



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

**Wednesday, October 3, 2012 – 3:15 p.m.
Council Chamber**

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
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire
Services
Alan Brown Director of Engineering
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Denis Flaherty, Director, Communications and
Community Relations
Richard Kendall, Manager, Central District
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
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 3:38 pm with Mayor Frank Scarpitti presiding as Chair.

1. **Disclosure of Interest – None Declared**

2. **Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre Sub-Committee
Minutes, September 10, 2012**

Moved by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the minutes of the Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre Sub-Committee meeting, held September 10, 2012, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. Demonstration of new “Major Projects” web site

Dennis Flaherty gave a demonstration of the MSECC site under “Learn About Major City Projects” on the Markham web site, and reviewed the contents: meeting schedules, presentations, Council documents and minutes. These tools will provide background information for the public. Other projects on the site include the PanAm facility and Main Street Markham reconstruction.

The Committee commended staff for this community engagement initiative, and requested the addition of the Rouge National Urban Park, as well as a question-and-answer section.

The Committee requested the meeting schedule include pending evening meetings regarding a decision on the Site Plan, and a final decision on the project by Council. Although the meeting dates have not been set, it is important for the public to be aware of the extent of the public evening meetings being held before the process is finished.

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That the staff presentation regarding the Major Projects web site be received.

CARRIED

4. Agenda for Open Houses

Dennis Flaherty outlined the agenda for the October 4, 2012 Open House. Displays will be set up in the Great Hall for public viewing between 7:00 and 7:30. At 7:30, the Mayor and Graeme Rouston will provide opening remarks in the Canada Room. Following the opening remarks, the public will be invited to visit the four main booths in the Canada Room and Great Hall for face-to-face discussions with representatives on the following topics: Financial Framework; Planning; Transportation; and GTA Centre.

There will also be displays of student projects from Bill Crothers High School entitled “My Ideal Arena”.

The Committee confirmed that there will be no formal Q & A or deputation sessions at the Open House. These opportunities will be provided at more formal meetings at later dates. It was suggested that one of the booths be moved to the Council Chamber due to potential noise and congestion in the Great Hall.

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the staff presentation regarding the agenda for the Open House on October 4, 2012, be received.

CARRIED

5. Markham District Energy

Bruce Ander, President and CEO, Markham District Energy Inc., gave a high-level presentation on the benefits of MDE in the proposed arena. Mr. Ander advised that this facility will create significant load diversity with respect to peak hours of use, and also noted that the construction of this facility will accelerate adjacent developments and will increase the utilization of MDE services. Mr. Ander displayed the infrastructure grid in Markham Centre and MDE's proposed infrastructure route options.

Advantages of using MDE include: avoiding up-front capital; architectural design benefits; only a small amount of space is required; environmental advantage of reduced GHG emissions; greater flexibility to change fuels or technology; proven system reliability; and simpler building operations. MDE is currently working on conceptual designs and infrastructure planning, and is investigating the green initiatives of the Xcel Energy Centre in St. Paul.

The Committee discussed the green initiatives and noted that MDE is owned by the City of Markham.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That the presentation by Bruce Ander, President and CEO, Markham District Energy Inc., regarding the benefits of MDE in the proposed Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre, be received.

CARRIED

6. New Business

The Committee consented to New Business brought forward by Councillor Don Hamilton.

a) Confidential Reports

Discussions involved the release of confidential reports previously reviewed by Council. The Town Solicitor explained the confidential nature of the reports, the Freedom of Information process, and the legislated constraints. The reports had been provided to evaluate the MSECC proposal and assist in negotiations, and since negotiations were ongoing, the FOI request has been denied.

The Committee noted that as the Raymond James report had been presented to all Council members in 2011, a refresh presentation in-camera, would be beneficial.

The Committee directed that a presentation of the Raymond James, Miller Thompson, and BDR reports be provided at the next in-camera session.

b) Peer Review

The Committee discussed the project review process, and agreed that there would be an arm's length analysis by an external party, as a peer review.

It was acknowledged that such reviews are automatic on a project of this size, and there was discussion regarding the timing and aspects of the review. The Committee directed staff to report back on defining all aspects of a peer review and who would perform it.

The Committee also directed staff to consult with the Ministry of Finance to confirm that this project qualifies as a Municipal Capital Project.

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That staff report back with recommendations for a totally independent peer review, defining all aspects and consultants that would be qualified to perform it.

CARRIED

7. In-Camera Matters

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (a) (c) & (f) 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
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That the Markham Sports, Entertainment, and Cultural Centre Sub-Committee rise from In-camera at 6:25 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Sports, Entertainment, and Cultural Centre Sub-committee meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.