

**ADVISORY GROUP**  
**Minutes of Meeting – April 28, 2011**

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**Members Attending**

Jeff Morris - Unionville Ratepayers Assoc.  
Gord Mah – Unionville Ratepayers Assoc.  
Reid McAlpine – Unionville Villagers Assoc.  
Alan Graf – Unionville Resident  
Charles Sutherland - Markham at Large – (Milliken)  
Richard Cunningham – Markham Board of Trade  
Erica Tsang - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)  
Duncan MacAskill – York Region  
Richard Jarrell – York University  
Bob Hunn – Markham Accessibility Cttee  
Gilbert Luk – YRDSB  
Peter Ronson – District Energy  
Randy Peddigrew – Remington Group

**Guests**

Susan Kerr – Adamson Associates Architects  
David Jansen – Adamson Associates Architects  
Sheldon Levitt – Quadrangle Architects  
Jim Jones – Town of Markham, Regional Councillor

**Staff Attending**

Jim Baird – Commissioner, Development Services  
Richard Kendall – Manager, Central District  
Scott Heaslip – Sr. Project Coordinator, Central District  
Don Hamilton – Councillor, Ward 3  
Marina Haufschild – Urban Design  
Wendy Bond – MC Administrator

**Regrets**

Neil Banerjee – Unionville Villagers Assoc  
Michelle Lynch - Unionville Resident  
Tracy MacKinnon – Unionville BIA  
Brent Mersey - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)  
Philip Ling - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)  
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 Richard Jarrell in the Chair.

The Minutes of the Markham Centre Advisory Group meetings held on February 24, 2011 were adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**1. Markham Centre East Precinct Site Optimization Study**

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services, introduced David Jansen of Adamson Associates Architects. David Jansen was involved in the development of the original master plan for Markham Centre in 1993 with Andre Duany. David presented an outline of the study area for the Markham Centre East Precinct Optimization Study and discussed the land use concept plan. He identified the transit hub, road patterns, transit routes, and presented the preferred option for street and block patterns, incorporating proposed transit routes and stations. By raising the grade for roads, the lower sections can be used for parking and retail components, to maximize land use.

The Optimization Study will build on the work undertaken by Calthorpe Associates for Remington Group; they studied four options for the Street & Block Pattern, incorporating the preferred plan into the revised Master plan. Transit plans and related infrastructure were reviewed, and are recommending that density be located close to the mobility hub. This study provided the framework for the East Precinct Plan, which is targeted for the Fall 2011.

**Discussion:**

- Parking at the GO Transit station will increase, the proposed plan recommends 3 times the coverage.
- It is unknown how the construction of the Unionville Mobility Hub will be paid for; it was suggested the Federal/Provincial/Municipal will cover the cost with potential private/developer partnerships investments.

## **2. Remington Group, Downtown Markham Retail, Blocks CA6 &CA7**

- Sheldon Levitt of Quadrangle Architects Ltd. presented Remington Groups proposal for Block CA6 of the Retail Precinct located at the northeast corner of Enterprise Blvd. & Birchmount Rd. Buildings L & M (retail & entertainment o the southeast corner) will be constructed as Phase 1 previously before the Advisory. Buildings J & K (hotel & residential on the northeast corner) is Phase 2 of the first phase. The retail precinct is located within a 10 minute walk of the Unionville Mobility Hub recognizing the importance of the intermodal transit station. The project includes retail, restaurant uses, cinema, a hotel, and residential, being the first major integrated retail and commercial site in the area. These blocks are the connection between residential and commercial. It is expected completion/occupancy is within 3 years.

### **Discussion:**

- Well received, and as details are received, they will be presented to the Advisory for a formal report card.

## **3. Other Business:**

The next scheduled meeting is June 23, 2011; a tour of the Remington Group Verdale project will be conducted.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made.

Adjournment – 8:00pm