

Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee Minutes

December 12, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

York Room

Attendance:

Members: Councillor Don Hamilton, Co-Chair, Councillor Carolina Moretti, Co-Chair, Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Rob Kadlovski, Jeanne Ker-Hornell (guest), Ann Laxton, Jeff Morris, Bob Stiver and Peter Wales

Staff:

Staff: Renee Chong, Project Engineer, Phoebe Fu, Senior Manager, Facility Assets, Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, John Ryerson, Director of Culture and Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets: None

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1. Opening Remarks	The Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee convened at 9:05 a.m. with Councillor Don Hamilton presiding as Chair.	
2. Board and Committee Orientation	Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, provided a Board/Committee orientation.	
3. Terms of Reference for the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee	The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee.	
4. Stiver Mill Restoration Presentation to Council	Phoebe Fu, Senior Manager, Facility Assets, presented the Stiver Mill Concept Plan approved by Council on October 30, 2012.	
5. CIIF Infrastructure Grant	Phoebe Fu reported that the City of Markham will proceed with the completion of the Stiver Mill restoration project. The total cost of the project will be \$1,901,800 with 1/3 rd of the project being funded by a Government of Canada grant and 2/3 rd of the project being	

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	funded by the City of Markham. The funding breakdown is as follows: City of Markham - \$1,279,461 CIIF Grant - \$622,339 It was clarified that this money will only cover the cost of phase 1 of the restoration project. Staff advised that there are some restrictions to the future uses of the facility, as the City has accepted a Government of Canada grant to be used towards this project. These restrictions include the following: • The Stiver Mill will only be permitted to be used for non commercial uses for six years; • The project must be completed by March 2014; • The grant cannot be used towards the extension of the Stiver Mill. It was advised that John Ryerson, Director of Culture, will be looking into possible future uses of the facility. This Committee will also provide advice on the future uses of the Stiver Mill, as part of its mandate. There will be washrooms in the Stiver Mill. It was questioned whether the diesel train will be permitted to stop at the Stiver Mill for occasional use at festivals based on the concept plans for the Stiver Mill being presented today. Staff will investigate this matter and report back at the next meeting.	Investigate whether the diesel train will be permitted to stop at Stiver Mill – Phoebe Fu
6. Drawings and Comments from Stiver Mill Presentation	The Committee discussed the exterior restoration of the Stiver Mill. The discussion included whether the exterior finish should have a wood or metal appearance; if the building should be painted a dark red or silver; and whether the cladding should be horizontal, vertical or both horizontal and vertical like the original building.	

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	Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, recommended that the building be restored to its original look, which was metal, silver in colour and had both vertical and horizontal cladding. It was noted that Heritage Markham will make its recommendation regarding the exterior restoration of the Stiver Mill at tonight's Heritage Markham meeting. The Committee agreed that it was important to retain the original look of the building, but it also thought it was important that the building was aesthetically pleasing. Therefore, it supported the vertical cladding. Staff advised that it is part of this Committee's role to provide advice on the exterior restoration choices and that it is the role of staff to ensure durable materials are used to restore the Stiver Mill. It was recommended that the pieces of the old cladding of the Stiver Mill be broken down and sold as a piece of history, noting that pieces of the old London bridge were successfully sold as a piece of history by a business man in England. John Ryerson, Director of Culture, noted that the design of the sign will be an important element of the exterior finish. Moved by Peter Wales Seconded by Anne Laxton That the Stiver Mill exterior be restored to be metal in appearance; to be silver in colour; and to have vertical cladding. CARRIED Note: At the January 17, 2013 Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee the following resolution was passed:	

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	That in light of the new evidence provided, the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee recommends that the "silver" colour for the Stiver Mill cladding approved by the Committee on December 12, 2012 be replaced with the colour "red with a shade to be determined between Heritage Staff and the Architect". **Please refer to the January 17, 2013 Minutes for more information on this matter.** Bob Stiver voted against the Stiver Mill being painted silver. It was noted that there will be a community meeting in January on the restoration of the Stiver Mill.	
7. New Business	<u>Approval of Terms of Reference</u> The Committee approved its Terms of Reference. The next step will be to bring it forwarded to Council for endorsement. Moved by Jeff Morris Seconded by Anne Laxton That the Terms of Reference of the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee attached as Appendix A, be approved. <u>Approval of Phase 1 – Concept Study</u> It was questioned how the adjacent platform to the Stiver Mill will fit in with the existing walkway. Staff advised that the platform will be tied in with the existing walkway. The Committee approved the Concept Study for phase 1 of the Stiver Mill restoration. Moved by Bob Stiver	

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	Seconded by Anne Laxton That the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee approve the Concept Study for phase 1 of the Stiver Mill restoration. CARRIED <u>Next Meeting</u> It was noted that the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee meetings will be held at the call of the Chair. <u>Naming Rights</u> It was requested that the City consider selling naming rights for the exterior benches and cement slabs at the Stiver Mill to raise funds for the project.	
8. Adjournment	Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti Seconded by Rob Kadlovski That the Unionville Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee adjourn at 11:02 p.m. CARRIED	