



MINUTES
UNIONVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE / VARLEY VILLAGE INFILL
May 29, 2012
York Room

Members

Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Councillor Don Hamilton - Chair
Councillor Alan Ho

Staff

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Tom Villela, Senior Project Coordinator
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Guests

Christine Bergauer-Free
David Huntley
Jeff Morris
Pam Scarrow
David Wakeham

The Unionville Subcommittee meeting convened at 2:10 PM in the York Room with Councillor Don Hamilton in the Chair.

It was noted that this is an information meeting, and full attendance of the working group is not required.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None Disclosed

1. Survey Results

Tom Villella, Senior Project Coordinator, provided background information on the development of the survey, noting the importance of maintaining an unbiased flavour, and reviewed the results.

Staff received 374 responses, or 57.6%, which is considered a very high return rate and confirms the validity of the survey. It was noted there had been an indication that a number of people had not received the survey; however, staff advised the returns indicated a good coverage of all areas with no identified gaps. Staff gave a brief explanation of the distribution process.

Results:

No (do not support infill by-law) – 205 or 54.8 %

Yes (do support infill by-law) – 164 or 43.9 %

No Opinion – 5 or 1.3%

The survey has provided a majority view for the Committee to use as a tool in developing a recommendation.

The Committee discussed other options to influence site development such as landscaping, protection of trees, streetline guidelines to prevent the houses being pulled forward, by-law enforcement, and monitoring building permits. It was suggested that Committee of Adjustment members be more knowledgeable of appropriate Minor Variance issues, and that community involvement and notification be increased.

Discussions included influences on the survey results with respect to two letters sent to residences and personal approaches. Staff was requested to find out how many people had accessed the Town website for information.

The next steps will involve staff preparing a report summarizing the events and the recommendation of the Unionville Sub-committee for Development Services Committee and Council.

The Committee agreed the exercise had been a thorough effort and commended the work of staff. The Committee thanked the residents for their contributions.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the Unionville Sub-Committee (Varley Village Infill Working Group) accepts the survey results indicating a majority of residents do not support an infill by-law; and,

That the Unionville Sub-Committee recommends the Varley Village infill by-law not proceed.

CARRIED

The Unionville Subcommittee adjourned at 2:45 PM.