



MINUTES
**THORNHILL AREA REVITALIZATION
WORKING GROUP**
2011-10-26
Mayor's Boardroom

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

Arnie Rose

Paul Gotz

Paul Zammit

Moujan Nabavi

Consultant

Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning

The Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group meeting convened at 7:03 PM with Councillor Howard Shore in the Chair.

1. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone briefly introduce themselves.

Ron Blake, Manager Development West delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the work plan and objectives for the Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group.

Councillor Howard Shore requested that the last two proposed dates be reversed so that the Town Hall Community meeting will be scheduled for February 6, 2011.

Elizabeth Silva- Stewart, Senior Planner delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the planning policy framework.

There was discussion regarding the fluctuation in employment numbers for this area. The Committee requested that staff forward the latest employment numbers in the last five years for this area. Staff pointed out that those numbers are obtained from the Regional Municipality of York and that they would forward that information.

The Committee briefly discussed the Town of Markham 2009 Employment Strategy and The Greenprint, Markham's Sustainability Plan.

Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing a review of the 2009 Policy Option report for the Thornlea Industrial Park area.

There was discussion regarding the importance of having a variety of office spaces. It was pointed out that a large component of the employment in this area is made up of small businesses.

The Committee discussed the need for balance with aesthetically and functionally well designed buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.