



MARKHAM LIVE

Markham International Sports Training Academy (MISTA) MARKHAM

Monday, April 4, 2011 – 4:00 pm
Canada Room

MINUTES

<p><u>Attendance:</u></p> <p><u>Members:</u> Mayor Frank Scarpitti Regional Councillor Jim Jones – Chair Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Carolina Moretti Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Alex Chiu</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Councillor Howard Shore Councillor Don Hamilton</p>	<p><u>Staff:</u> John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Andy Taylor, Commissioner of Corporate Services Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor Richard Kendall, Development Manager Joel Lustig, Treasurer Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Markham Live Committee meeting convened at 4:00 pm with Regional Councillor Jim Jones as Chair.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None Declared

1. Minutes of Markham Live Committee – March 28, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the March 28, 2011 Markham Live Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2. Update – Markham Live/MISTA/Hub Fitting

David Jansen of Adamson Associates Architects and Michael Morrissey of Morrissey Design presented draft site plan and drawings, outlining the boundaries of the Hub and surrounding components. The Hub will consolidate the activities of GO, Viva, and the 407 Transitway, with a concentration of land uses.

Mr. Jansen discussed the intersection of all three systems, the overall block configuration of the 100-acre land area, the specific Markham Live components, Main Street, and the central Hub. The potential 5500-seat concert hall, convention facilities, hotel, and residential and commercial towers were also identified.

With respect to the alignment of the transportation lines, the presentation described the 30m right-of-way for the EA proposal for the Highway 407 underground transitway, which currently sterilizes the main sites. It was recommended that the transitway shift south, adjacent to Highway 407. Staff advised that the Ministry has inserted language into the EA that allows for further dialogue and review for realignment to reflect municipal land use plans and coordination with transit agencies.

It was understood that a secondary zone for the EA proposed right-of-way including construction and transitway allowances would be beyond that currently shown by Adamson, and it was requested that this be reflected in the drawings.

The transit grades were illustrated: 407/MTO and Viva Rapid Transit is at 170m, the lowest level; GO is at the existing grade level of 180m; Viva buses, on elevated roads spanning the main line, are at the upper levels connected by vertical circulation to GO platforms, a through-concourse, and parking levels. Galleria retail is at the street level, serving as the entrance to transit and the proposed concert centre. The concert centre is above grade, and would not cause a loss of parking space. The Committee requested an illustration of cross-sections of the grades for future presentations.

The road pattern has been endorsed by Council, but may be adjusted by ongoing site plan adjustments, ensuring connectivity and a continuing east-west pattern. An additional component of the complex may prefer a north-south pattern which would negatively impact Markham Live Street; however, the consultants are aware of the Town's preferences.

Mr. Jansen reviewed an option for Viva on the existing Enterprise Drive, rather than tunnelling. Although the tunnel has been pre-constructed under the GO line, the new option could save a lot more tunnelling on the Viva-proposed YMCA Boulevard alignment.

Staff advised of the need for meetings with YMCA to ensure they are aware of this proposal. A final report will be presented regarding options for grade/levels for YMCA and options for development in connection with MISTA. Concept plans and grading options will be made available for YMCA to understand how this has evolved, and the implications. This could require the use of intermediary steps and the discussion of replacement options to accommodate the YMCA.

The Precinct Plan will show the preferred road alignments, endorsed by the Town. The Consultant's background study will illustrate the options considered and the evolution of the plan. A concern was expressed that labelling of potential sports and entertainment venues be sensitive to their tentative nature. It was also noted that it would be preferable to have all the venues under one management umbrella, to coordinate scheduling and programming events.

3. Other Markham Live Updates

The Mayor will provide an update at a future meeting.

4. Corporate Structure

The Town Solicitor and C.A.O. are preparing a report on governance options and a Community Improvement Plan. It will be presented in a few weeks.

5. New Business

Councillor Colin Campbell requested to be added to the Building & Design Advisory Sub-Committee. It was noted that any member may participate in any of the Advisory Sub-committee

Funding issues were clarified. The funding is for the Mobility Hub and the entire project, not just MISTA. A report on Terms of Reference for additional technical engineering requirements will be presented to Development Services Committee in the near future.

6. Next Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Boardroom

Adjournment

The Markham Live Committee meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.