



MARKHAM LIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, November 7, 2011 – 4:00 pm
Canada Room

MINUTES

<p><u>Attendance:</u></p> <p><u>Members:</u> Regional Councillor Jim Jones – Chair Deputy Mayor Jack Heath (ex-officio) Councillor Howard Shore Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Carolina Moretti Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Mayor Frank Scarpitti (ex-officio) Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Alex Chiu</p>	<p><u>Staff:</u> Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management Ronji Borooah, Town Architect Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor Richard Kendall, Manager, Central District Joel Lustig, Treasurer Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing Don Taylor, Manager, Executive Operations Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Markham Live Committee meeting convened at 4:05 pm with Regional Councillor Jim Jones as Chair.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None Declared

1. Minutes of Markham Live Committee – October 3, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the minutes of the October 3, 2011 Markham Live Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MISTA Fit

David Jansen, Michael Morrisey, and Paul Defigueiredo, of Adamson Associates Architects presented an update on MISTA. Mr. Jansen described the location and context of the MISTA sports complex and presented the Master Plan and concept renderings for the sports facilities, atrium, retail, office, hotel, residential, and parking components.

Mr. Jansen confirmed the plans are still conceptual and that the transit alignment still has to be resolved. The Request for Information (RFI) to identify interested developers will be the next step.

The Committee requested that the Markham Live Optimization Study be included on the agenda for the next Markham Live meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

That the presentation by David Jansen, Michael Morrissey, and Paul Defigueiredo of Adamson Associates Architects with an update on the design of the Markham Live and MISTA site, be received.

CARRIED

3. PAN AM Games Update

Douglas Burkenshaw of B+H Architects gave a presentation of the MISTA facilities for the PAN AM Games. The location, venue features, and site plan were reviewed, including parking and phasing. Mr. Burkenshaw discussed mitigation of environmental issues during construction, transparency and FLAP issues with respect to the amount of glass to be used, landscaping, and the addition of colour into the facade.

The Committee commented on the material of the interior walls and the wood product on the exterior walls with respect to durability and maintenance. Mr. Burkenshaw advised the interior walls would be of a material similar to concrete, but polished and warm, and that more durable wood products would be used on the exterior. The Committee suggested public art could be displayed on the large exterior walls.

With respect to the glass walls in the pool area, the mitigation of glare effects and distraction issues were discussed. It was suggested that the pool design could be more elaborate to make it unique from other community centre pools, and that a second-floor lobby is considered necessary. It was also noted that net-zero energy and a garbage processing system are required.

Staff summarized the comments regarding design and materials, and indicated agreement with the design with modifications as discussed, the site plan, overall height and scale, and building structure. This is sufficient to provide comfort to Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and PAN AM, allowing the plan to move ahead. It was confirmed that the building must meet the standards of international competition and the swimming community. Elements such as glass treatments, colour of exterior wall panels, and other details will be determined at a later date.

The site plan and design elevations will require approval of Development Services Committee. It was suggested that another subcommittee meeting can be held if needed, prior to being presented at DSC.

Discussions included the relocation of the York-Durham watercourse to the south. The Committee expressed disappointment at the lack of PAN AM 2011 media coverage with respect to the opportunity to promote the 2015 games.

Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Don Hamilton

That the presentation by B + H Architects regarding the PAN AM Games facilities, be received; and,

That the comments of the Markham Live Committee with respect to the design, be received.

CARRIED

4. Request for Information (RFI) Draft

Andy Taylor, CAO, introduced this item, advising that staff had been requested to develop wording for the RFI to invite interest. A draft document was provided.

Don Taylor, Manager, Executive Operations, reviewed the significant sections of the RFI, including definitions for the "North site" and "South site", and phasing, and clarified that the PAN AM project is not part of this RFI. It was confirmed that the request is sufficiently non-specific to allow applicants to use innovative ideas.

The Committee discussed removing the curling and figure skating facilities, and making more room for the loading dock. Staff were directed to amend the document as per the discussions and bring it back to the next Markham Live meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the draft Request for Information (RFI) be received, and that staff revise the document for the next Markham Live meeting.

CARRIED

5. Unsolicited Bid Draft (Swiss Challenge)

Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor, advised that the Town's procurement policy does not currently permit unsolicited bids. A draft revised policy framework was reviewed, with respect to the contents, evaluation process, and the Town's options to approve or reject bids. It cannot be used to undermine the current procurement policy.

The Swiss Challenge method was explained as a counter-proposal process for unsolicited bids, to petition for more competitive bids. The Committee requested examples of successful Swiss Challenge bids. Staff will provide information at the next meeting.

Discussions included remuneration to compensate for collateral in a Swiss Challenge. Staff suggested this aspect should not be included in the policy, and that it could be addressed if the need arises. This issue will be considered further.

The policy will go forward to General Committee when it is ready.

Moved by: Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the staff update regarding unsolicited bid process be received.

CARRIED

6. New Business

Land Issues

The Chair advised that the Can-Do Sub-committee is continuing to meet and is working on issues.

Transit

The Chair advised that a motion regarding transit issues will be brought forward to the Committee in the near future.

Adjournment

The Markham Live Committee meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.