



MINUTES
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
Meeting No. 9

All Members of Council

Development Services

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

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Murray Boyce, Senior Policy Coordinator
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Lilli Duoba, Senior Project Coordinator
Teema Kanji, Senior Project Coordinator
Brian Lee, Senior Manager, Development Engineering & Transportation
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Ruth Rendon, Senior Planner
Elizabeth Silva-Stewart, Senior Planner
Liz Wimmer, Senior Planner, Environmental Policy
Marg Wouters, Senior Manager, Policy and Research
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Councillor Alan Ho

The Development Services Public Meeting convened at 7:10 PM in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None Declared

1. CITY OF MARKHAM DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN (10.0)
[Report](#)

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The Public Meeting this date was to consider the City-initiated, City-wide New Markham Draft Official Plan.

The Committee Clerk advised that 192 notices were mailed on October 17, 2012, and notice was posted in the October 11, 18, 20, 25, 27, and November 1 & 3 editions of the local newspaper. Twenty-three written submissions were received regarding this proposal.

Staff gave a presentation, providing an overview of the proposed new Official Plan and outlining the consultation and approval processes. A booklet entitled "Your Guide to the New City of Markham Official Plan" dated September, 2012, was provided. John Gladki of Gladki Planning Associates, consultant for the City, was also in attendance.

Terry Goodwin discussed the importance of expanding transit, particularly in the Langstaff area.

Genevieve Fong discussed the timeline for road expansion, congestion on Enterprise Boulevard, and the impact to the green linear park. The Committee explained the comprehensive transportation plan involving multiple levels of government and advised the linear park will remain in a revised form.

L. G. Pullen referred to the Rouge National Urban Park and encouraged the City to preserve green space.

Ron Lynn, representing the Peoples Gospel Church at 5172 Major Mackenzie Drive, urged the City to include their land within the urban boundary. He provided a map indicating the location of the property. Mr. Lynn stated that Markham is growing into a great City with great schools and he thanked Council for their vision and leadership.

Don Given of Malone Given Parsons, representing the North Markham Landowners Group, commended staff for preparation of such a comprehensive Official Plan. He advised that he will provide a written submission detailing their concerns, and identified some of the main issues relating to the connection of the greenway system; accelerating the process for development north of Major Mackenzie Drive; the vision for retail; and restrictive employment land policies.

Sigmund Lee encouraged Markham to permit Places of Worship in employment areas.

Mike Everard of Augusta National Inc., representing the Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto, discussed the property at Woodbine Avenue and 19th Avenue which is designated for greenway system and employment; and removal of the in-ground burial option in the proposed Official Plan.

John Chiu discussed the area at Enterprise Boulevard and Warden Avenue, and the linear park in Markham Centre. The Chair and staff will meet with the residents to provide details of the park.

Samir Said made several suggestions such as: retaining the park area at the Remington presentation centre as green space and providing playgrounds in Markham Centre; improving transit including expanding the Toronto subway to Highway 7 and expanding VIVA east to Ninth Line; adding two left-hand turn lanes at major intersections; and limiting building height.

Jim Robb, representing the Friends of the Rouge Watershed, discussed climate issues and watershed plans to preserve wetlands, and the work to be done on the Rouge Park. Mr. Robb identified a site at Ninth Line where the Havelock rail line crosses that these lands are not suitable for development due to the close proximity to rail lines with trains carrying dangerous goods. He also suggested relocating the ball diamond in Cedar Grove away from the ecological corridor.

Tom Han, President of the South Unionville Residents Forum (SURF) discussed the provision of parkland, a library and community centre in South Unionville, and traffic issues around schools. He questioned the removal of schools and parks from neighbourhood and staff explained that the schools and parks are shown in Secondary plans, not the Official Plan. An update on park development in the area was provided.

The Committee directed staff to report to Development Services Committee with an analysis of the public input. It was requested that slide # 7 emphasise the GO lines and train stations.

The Committee thanked the public for their attendance and input.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the written submissions from Jeffrey E. Streisfield on behalf of Scardred 7 Company Ltd.; Ken Lee, Grace Chinese Gospel Church; Sandra Wiles representing Clera Holdings Ltd.; Eldon C Theodore on behalf of Mon Sheong Foundation and on behalf of Frangian Holdings Limited; Steven A. Zakem, Aird & Berlis, on behalf of Frangian Holdings Limited; David A. McKay, on behalf of Kau & Associates Limited partnership; Francine Adamo, City Clerk, Toronto; Brian T. Parker, Gowling Lafleur Henderson on behalf of Belfield Investments Inc. (2); City of Markham Clerk's response to Brian Parker; Michael Larkin on behalf of Maylor Construction Limited and on behalf of Memorial Gardens Canada Limited; Patricia A. Foran, Aird & Berlis, on behalf of Lindvest Properties (Cornell) Limited (3); Michael Baker, Majorwood Developments Inc.; Jean Roy, Canadian Fuels; Sandra Wiles, KLM Planning Partners Inc.; James W. Harbell, Stikeman Elliott LLP, on behalf of Woodbine Road Developments Inc. and on behalf of John St. Holdings Inc.; Norm Kevilovski; Victor Labreche, Labreche Patterson & Associates Inc. on behalf of A&W Food Services, McDonald's, TDL Group (Tim Hortons), Wendy's Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association; Danielle Chin, BILD; David A. McKay, MHBC Planning on behalf of Home Depot Holdings Inc.; Nick Pileggi, Malone Given Parsons Ltd. on behalf of Times Group Corporation; Philip F. Mihorean; Catherine Lyons, Goodmans LLP, on behalf of Minotar Holdings Inc. Cor-lots Developments, Cherokee Holdings and Halvan 5.5 Investments Limited; Jim Kirk, Malone Given Parsons Ltd. on behalf of York Downs Golf and Country Club and on behalf of Markham Stouffville Hospital; Peter F. Smith, Bousfields Inc., on behalf of 2145312 Ontario Inc.; Harry Froussios, Zelinka Priamo Ltd, on behalf of Loblaw Properties Limited; Lloyd Cherniak of Lebovic Enterprises; and the booklet entitled "Your Guide to the New City of Markham Official Plan" regarding the New Markham Official plan, be received; and,

- 2) That the depositions by Terry Goodwin, Genevieve Fong, L. G. Pullen, Ron Lynn, representing the Peoples Gospel Church, Don Given of Malone Given Parsons, representing the North Markham Landowners Group, Sigmund Lee, Mike Everard of Augusta National Inc., representing the Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto, John Chiu, Samir Said, Jim Rob, representing the Friends of the Rouge Watershed, and Tom Han, President of the South Unionville Residents Forum, regarding the new Markham Official Plan, be received; and,
- 3) That the Development Services Commission report dated September 25, 2012, entitled "City of Markham Draft Official Plan" be received; and,
- 4) That the record of the Public Meeting on November 6, 2012 with respect to the new City of Markham Draft Official Plan, Part 1, September 2012, be received; and further,
- 5) That upon completion of the consultation program outlined in the report, staff report back to Development Services Committee on the comments received regarding the City of Markham Draft Official Plan, Part 1, September 2012 and make final recommendations on the Official Plan.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Public Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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