



## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

MARCH 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Canada Room

Meeting No. 6

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### **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  
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Stephen Chait, Director, Economic Development  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Geoff Day, Senior Planner  
Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks and Open Space Development  
Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Special Projects  
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design  
David Pearce, Manager, Real Property  
Sandra Tam, Senior Business Development Officer  
Tom Villella, Senior Project Coordinator  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

#### **Regrets**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:05 a.m. in the Canada Room with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair. Councillor Carolina Moretti assumed the Chair for Economic Development items, Nos. 2 and 3; Regional Councillor Gord Landon assumed the Chair for Transportation items, No. 4.

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Valerie Burke disclosed an interest with respect to item # 6, the Interim Control By-law for Thornlea Industrial Area, by nature of there being a family-owned business in the area, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of such matter.

### **1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - January 24, 2012, Part B (10.0)** [Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting, Part B, held January 24, 2012, be confirmed.

CARRIED

### **2. 2012 MARKHAM – ICCC BUSINESS MISSION TO INDIA AND DUBAI: REPORT ON OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES (10.16)** [Presentation](#)

Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Special Projects, introduced the members of the delegation to India and Dubai that were in attendance. Ms. Kakaflikas gave a presentation regarding the 2012 Markham – ICCC (Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce) Business Mission to India and Dubai: Report on Outcomes and Activities. The overall mission objectives and outcomes were reviewed, as well as the itinerary and activities during the business mission, and follow-up activities.

The Committee had several questions for staff. It was suggested southern India be included in future missions. The Chair of Economic Development spoke to the success of the endeavor and congratulated everyone involved.

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the presentation provided by Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Special Projects regarding 2012 Markham – ICCC Business Mission to India and Dubai: Report on Outcomes and Activities be received.

CARRIED

**3. NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DVDS (10.16)**

Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Development, gave a presentation of four new DVDs: an Economic Development DVD to promote Markham; a promotion of the Markham Convergence Centre; an endorsement DVD; and a Mandarin language DVD. Mr. Chait discussed the value of the promotional materials and expressed appreciation to staff and Brian O’Conner for their work on this initiative.

Discussions included language options and content. The Committee was encouraged to distribute the DVDs and to add a link to their e-mails, to promote Markham.

Moved by: Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the presentation provided by Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Development regarding the new Economic Development DVDs be received.

CARRIED

**4. SMART COMMUTE – MARKHAM/RICHMOND HILL  
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (TMA) (5.10)**  
[Presentation](#)

Richard Cunningham, President, Markham Board of Trade, introduced Basil Marcello, Senior Program Advisor, Smart Commute – Markham/Richmond Hill. Mr. Marcello introduced members of his team in attendance, and gave a presentation regarding Smart Commute – Markham/Richmond Hill Transportation Management Association (TMA). He provided background information on the not-for-profit initiative, affiliated with the Markham Board of Trade and the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce. The presentation included the organizational highlights, program updates, activity highlights, the 2012 work plan, and funding partners. Staff noted funding is addressed in Markham’s annual budget process.

The Committee discussed the zone-fare issue, implementation of the Presto Card, economic challenges for students, and encouraging a connection with Better Place for environmentally-friendly vehicles.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the presentation provided by Basil Marcello, Senior Program Advisor, Smart Commute – Markham/Richmond Hill regarding Smart Commute – Markham/Richmond Hill Transportation Management Association (TMA) be received.

CARRIED

**5. STATUS REPORT NO. 1  
PARKLAND DEDICATION BY-LAW REVIEW (10.0)**  
[Presentation](#)

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services introduced this matter. Tom Villella, Senior Project Coordinator gave a brief background on the issue of parkland dedication and introduced Tom Janzen of the Planning Partnership.

Mr. Janzen gave a presentation on the parkland dedication by-law review in preparation of updating the Official Plan policies, noting that this is the first of three status reports that will be provided to the Committee. The presentation included an acknowledgement of the professional consulting team working with the Planning Partnership on this project, the purpose of the study, the consultation process, and input from Council members and developers. Mr. Janzen discussed the legislative aspects, current Official Plan policies and current Markham practices, as well as related activities in the GTA.

Next steps include continuing consultation and further updates to the Committee, with a final report anticipated in June, 2012.

The Committee requested the current calculations for the Langstaff area and Markham Centre be provided, and that consideration be given to support for other initiatives such as transit. It was requested that the details be simplified for clarity of understanding.

Discussions included disincentives, land valuations, sustainability incentives, diversity of GTA rates, funding for park development and maintenance, ongoing park development in the Box Grove community, and creating a vision to preserve the 'town' identity and character by protecting green space.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the presentation provided by Tom Janzen, The Planning Partnership regarding Status Report No. 1 - Parkland Dedication By-law Review be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. RECOMMENDATION REPORT  
INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW  
THORNLEA INDUSTRIAL AREA  
THORNHILL COMMUNITY  
(PR 12 108428) (10.0)  
[Report](#) [Figures 1+2](#) [Appendix A](#)**

Councillor Valerie Burke disclosed an interest with respect to the Interim Control By-law for Thornlea Industrial Area, by nature of a family member owning a business in the area, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of such matter.

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services introduced this matter and provided background information on the development of the Thornlea Industrial Area. Discussions included the conclusions of the Working Group, the public notice requirement, and impacts on a Telecommunications Tower being installed in the area. It was suggested that Industry Canada and the Ministry of the Environment be notified of the proposed Interim Control By-law.

Staff was requested to bring this forward to Council on March 20, 2012.

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report entitled “Recommendation Report, Interim Control By-law Thornlea Industrial Area, Thornhill Community File # PR 12 108428” dated March 20, 2012, be received; and,
- 2) That pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act, Council enact an Interim Control By-law for the Thornlea Industrial Area, substantially in accordance with the proposed By-law attached as Appendix ‘A’; and,
- 3) **\*\*That Industry Canada and the Ministry of the Environment be notified of the Interim Control By-law; and further,**
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

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\*\* Amended by Council on March 20 to read as follows:

“That Industry Canada and the Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment and Member of Parliament for Thornhill, be notified of the Interim Control By-law; and further,”

**7. IN-CAMERA MATTER (8.0)**

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (e) of the *Municipal Act*, Development Services Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matter:

- 1) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Ward 4)

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That the Development Services Committee rise from in-camera session (11:55 AM).

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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