



MINUTES
York University Markham Campus Committee
March 21, 2016
Council Chamber

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Regrets

Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Colin Campbell

The York University Markham Campus Committee convened at 3:40 pm with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the January 25, 2016 York University Campus Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

2. UPDATE ON YORK UNIVERSITY

Bud Purves introduced two colleagues, Chris Edey and Professor Angelo Belcastro. It was noted that Chris Edey will be working on arrangements with all of York University's co-operating businesses and student life management with neighbours, such as recreation facilities, student housing, health care provisions, etc. He advised that Professor Belcastro is the academic head and will be setting up in Markham Centre in 2016.

Bud Purves, York University representative, addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding the schedule that has been worked out with Infrastructure Ontario. The following information was provided:

- As of April 2016 they anticipate having established a planning grant from the Ministry of Training and Colleges
- A scope and budgeting confirmation will be requested
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be created with the Ministry of Education and Treasury Board
- By the end of May 2016, confirm the project scope and seek Treasury Board confirmation of the budget
- From September 2016 to February 2017 all planning and project agreement documents will be created, with a target of February 2017 being the issue date of the RFP for a construction and design team
- February 2017 Infrastructure Ontario will be issuing the RFP for the construction team
- The RFP will be in the market for 6 months and close in September 2017
- Negotiations and evaluations will occur for approximately another 4 months resulting in the award of a Preferred Proponent by January 2018
- Land transfer and construction is anticipated to occur in March 2018

Mr. Purves pointed out that all the above dates are target dates and as usual, they have a construction contingency short of October 2018, but if all goes well, they can hit work by April 2018.

Professor Angelo Belcastro addressed the Committee to provide a brief overview of his role with the York University Markham Campus. He advised that his role will provide academic support in relation to all the aspects of the development of the new Markham campus and will also be responsible for community engagement initiatives in relation to planning for the campus.

There was brief discussion regarding potential programs being offered at the York University Markham Campus.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the verbal update from Bud Purves with respect to the York University Markham campus be received.

Carried

3. New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The York University Markham Campus Committee meeting adjourn at 4:01 p.m.

Carried