



**MARCH 1, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

***DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE***

**Meeting No. 7**

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**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 Alan Ho  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services  
Ronji Borooah, Town Architect  
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Councillor Colin Campbell

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:05 a.m. in the Canada Room with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None Declared

**1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
- FEBRUARY 8, 2011, PART A (10.0)**  
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Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by: Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting, Part A, held February 8, 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. DEPUTATIONS, ITEM # 9, IN-CAMERA  
A LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER (10.3, 10.5)**

The Committee consented to receive deputations regarding the in-camera item, # 9 on the agenda.

R.A. James, a member of the Shops on Steeles Working Group, spoke of the extensive work done by the group in trying to reach an acceptable compromise. He expressed opposition to the current development proposal.

Gerald Dinner, President of the German Mills Residents' Association and member of the Shops on Steeles Working Group, spoke in opposition to the proposal, stating concerns for traffic gridlock and the impacts to the neighbourhood. He noted appreciation for the cooperation of Council members, staff, and consultants.

Karen Cilevitz, representing the Willowdale North East Neighbourhood Association, spoke in opposition to the proposal and stated concerns for traffic congestion.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the deputations by R.A. James, Gerald Diner, and Karen Cilevitz, in opposition to the Shops on Steeles development, be received.

CARRIED

**3. PAN AM GAMES UPDATE (6.0)**

This item was postponed to General Committee on March 7, 2011.

**4. VIVANEXT  
HIGHWAY 7 RAPIDWAY UPDATE (5.14)**  
[Presentation](#)

Mary-Frances Turner, Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation gave a presentation to update the Committee on the VivaNEXT - Highway 7 Rapidway. The team members were introduced: Dale Albers, Paul May, and Kathryn Webber.

Ms. Turner displayed visualizations of the future vision of rapid transit corridors and centres, and explained the federal, provincial, York Region, and Toronto funding components of the 100 km rapid transit project. Structural and design features of the rapidway lanes, intersections, and stations were illustrated.

The Highway 7 construction phase will involve five stages over the next three years, beginning in the spring of 2011 with completion in early 2014.

Mr. Albers outlined the communications plan, acknowledging the disruptions that may occur and the importance of keeping the public informed. The plan includes the appointment of a community liaison specialist to interact with businesses and residents along the construction route.

Discussions included updates on the Yonge Subway extension and funding issues, the progress on the Steeles Avenue Station and the East Don River Bridge, and the status of related studies. The alignment of the 407 ramp at the Langstaff station was confirmed.

Ms. Turner and staff responded to questions and comments from the Committee:

- non-reflective glass and other measures will be used at the stations to deter bird strikes;
- accessibility and CNIB standards for colour contrast requirements have been maintained on the buses to accommodate the visually-impaired;
- irrigation for landscaping maintenance is expensive and is only useful for the first couple of years;
- bike paths will be included along most of the route and bike stands will be provided;
- the method of physical separation for the bike lanes has not been determined;
- far-side stations at intersections will use traffic light controls to accommodate drop-off and pick-up;
- construction will occur in overlapping segments;
- state-of-the-art electronics systems will be used;
- the Yonge Street Streetscape plan will be incorporated once the plan is completed.

A concern was expressed that it is still difficult to reach the transit route from other locations. Staff are working on this issue and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering advised that Metrolinx will be making a presentation to the Committee on March 22, 2011 to provide an update. Staff will be reporting on related financial and other issues in April, 2011.

Considerable discussion involved burying the hydro wires and the prohibitive costs involved, and it was agreed to pursue this aspect through the CAO's office or other appropriate avenue.

The Committee complimented the VivaNEXT team on its comprehensive public outreach program.

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the presentation provided by Mary-Frances Turner, Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation regarding VivaNEXT - Highway 7 Rapidway Update be received; and

**And that the opportunity to bury Hydro lines along Highway 7 be pursued further.**

CARRIED

**5. NOISE EXEMPTION FOR  
KENNEDY ROAD WATERMAIN CONSTRUCTION (2.10)**

[Presentation](#)

Mr. Brian Wolf, Region of York, gave a presentation regarding the Noise Exemption for the Kennedy Road Watermain Construction project. Mr. Wolf providing an overview of the project, which runs along Kennedy Road from the Milliken Reservoir to Major Mackenzie Drive. Work will commence in March, 2011 with anticipated completion in June 2012.

Mr. Wolf discussed traffic management plans and general principles that will be utilized, such as lane shifting, overnight crossing of local roads, and noise exemptions. Mr. Wolf provided assurances that one-laning will not occur during rush hours.

The communication plan includes notice to all adjacent businesses and residents, a public information meeting to be held March 22, 2011, advertisements in local newspapers and on Town and Region websites, and electronic sign boards. The Committee requested the notice include the reasons behind the construction.

Harry Persaud, Project Manager, was introduced. It was noted that a construction contractor emergency contact will be available 24/7.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the presentation provided by Mr. Brian Wolf, Region of York regarding Noise Exemption for Kennedy Road Watermain Construction be received.

