



MINUTES
THORNHILL SUB-COMMITTEE
July 30, 1:30 p.m.
Ontario Room

Committee Members

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Howard Shore

Residents

Marilyn Ginsberg
Marion Matthias

Staff

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services
Ron Blake, Manager, West District
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation
Paul Ingham, Director of Operations
Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks and Open Space Development
David Billham, Project Manager, Parks Development
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Mark Visser, Senior Manager Financial Strategy & Investment
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Thornhill Sub-Committee convened at 1:30 p.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke in the Chair.

1. Disclosure of Interest – none declared

2. Minutes of the April 3, 2013 Thornhill Subcommittee Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the Minutes of the April 3, 2013 Thornhill Subcommittee Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Presentation and Discussion: SECTION 37

On April 3, 2013, the Thornhill Subcommittee passed the following resolution:

“That the proposal request by the Pomona Valley Tennis Club and the short list of preferred projects from the Grandview Area Ratepayers Association and the Ward One South Section 37 Committee, be referred to staff for a report back to the Thornhill Sub-committee.”

Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks and Open Space Development, provided a memo dated July 30, 2013, regarding Utilization of Section 37 funds from World on Yonge, Thornhill. A location map and concept drawings for E. J. Sands School and Proctor Park were also provided. Ms. Irvine reviewed the background, the proposals by Pomona Valley Tennis Club and Grandview residents, and the options and recommendations in the memo. It was noted that Council approval will be required for any recommendations of the Subcommittee.

Discussions included priority components for the parks, phasing, accessibility, and a comprehensive Master Plan. Alternate funding options besides Section 37, and municipal programs such as Trees for Tomorrow were suggested, and the Committee questioned if Development Charges should be used for these park projects, in order to direct the Section 37 funds to other projects. Staff will confirm the DC funds available, in consideration of other projects and priorities for DC funds. The residents indicated that it is important that the allocated resources go towards the designated parks.

The Committee expressed the need for a comprehensive Master Plan, based on population growth challenges and funding resources. Formal public consultation was recommended by staff and the Committee; however, the residents cautioned that the priorities and plans determined by the Grandview Area and Ward One South Section 37 Committee may be impacted by other members of the public with a different, particular interests, and requested that the disclosure of the public consultation be presented as "confirmation of the use of the funds."

Priorities were identified in the short term while the comprehensive plan is prepared. It was noted that a small skate park will not be able to be provided at the World-On-Yonge parks so the skate park should be added to the priority list.

Staff will determine ownership and maintenance issues for the equipment at E.J. Sands School for the life cycle of the park. Staff suggested that construction of the walkway from Elgin Street to Henderson Avenue, through E.J Sands park, be advanced to address accessibility and safety issues. Staff will look into this opportunity further.

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the Thornhill Subcommittee recommends Council endorse proceeding with the following priority amenities using Section 37 and Development Charge funds:
 - a) Splash pad in Proctor Park
 - b) Band shell outdoor stage in Grandview Park
 - c) Durable base for the community ice rink at Grandview Park
 - d) Playground equipment for E.J. Sands Public School to an upset limit of \$50,000, on condition that the School Board enter into an agreement for the long-term maintenance of equipment and the walkway to be constructed, acceptable to staff
 - e) Painted mural on the CN rail underpass
 - f) Skate park at Grandview Park; and,
- 2) That a Capital Account be established for this purpose; and,
- 3) That staff be authorized to hire design consultants; and further,
- 4) That design workshops and community consultation be held prior to finalizing plans; and,

- 5) That staff report back to Development Services Committee on the proposed priority amenities, infrastructure requirements, other associated park requirements and funding sources; and,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

4. Next Steps

The Subcommittee recommendation will be presented to Development Services Committee in September. Staff will provide an update memo prior to this matter going to DSC.

Adjournment

The Thornhill Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.