



**MINUTES**  
***DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING***  
**MARCH 27, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber**  
**Meeting No. 4**

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**All Members of Council**

**Development Services**

Chair: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Vice-Chair: Councillor Don Hamilton

**Attendance**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
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

Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager  
Robert Tadmire, Coordinator of Geomatics/GIS  
Advocate  
Tom Villella, Senior Project Coordinator  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Development Services Public Meeting convened at 7:04 PM in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None Declared**

**1. RENAMING THE TOWN OWNED SECTION  
OF HIGHWAY 48 TO MARKHAM ROAD (10.14)**

[Report](#) [Figure 1](#)

The Public Meeting this date was to consider the renaming of the Town owned section of Highway 48 to Markham Road.

The Committee Clerk advised that 88 notices were mailed on March 7, 2012, and approximately 127 notices were hand-delivered to tenants and owners. Notice was published in the Markham Economist and Sun, Markham Page on March 8 and March 15, 2012. One written submission was received regarding this proposal.

Staff gave a presentation regarding the proposal and the public notification and consultation provided.

Ted Brown requested clarification on the reason for the name change, and requested consideration be given to compensate property owners for the costs involved in updating legal documents and address change expenses.

The Committee explained that this section of road used to be under the jurisdiction of the Province, and has now been handed over to the Town. Expenses were discussed. It was suggested that the Town Solicitor be consulted regarding legal requirements for address changes, and an update can be provided at Council when this matter comes forward. It was also suggested that a delay in implementing the name change may provide the owners with lead time to prepare; however, consideration must also be given to the address requirements for new development being built.

Staff confirmed the numbers will remain the same, just the road name will change, and there will be no conflict with numbering on other sections of the road.

The Committee noted that further stretches of the Highway may be conveyed to the Town in future years; however, those name changes will have to be dealt with at that time.

The Committee directed that this matter be forwarded to Council no sooner than April 17, 2012.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the correspondence from Tammy Morrell-Bellai, in support of the proposed renaming of the Town owned section of Highway 48, be received; and**
- 2) That the deputation by Ted Brown regarding concerns for the proposed renaming of the Town owned section of Highway 48, be received; and**

- 3) That Development Services Committee approve a renaming of the Town owned section of Highway 48 between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive to Markham Road; and,
- 4) That Council adopt a street name change by-law to permit the renaming of Highway 48 between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive; and further,
- 5) **That this matter be forwarded to Council no sooner than April 17, 2012.**

CARRIED

**2. PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT  
TO PROHIBIT NEW REVERSE SLOPE DRIVEWAYS  
IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM  
(PR-128052) (10.5)**

[Report](#)

The Public Meeting this date was to consider a proposed Zoning By-law amendment to prohibit new reverse slope driveways in the Town of Markham (PR-128052).

The Committee Clerk advised that notice was published in the Markham Economist and Sun, Markham Page on March 8 and March 15, 2012. Seven written submissions were received.

Staff gave a presentation regarding the proposed zoning by-law amendment to prohibit new reverse slope driveways in the Town of Markham.

The Committee discussed options for grandfathering, replacement of existing garages, and exemptions for land slopes. Construction alternatives such as concrete barriers between the garage and house to prevent flooding were discussed.

Marilyn Ginsberg, representing the Grandview Residents Association and the Bayview Glen Residents Association, made a deputation in support of the proposal and discussed the excessive flooding problems in Thornhill. Ms. Ginsberg provided a copy of her statement.

Marion Matthias representing the Ward One South Residents Association spoke in support of the proposal and endorsed the presentation by Ms. Ginsberg.

Roy Vanek spoke of possible solutions to flooding of his existing reverse slope driveway. The Committee recommended Mr. Vanek speak to Engineering staff on this issue.

The Committee thanked staff for their work on this matter, and the residents' representatives for their efforts.

The Committee directed that an exemption be given to properties with naturally sloping topography, with an evaluation by Engineering staff regarding appropriate measures to be taken.

A concern was expressed for houses with reverse sloped driveway adjacent to new dwellings built to a higher grade, with respect to the height variations. It was noted that 84 builders on the Developers Round Table list were notified; however, the Committee requested further effort be made to reach a wider range of builders.

Moved by: Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) **That correspondence from John Webster, Doris Cheng, Mike McLean, James Andrew, Eileen Liasi, Roy Vanek, and Marilyn Ginsberg representing the Grandview Residents Association and the Bayview Glen Residents Association, with comments regarding the proposed prohibition of reverse slope driveways, be received; and**
- 2) **That the depositions by Marilyn Ginsberg representing the Grandview Residents Association and the Bayview Glen Residents Association, Marion Matthias, and Roy Vanek regarding the proposed prohibition of reverse slope driveways, be received; and**
- 3) That the Development Services Commission report dated December 6, 2011 entitled “PRELIMINARY REPORT – Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to Prohibit New Reverse Slope Driveways in the Town of Markham, File Number: ZA 11-128052” be received; and,
- 4) That the record of the Public Meeting held on March 27, 2012, with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to Prohibit New Reverse Slope Driveways in the Town of Markham (ZA 11-128052) be received; and,
- 5) **That the proposed amendments include an exemption for properties with naturally sloping topography, with an evaluation by Engineering staff regarding appropriate measures to be taken; and,**
- 6) That the Zoning By-law Amendment application (ZA 11-128052) to amend Zoning By-laws 1229, 1442, 1507, 1767, 1914, 2053, 2150, 2237, 2284-68, 2402, 2489, 2551, 2571, 2612, 11-72, 122-72, 77-73, 83-73, 84-73, 119-73, 151-75, 88-76, 127-76, 250-77, 145-78, 162-78, 163-78, 184-78, 72-79, 91-79, 118-79, 134-79, 153-80, 165-80, 72-81, 90-81, 108-81, 193-81, 221-81, 28-82, 194-82, 196-82, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, as amended by 28-97, as amended, and 2004-196, as amended, be approved; and further,

- 7) That the proposed amendment to Zoning By-laws 1229, 1442, 1507, 1767, 1914, 2053, 2150, 2237, 2284-68, 2402, 2489, 2551, 2571, 2612, 11-72, 122-72, 77-73, 83-73, 84-73, 119-73, 151-75, 88-76, 127-76, 250-77, 145-78, 162-78, 163-78, 184-78, 72-79, 91-79, 118-79, 134-79, 153-80, 165-80, 72-81, 90-81, 108-81, 193-81, 221-81, 28-82, 194-82, 196-82, 47-85, 304-87, 19-94, 177-96, as amended by 28-97, as amended, and 2004-196, as amended, be enacted without further notice.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Public Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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