



**GROWTH MANAGEMENT UPDATE AND  
TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT ISSUES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOPS  
APRIL 3, 2012  
9:00 AM  
CANADA ROOM**

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**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 Alan Ho  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Jim Baird, Commissioner Development Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services  
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Sepideh Majdi, Senior Development Engineer  
David Mhango, Manager Development Engineering  
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design  
Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Special Projects  
Don Taylor, Manager Executive Operations  
Meg West, Manager Strategic Initiatives  
Marg Wouters, Senior Manager of Policy and Research  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Councillor Colin Campbell

The Growth Management Update and Transportation and Transit Issues Workshops convened at 9:06 AM with Regional Councillor Jim Jones as Chair.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None disclosed.**

**1. GROWTH MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Marg Wouters, Senior Manager of Policy and Research, gave a presentation to provide an update on Markham's Growth Management and the new Official Plan.

The Growth Management Action Plan includes a "Made in Markham" vision for sustainable growth; development of a plan to deliver services required to accommodate growth and a financial strategy to implement our vision for growth; and to keep the citizens involved and informed.

The presentation included details of the endorsed growth alternative to 2031, and the new Official Plan with respect to policy context, studies and policy directions, as well as the integration of Corporate strategies and objectives. Topics of potential interest to the public were identified, and implementation phases for the new Official Plan were reviewed.

Next steps involve the release of the draft Official Plan for public consultation, with a statutory Public Meeting being held late in the fall of 2012. It is anticipated the new OP will be brought forward for adoption by Council in the winter of 2013 and submitted to the Region for approval. Public consultation to date was reviewed, and it was noted that at least one statutory Public Meeting will be required, with Council making a determination on the extent of additional consultation.

The Committee considered the importance of protecting Agricultural lands and regulations that may be considered in the new Official Plan. Discussions included the timing and integration of recommendations from the Thornhill Area Revitalization Working Group into comprehensive Employment Lands policies; protecting existing and future business park lands by identifying land uses in appropriate locations such as along major highways; and, Community Improvement Plans. Rouge National Park was also discussed.

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the Workshop presentation by Marg Wouters, Senior Manager of Policy and Research, regarding the Growth Management Update be received.

CARRIED

## **2. TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT ISSUES**

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, gave a presentation regarding transportation and transit policies and issues. The presentation covered such topics as meeting expectations, achieving the sustainability and BMFT strategic objectives, and implementing the Town's transportation strategy.

Mr. Brown reviewed provincial, regional, and municipal jurisdictions and strategies. Markham's successes include: development of transportation and planning policies, increased transit use, Travel Demand Management programs, multi-use trails, and advocacy and communications initiatives. Challenges and issues were identified as funding constraints, and implementation of transit and construction projects.

Updates were provided on specific projects: Yonge Subway, 407 Transitway, Highway 7 Rapid Transit, Don Mills LRT, Markham Centre Mobility Hub, Langstaff/Richmond Hill Mobility Hub, John Street GO Station, East Markham Mobility Hub, and the five-year road program. In conclusion, it was noted that transportation and transit plans and policies are being advanced to achieve transportation requirements to 2031; however, successful implementation of the Transportation Strategy is dependent on funding, and development should be phased according to transit improvements.

The Committee discussed the following:

- restrictions to the Yonge Street Subway
- the urgency in planning the East Markham Mobility Hub
- ensure service changes for 2013 are implemented
- the Royal Orchard station is not proceeding; however, staff will continue to work on this possibility
- alternate transit routes through Markham Centre
- prospects of Metrolinx/LRT improvements and Regional funding, as a consequence of the Toronto subway not being expanded
- Markham Centre Mobility Hub, addressing the concerns of Metrolinx
- protection of the Langstaff/Richmond Hill route for northerly extension

Staff will provide an update on items discussed and present the final Markham Transportation Master Plan in May, 2012.

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the Workshop presentation by Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, regarding Transportation and Transit Issues be received.

CARRIED

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council Workshop adjourned at 11:06 AM.