



**MARKHAM SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL CENTRE
SUB- COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 10, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber & Mayor's Boardroom**

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members:

Mayor Frank Scarpitti - Chair
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath – Vice Chair
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Don Hamilton

Staff:

Andy Taylor, CAO
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Alan Brown Director of Engineering
Richard Kendall, Manager, Central District
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Mark Visser, Senior Manager Financial Strategy &
Investment
Don Taylor, Manager, Executive Operations
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Markham Sports, Entertainment, and Cultural Centre Sub-committee meeting convened at 3:05 pm with Mayor Frank Scarpitti presiding as Chair.

1. **Disclosure of Interest – None Declared**
2. **Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre Sub-Committee
Minutes, August 9, 2012**

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the minutes of the Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre Sub-Committee In-Camera session, held August 9, 2012, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. **Timeline of Project Milestones to Opening Day**

A proposed project time-line chart was reviewed by Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design. The Committee discussed the timeline and the overall process.

- Site Plan report and recommendation to Development Services Committee on October 23, 2012. It was suggested this meeting commence at 3:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 a.m., to accommodate attendance by the public.

- An evening Public Information Meeting (PIM) on the Site Plan will occur on October 24 or 25. The Committee noted conflicts with other scheduled meetings, and staff will review and confirm the final date. Another option would be to hold it on October 23 at the scheduled Statutory Public Meeting if the agenda is light. It was emphasized that the PIM is not statutory and regulated notification standards would not apply; however, appropriate notification for this event will be determined.
- The Site Plan will be presented to Council on November 6, incorporating input from Council and the public into the plans, or into conditions of site plan approval, or agreements. The Committee suggested that the Site Plan return to DSC prior to advancing to Council.
- Following Site Plan Approval, there will be 65 business days for agreements (development, servicing, financial) to be finalized before the cut-off date to issue the Building Permit is reached in mid-2013. Conditional permits for foundations could be issued earlier. Construction is estimated to take 22 months.

The Committee discussed the target opening date at the end of 2014 and staff advised that the timeline works backwards to accommodate this target. This schedule is based on the proponents' ability to deliver, and staff and the applicant are coordinating efforts. Although agreements are required for servicing and other aspects, a formal site plan agreement may not be necessary prior to issuance of the Conditional Building Permit, similar to the PAN AM development. This is a standard development timeline and it is not unusual to advance a foundation permit. Concern was expressed that parking and financial issues should be resolved prior to issuing permits, and it was stated that all key fundamental issues will be included in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to any permits being issued.

Staff confirmed that public consultation for Site Plan approval is not a statutory requirement and that meetings are being held to inform the public. The Committee acknowledged that although three Public Information Meetings were promised for site plan, financial framework, and community access, many additional public opportunities are being provided. The financial framework and overall approval will involve separate PIMs, while community access may be included in the Site Plan meeting.

With respect to measures that will be taken if a financial agreement is not reached with respect to the site plan approval and land exchange, it was advised that the applicant has paid for the site plan review and staff are following the usual review process. Staff may include conditions regarding other aspects, but unless agreements are reached on all matters, the project would not proceed. The City Solicitor explained the circumstances of the land exchange.

In response to comments regarding parking, staff advised that they have been working on this issue with agencies and consultants, and that Genivar, the applicant's consultant, will be making a presentation on October 23 with several options. Comments were made regarding increased GO transit and GO train parking.

With respect to the Zoning and Official Plan designations, staff explained that the proposal is in compliance with both, and that the Community Amenity zoning, which encompasses a wide range of uses, was introduced when Markham Centre was developed.

The Committee requested a larger-print timeline chart with more detail, and suggested written confirmation be requested regarding holding the World Juniors Championship in 2015.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the information regarding the timeline of project milestones to opening day for the proposed Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre be received.

CARRIED

4. Future Public Meetings

The Committee suggested an informal Public Open House be held to view details of the proposal. Mr. Roustan has agreed to Thursday Oct 4, 2012, and staff will confirm this date. The Open House will include GTASE representatives, Council and staff, and will start with a short overview presentation.

It was also suggested that at least two community meetings be held in the east end and the west end of Markham, with advertising in the newspaper. These would be coordinated through the CAO, with consistent information and presentations being provided.

Information kiosks were suggested at the YMCA, GO Station, and other key locations, as well as Council members attending ratepayers meetings and other outreach opportunities.

The Site Plan Public Information Meeting will be confirmed for October 24 or 25, and the financial framework meeting will be held October 29 or November 5. A Special Council Meeting for a final decision will be scheduled in mid November.

The Committee requested the Clerks Department publish a calendar listing the meetings, once confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the information regarding future Public Meetings for the proposed Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre be received.

CARRIED

5. In-Camera Matters

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore
Seconded by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (a) & (c) of the Municipal Act, the Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre Sub-Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters:

- The security of the property of the municipality
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality

CARRIED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre Sub-Committee rise from the in-camera session.

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

The next Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre Sub-Committee meeting will be in two-three weeks, to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Sports, Entertainment, and Cultural Centre Sub-committee meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.