CARRIED

**6. EAST PRECINCT MOBILITY HUB (5.14)**

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services, introduced David Jansen of Adamson Associates Architects, and Michael Morrissey of Morrissey Consulting, and gave a brief explanation of the project. The Committee received a copy of the presentation entitled "Markham Centre/Markham Live Site Optimization Study" dated March 1, 2011, by Adamson Associates Architects.

Mr. Jansen gave a presentation outlining the study area for the Markham Live Feasibility Study and displayed the land use concept plan. He identified the Markham Live and CSIO blocks, road patterns, and transit routes, and presented the preferred option for street and block patterns, incorporating proposed transit routes and stations. By raising the grade for transitways, the lower sections can be used for parking and retail components, to maximize land use.

Discussions included the exposure to Hwy 407 and the opportunity for increased density adjacent to the CSIO blocks. The next steps are the precinct planning process and public consultation.

Staff provided an update regarding the Environmental Assessment for the Highway 407 ramp alignment and advised that the Minister of Transportation has undertaken to add wording to the EA to accommodate the preferred alignment. It has not been finalized at this point, but staff are of the understanding that it will be acceptable to Markham.

The Committee thanked Mr. Jansen and Mr. Morrissey for the presentation, and expressed appreciation to Regional Councillor Jim Jones for spearheading this project.

The Committee endorsed the master concept plan and revised road alignment presented this day, and endorsed proceeding with the Markham Centre Mobility Hub/East Precinct Plan process.

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

That the presentation provided by David Jansen of Adamson Associates Architects and Michael Morrissey of Morrissey Consulting regarding the East Precinct Mobility Hub be received; and

**That the Markham Centre Mobility Hub/East Precinct Plan process proceed, based on the master plan concept and revised road alignments as endorsed on March 1, 2011.**

CARRIED

**7. MARKHAM LIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
- FEBRUARY 10 AND FEBRUARY 22, 2011 (16.24)**

Feb 10 Minutes [Feb 22 Minutes](#)

Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Chair of the Markham Live Committee, explained the preliminary conceptual work that has been prepared. This stage of the project will provide a site plan showing the lands containing the sports facility and related uses for the subject blocks and surrounding uses, including road patterns and preliminary drawings of interior space allocation. This will provide an illustrative conceptual package to demonstrate feasibility of the plan for potential investors; however further work will be required to go forward.

The final product will be a realistic functional fit. Consultants are also preparing preliminary costing, revenue generation, and naming rights potentials. The Committee directed staff to obtain appropriate documentation from the consultants and review the contracts to ensure the Town is getting value for money spent.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the minutes of the Markham Live Committee meetings held February 10 and February 22, 2011, be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the following recommendation from the Markham Live Committee meeting held on February 10, 2011 be endorsed:

“That due to time constraints and the specialized nature of the work required, the Town, pursuant to section 7 1 (g) of the Town’s purchasing by-law negotiate a contract for the supply of goods or services without a competitive process “where it is in the Town’s best interest not to solicit a competitive bid” and section 7 1 (h) which states “where it necessary or in the best interests of the Town to acquire non-standard items or Consulting and Professional Services from a preferred supplier or from a supplier who has a proven track record with the Town in terms of pricing, quality and services”, retain the following preferred suppliers at a cost of \$62,500, for an evaluation of the feasibility of the proposed Markham International Sports Training Academy (MISTA):

Adamson (in progress)	\$ 30,000.
Cannon Design (in progress)	\$10,000.
Morrissey Consulting (in progress)	\$ 5,000.
AJ Hooker – Quantity Surveyors	\$ 5,000.
Lang Marketing Network –Naming Rights	\$ 7,500.
ASBell Consulting – Revenue, Operating Expense analysis	\$ 5,000.”; and

- 3) That the following recommendation from the Markham Live Committee meeting held on February 22, 2011 be endorsed:

“That in addition to the resolution of the Markham Live Committee on February 10, 2011, the following additional preferred suppliers costs of \$20,000, for an evaluation of the feasibility of the proposed Markham International Sports Training Academy (MISTA) be approved:

Adamson (in progress)	\$ 10,000.
Morrissey Consulting (in progress)	\$ 10,000.”; and

- 4) That Regional Councillor Joe Li and Councillor Logan Kanapathi be appointed to the Markham Live Committee; and;
- 5) That this matter be forwarded to Council on March 1, 2011 for adoption; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**  
**CONSTRUCTION SIGNS (2.16)**  
**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS (5.6)**

**a) CONSTRUCTION SIGNS (2.16)**

Councillor Howard Shore advised of a resident’s concerns regarding old construction signs that have not been removed, and Town work vehicles that pass by signs that have been knocked over without stopping to fix them or notify the contractor.

Staff advised of Town practices and policies regarding construction signs, and discussed the WeCare, Contact Centre, and E3 initiatives with respect to responding to public requests.

**b) LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS (5.6)**

Councillor Alan Ho questioned if subsidies are available for local improvement costs with respect to watermains. Staff will meet with the Councillor to discuss policies, and will assist in a communications plan to the community.

**9. IN CAMERA ITEM (10.0)**

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (e) of the *Municipal Act*, Development Services Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matter:

- 1) A litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That the Committee rise from the in-camera session (1:15 PM).

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

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