



## **ADVISORY GROUP Minutes of Meeting – June 23, 2011**

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### **Members Attending**

Jeff Morris - Unionville Ratepayers Assoc.  
Neil Banerjee – Unionville Villagers Assoc  
Reid McAlpine – Unionville Villagers Assoc.  
Alan Graf – Unionville Resident  
Philip Ling - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)  
Duncan MacAskill – York Region  
Richard Jarrell – York University  
Bob Hunn – Markham Accessibility Cttee  
Peter Ronson – District Energy  
Randy Peddigrew – Remington Group

### **Staff Attending**

Richard Kendall – Manager, Central District  
Don Hamilton – Councillor, Ward 3  
Huyen Hare – Economic Development  
Wendy Bond – MC Administrator

### **Guests**

Jason Sheldon – Remington Group  
Sami Kazemi – Quadrangle Architects

### **Regrets**

Gord Mah – Unionville Ratepayers Assoc.  
Michelle Lynch - Unionville Resident  
Tracy MacKinnon – Unionville BIA  
Charles Sutherland - Markham at Large – (Milliken)  
Richard Cunningham – Markham Board of Trade  
Brent Mersey - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)  
Erica Tsang - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)  
Jessica Peake – YRDSB  
Christine Hyde - YRCSB  
Ronji Borooah – Town of Markham Architect

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The Markham Centre Advisory Group meeting convened at 6:00 PM with Philip Ling in the Chair.

The Minutes of the Markham Centre Advisory Group meetings held on April 28, 2011 were adopted.  
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### **1. Remington Group, Downtown Markham Retail Percent Phase 1, Buildings L & M**

Richard Kendall, Manager of Development, Central District provided an introduction. Sami Kazemi, Quadrangle Architects presented the design details and materials to be used for Downtown Markham Retail Phase project Buildings L & M. Mr. Kazemi pointed out the location of the retail blocks in proximity to the residential blocks, floor plans, and architectural features, ie: setbacks, textured/louvered glass, textured surfaces, natural stone, etc. Sections of the street, office, and store fronts have a variety of framing and wall treatments; the cinema entrance is highlighted with 42 feet of glass, with the daytime focus being on the street and the evening focus looking into the interior view of the lobby, with the consideration of an art feature.

Some of the sustainable strategies feature:

- Treating stormwater on site
- Electric Car Charging Stations
- Targeting >30% water savings
- Targeting > 18% energy savings (relative to ASHRAE 90.1-2007)
- Construction Waste Diversion

- Regional / Recycled Material
- Low-VOC Products

#### **Discussion:**

- Concern was expressed with the view looking into the offices walls at street level. A module, textured, louvered system, is being considered to reduce the visibility into the office space.
- Public Art is planned for the Plaza, budget has been assigned and research is being completed. Pieces purchased could be movable from location to location dependent on need and activity.
- Bird friendly materials are being taken into consideration.
- Construction drawings are being developed seeking permits in the Summer 2011, ground breaking for underground parking needs to get started.
- Signage will be visible from Hwy.407. As built out continues, future buildings will block the signage.
- On June 28, 2011, a DSC Report out lining Remington Group Downtown Markham, Retail Precinct Phase 2, and Buildings J & K will be discussed. Specific building elements will be brought back to the Advisory in the Fall 2011

#### **2. Remington Group, Downtown Markham Tour of the Verdale Residential Buildings**

- The Advisory members travelled from the Civic Centre to Downtown Markham where Jason Sheldon, Vice President of Land Development for the Remington Group provided a tour of the three residential buildings of the Verdale project, located on Verdale Crossing. The three building are fully occupied. The buildings share common amenity space, ie: swimming pool, gym, golf simulator, party room, outside barbeques, and guest suites. The Advisory extends their thanks to Jason, and the Remington Group.

#### **3. Other Business:**

- The next scheduled meeting is September 15, 2011. The meeting has been moved ahead by one week from September 22, 2011 to accommodate the Provincial Election Advance Polling.

**Adjournment:** 8:20pm

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