



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 20, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Canada Room

Meeting No. 21

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

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
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
Stephen Chait, Director, Economic Development
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Huyen Hare, Senior Business Development Officer
Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Special Projects
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:12 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. 1 and 2.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none declared

**1. MARKHAM ISRAEL BUSINESS MISSION:
REPORT ON OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES (10.16)**

[Presentation](#)

Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Development, welcomed and introduced the members of the Israel Business Mission in attendance: Lou Milrad, Alan Litwack, Martin Rochweg, and Daniel Rothberg of Miller Thompson LLP, Leo Grunwald of Grunwald and Company, and Robert Unterman of York Region. Mr. Chait outlined the highlights of the successful mission. A brochure entitled “Partners in Innovation” was provided to the Committee.

Councillor Carolina Moretti spoke a few words about the experience and the impact of the mission.

Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Special Projects, gave a presentation regarding the Markham Israel Business Mission (May 20-29, 2011): Report on Outcomes and Activities. The presentation outlined the mission objectives, mission partners and delegates, the itinerary, feedback, outcomes and follow-up activities. The purpose was to strengthen ties between Markham, York Region, and Israel.

Lou Milrad spoke of the collaborative effort by Markham Council and staff, the mission leaders, and the delegation members to ensure the endeavor was a success.

Leo Grunwald thanked the organizers and participants, and stated that from an entrepreneurial standpoint, there is a great deal of opportunity in Markham. Mr. Grunwald provided an explanation of the “incubator” business model.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti thanked Town and Regional staff and our private sector partner, Miller Thompson, for organizing the successful mission, and expressed appreciation to the participants for their valuable contributions. The Mayor noted that this has been one of the most significant business missions the Town has ever been involved in. Councillor Carolina Moretti echoed congratulations to all involved and commented on relationships built. Councillor Howard Shore spoke of upcoming opportunities as a result of the mission.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the presentation provided by Ms. Christina Kakaflikas, Manager, Special Projects regarding Markham Israel Business Mission: Report on Outcomes and Activities be received.

CARRIED

**2. YORK REGION EMPLOYMENT
AND INDUSTRY 2010 (10.0)**

[Presentation](#)

Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Development, introduced this matter and described the partnership between the Region of York and local municipalities to monitor employment trends.

Huyen Hare, Senior Business Development Officer, gave a brief presentation regarding the process and benefits of the project.

Paul Bottomley of the Region of York, gave a presentation regarding the results of the York Region Employment and Industry 2010 survey. The presentation detailed the economic information obtained, advising that: total employment in York Region grew by 1.9% last year and 2.7% annually since 2001, outpacing Ontario and Canada; the number of businesses has increased by 25%; and, non-residential construction increased by 50% since 2009. Employment by municipality and by industry was noted. The fastest growing sectors are business services, personal services, and health care and social assistance. The results from the 2011 review are being compiled and will be presented at a future time.

In response to questions, Mr. Bottomley advised that sufficient jobs are available within York Region to accommodate a favourable live/work ratio. It was emphasized that the number of available jobs in Markham and York Region has improved, whereas the majority of the country has declined. It will be a challenge to ensure that sufficient land and infrastructure is in place to ensure that Official Plan job targets to 2031 can be met.

The Committee questioned employment for disabled, immigrant, and diversified sectors, and attracting foreign businesses to Markham. Staff advised of initiatives by the Region for these sectors, and Mr. Bottomley agreed to include disability information in future presentations.

The Committee thanked Mr. Bottomley for his informative presentation.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the presentation provided by Mr. Paul Bottomley, Region of York regarding York Region Employment and Industry 2010 be received.

CARRIED

**3. MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF CANADA LIMITED
MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE
7600 KENNEDY ROAD (10.0)
[Presentation](#)**

The Commissioner of Development Services introduced the proposal by McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited to renovate the restaurant facility within the town-owned Milliken Mills Community Centre.

Tony Withall of IBI Group, and Patricia Simiele of McDonald's, both representing the applicant, gave a presentation to explain the rebranding of the franchise and the proposed updating of the restaurant at the subject site. It was confirmed that the restaurant premises will not be expanded, however, the community centre may expand in future with respect to the library and other public uses. Mr. Withall displayed the existing site plan and elevations, as well as renderings of proposed design and colour changes.

Ms. Sinelli discussed the lease options and franchise investment opportunities for the interior and exterior of the restaurant. In response to questions, the representatives advised that the landscaping and grounds will be restored to the current condition following the renovations.

The Committee suggested that the proponent could consider providing WiFi connectivity to the entire complex rather than just for the restaurant. The Committee requested further clarification and details of the proposed exterior elevation changes including design, materials, and colours. Staff will provide a memo to a future Development Services Committee meeting in this regard.

Staff were also requested to include planned changes to the Millikan Mills Community Centre complex at the upcoming Strategic Planning session of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the presentation provided by Mr. Tony Withall, IBI Group, and Patricia Simiele of McDonald's, regarding McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited – Milliken Mills Community Centre, 7600 Kennedy Road be received;

And that staff provide a memo to Development Services Committee in approximately two weeks, outlining details of the proposed exterior elevation changes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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