



***MINUTES***  
**THORNHILL AREA REVITALIZATION**  
**WORKING GROUP**

**2012-03-07**  
**Ontario Room**

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**Attendance**

**Members of Council**

Councillor Howard Shore

**Staff:**

Ron Blake, Manager Development West

Geoff Day, Senior Planner

Elizabeth Silva-Stewart, Senior Planner

Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Residents**

Tony Bambini

Paul Gotz

Paul Zammit

Brian Magee, Raywal Kitchens

Manuel Der Maroutiounian, Bayview Steeles

Auto Collision

Srdjana Jaksic

**Consultant**

Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning

The Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group meeting convened at 7:05 PM with Councillor Howard Shore in the Chair.

**1. UPDATE**

Councillor Howard Shore provided the Working Group with some brief update for the Thornlea area. He advised that he is working on holding a Workshop for owners and tenants within of the Thornlea business area to brief them on what this Working Group has been working on and to discuss property standards issues related to this area.

**2. POLICY OPTIONS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE THORNLEA INDUSTRIAL AREA**

Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning, distributed a document entitled "Policy Options and other Considerations for Thornlea Industrial Area." Mr. McDonald reviewed the options outlined in the document.

The Working Group discussed the difference between Business Corridor and General Industrial zoning. There was brief discussion regarding legal non-conforming uses.

The Working Group recommended that the Public Information Meeting should include more acknowledgements of potential residential uses for this area. Staff pointed out that if residential uses are provided as an option at the Public Information Meeting it is important to outline the various challenges as well.

There was considerable discussion regarding the challenges of potential residential zoning on the Canac site, given the overall corridor is designated as Employment Area. Councillor Shore reiterated the community's interest in some type of upscale retirement facility. Staff advised that type of development will not satisfy the employment needs of the area. Councillor Shore pointed out that Members of Council do not always agree with staff recommendations.

There was discussion regarding the advantages of the Town including this study area within a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Area in their Official Plan amendment.

Staff provided the Working Group with pictures of other industrial areas that have used a sympathetic and complimentary built form.

It was suggested that the Working Group members review the suggested options contained in the "Draft Policy Options and Other Considerations for Thornlea Area" and e-mail the Clerk with any further comments to the four questions posed at the previous committee meeting by March 21, 2012.

Mr. Tony Bambini presented the Working Group with the proposed drawing of the office building at 16 Harlech Court.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.