



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Canada Room

Meeting No. 14

All Members of Council

Development Services

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

Economic Development

Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu

Transportation Issues

Chair: Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alan Ho

PART A

Presentations, Major Studies, and Issues Agenda 9:00 a.m. – Canada Room

Attendance

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

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire
Services
Jamie Bosomworth, Manager, Strategy and Innovation
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator.
Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager
Sepideh Majdi, Senior Development Engineer
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Special Projects,
Engineering
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:04 a.m. in the Canada Room with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair. Regional Councillor Gord Landon assumed the Chair for Transportation items, Nos. 2 and 3.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None declared

1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

- May 1, 2012, Part A (10.0)

[Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting, Part A, held May 1, 2012, be confirmed.

CARRIED

2. YONGE SUBWAY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

- FINAL REPORT (5.10)

[Presentation](#)

Mary-Frances Turner, President of the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) introduced the project team in attendance and gave an overview of the presentation for the Yonge Subway Extension Conceptual Design.

Paul May, Chief Engineer, YRRTC, gave a presentation outlining the project background, the study purpose, and the final conceptual design report. Details of the Steeles Station, Clark Station, Langstaff Station, Richmond Hill Centre Station, and removal of the Royal Orchard Station were reviewed, as well as the proposed train storage facility. Mr. May explained the capacity improvements and advised that the cost estimate in 2011 dollars is \$3.1 billion. Next steps involve YRRTC and TTC developing a scope of work and completing the TPAP for the train storage facility; and assessment of options to continue work on the Yonge Subway Extension project.

Mr. May responded to questions and comments from the Committee regarding pedestrian-related improvements to the existing subway line; an alternate relief line from Union Station to Stouffville; access and entrances to Langstaff and other stations; potential relocation of the storage facility further north; funding issues; increases in costs; tunneling and bridge options; provision of park-n-ride facilities; volume impacts from Spadina line and east/west routes; adding stations in the future; including hydro poles in drawings; and, obtaining provincial and federal funding.

Marion Matthias, Thornhill resident, made a deputation in support of the potential development of the Royal Orchard Station, and discussed accessibility issues.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the deputation by Marion Matthias regarding the Yonge Subway Conceptual Design, be received; and

That the Committee requests the Provincial Facilitator's Report to be brought forward; and further,

That the presentation provided by Ms. Mary-Frances Turner, President, and Mr. Paul May, Chief Engineer, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation regarding the Yonge Subway Conceptual Design – Final Report be received.

CARRIED

**3. CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
2011 YEAR END REVIEW AND 2012 BUSINESS PLAN (6.3)**
[Presentation](#)

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, gave a brief introduction to this item and introduced two new staff members: Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Special Projects; and Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator.

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair, CPAC Committee, made a deputation regarding the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) – 2011 Year End Review and 2012 Business Plan. Mr. Miasek outlined the 5 year implementation program, sidewalk network implementation program, and the status of various projects. He provided an overview of the 2012 Business Plan, the budget proposal of \$25,000, providing infrastructure support, and education, outreach and research initiatives.

Mr. Miasek responded to questions and comments from the Committee regarding outreach opportunities with other municipalities; the youth focus of the GIRO event; pedestrian education; adding “Night It Up” to the bicycle valet services; bicycle track on Steeles Avenue in the east end of Markham; and the interface into adjacent municipalities and Rouge Park.

Staff advised that the sidewalk policy will be brought to the Committee in the fall of 2012.

The Committee thanked Mr. Miasek and his team for their work and for organizing successful events.

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

That the presentation provided by Mr. Peter Miasek, Vice Chair, CPAC Committee regarding the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) – 2011 Year End Review and 2012 Business Plan be received, **with appreciation.**

CARRIED

4. SERVICING ALLOCATION (5.3, 5.5)

Presentation

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services, introduced the preliminary allocation presentation and noted Markham has received additional allocation to 2015.

Jamie Bosomworth, Manager, Strategy and Innovation, gave a presentation providing an update of the current allocation; regional background and protocols; proposed redistribution of current allocation; and proposed distribution of 2015 allocation. Markham's revised protocol based on the Region's requirement, was detailed. Markham is one of the few York Region municipalities receiving additional allocation based on performance and is well positioned to receive additional allocation in the next round. Staff will continue to monitor developments progressing to Building Permits, and the "use it or lose it" principle will continue to apply.

Staff responded to questions and comments from the Committee regarding the "use it or lose it" policy; reserves available; population growth; Buttonville development; and constraints from the southeast collector. Industry representatives will be consulted and a final report will be brought forward in June, 2012.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

That the presentation by Jamie Bosomworth, Manager, Strategy and Innovation, regarding the Servicing Allocation Update, be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

5. STEELES AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION (5.10)

Councillor Logan Kanapathi presented a motion regarding Steeles Avenue reconstruction. The Committee discussed the past agreement with the City of Toronto and had several questions. It was agreed to refer the motion to staff for a review of background information.

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the following Motion be referred to staff for a review of background information and be brought back to Development Services Committee:

- *"Whereas Steeles Avenue at the south boundary of the Town of Markham is under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto; and*
- *Whereas Steeles Ave requires immediate reconstruction and widening to address safety and capacity problems; and*
- *Whereas the Region of York and City of Toronto have been in negotiations regarding joint ownership and capital/operating cost sharing;*

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Markham requests both parties to finalize negotiations and proceed with the reconstruction of Steeles Ave from Markham road to the York/Durham line within a 3 year time frame; and

That the City of Toronto and Region of York be advised accordingly.”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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