received; and,
- 2) That a Victoria Square Heritage Conservation District Study Steering Committee be created to assist in the study, comprised of the following members:
 - Ward Councillor (Alan Ho)
 - * **1 Regional Councillor (Jim Jones)**
 - 2 members of Heritage Markham
 - 2 community representatives selected by the Victoria Square Ratepayer's Association
 - 1 representative selected by the Victoria Square United Church
 - 2 members of Heritage Section staff (non-voting); and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

* Amended by Council on March 25, 2014, to add the following:
- 1 Regional Councillor (Jim Jones)

**6. RECOMMENDATION REPORT
CITY INITIATED REGULATIONS TO PERMIT
OUTDOOR PATIOS ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (10.0)**

[Report](#)

Councillor Colin Campbell spoke to the deferral of this matter. The Committee requested information on the impact on regional roads, and utilizing land next to the property as well as ‘adjacent’ to the business.

Moved by: Councillor Colin Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the report dated March 18, 2014, entitled “Recommendation Report, City Initiated Regulations to Permit Outdoor Patios on the Public Right of Way”, be **deferred to the March 18, 2014 Development Services Committee meeting.**

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

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