

## MINUTES York University Markham Campus Committee January 25, 2016 Council Chamber

#### **Co-Chairs**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

#### **Committee Members**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Alex Chiu

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#### **Regrets**

Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Amanda Collucci

The York University Markham Campus Committee convened at 3:15 pm with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair.

# 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the minutes of the September 28, 2015 York University Campus Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

# 2. UPDATE ON YORK UNIVERSITY

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Committee and advised that he met with representatives of York University and agreed to hold a monthly meeting with York University Markham Campus Committee.

Bud Purves, York University representative addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding the York University Markham Campus. He advised that soil testing has been completed, and looked into a variety of things such as stormwater management, traffic, where parking might be and where the University will fit on the site. He indicated that they are considering putting together a Working Group. Mr. Purves has met with Infrastructure Ontario, and anticipates having some acknowledgement formally from the Provincial budget this year. Mr. Purves advised that they are looking at opening up a site office here in Markham that will eventually become part of the campus.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the York University Campus update provided by Bud Purves:

- Purpose of the site office
- Connectivity between buildings on the campus and to the GO Train station
- Anticipated date that the University will be open September 2020

There was discussion regarding the anticipated number of students at the campus. It was noted that it is expected to have approximately 4,000 students beginning with 1,000 students the first year. The Committee inquired about student residence. Mr. Purves advised that they would like to secure about 1,000 and noted that the Toronto York University Site only has 6% of student residence for their 50,000 students.

The Committee thanked Bud Purves for the update.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

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 3:38 p.m.

Carried