



CORNELL ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 15, 2006

Attendees:	Company/Agency:
John Webster	Ward 5 Councillor
Jack Heath	Regional Councillor
Frank Scarpitti	Deputy Mayor
Andrew Keyes	Cornell Ratepayers Association
Robert Baird	President, Sherwood-Amberglan Ratepayers Association
Keith Thirgood	The Old Markham Village Ratepayers Inc.
Al Bishop	Landowner Rep - Trustee, Developers Group
Niomie Massey	Landowner Rep - Cornell Rouge
Dan Leeming	Planning Consultant -The Planning Partnership
Christine Joe	Markham-Stouffville Hospital
Vijay Chauhan	York Region Transit Partnership (VIVA)
Heather Konefat	York Region Planning and Development Services
Daniel DelBianco	York District Catholic School Board
Kevin Huang	Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
Town of Markham Staff:	
Valerie Shuttleworth	Director of Planning & Urban Design
Biju Karumanchery	Manager, East Team
Tim Lambe	Manager, Policy
Marg Wouters	Senior Planner, East District
Kathryn Webber	Administrator – Extension: 2466
Regrets:	
Renee Torrington	Cornell Ratepayers Association
Jessica Peake	York Region District School Board (YRDSB)

Chair: Councillor John Webster

1. Introductions & Welcome – John Webster

- This is a historic moment for the Town because we are building a brand new green space based on new urbanism principals and best practices. There is a specific vision which includes: the hospital, the National Research Council, Hi-tech industry, schools, places of worship, friendly community based living as well as the Rouge Park. Cornell evolved with a great deal of public input starting over 10 years ago with the 9th Line Study Group. Public consultation has been key to the development of this leading edge, sustainable community
- The Advisory Group was established to bring together all the stakeholders and participate in the creation, design, direction and development of Cornell. GO Transit was invited to attend, but declined. A business representative has not yet been determined.

2. Roles & Responsibilities – Marg Wouters

- Background information, Terms of Reference and a copy of the Secondary Plan was provided
- Role of the Advisory Group is:
 - a. To provide further community input in bringing forward the updated secondary Plan for approval
 - b. To assist the Town in implementing the Secondary Plan
 - c. To relay information to the community
- Responsibility:
 - a. Attend Advisory Group meetings
 - b. Become familiar with the draft Secondary Plan
 - c. Contribute to the development of implementation tools
 - d. Participate in workshops, focus groups, public events etc.
 - e. Comment on development applications
 - f. Provide information to the community

3. Cornell Secondary Plan Overview – Valerie Shuttleworth

- Land Use Regulations are regulated by: Provincial Policy, Region of York Official Plan, Town of Markham Official Plan, Cornell Secondary Plan, Cornell Community Design Plan, Cornell Centre Comprehensive Block Plans, and finally the Cornell Zoning By-law
- Cornell Centre, together with Markham Centre will make a significant contribution to Markham's response to the 40% provincial target to York Region
- Intensification Corridors to be key focus of transit and infrastructure investments, as well as the balance of employment and residential uses at transit supportive densities
- Components of the plan include:
 - a. Residential neighbourhoods, each with a neighbourhood centre
 - b. Cornell Centre as a retail "lifestyle" centre which offers a mix of uses, restaurants, shops, a large amenity centre, apartments etc.
 - c. Hospital expansion as a joint venture with the Town
 - d. Business Park
 - e. Open Space and Environmental Protection Areas
- Draft Secondary Plan policies to be finalized include: School Sites, North Retail Area, Housing forms (front-loaded product), Individual Development concerns and the Transportation Study. All these items will be reviewed at the Cornell Advisory Group meetings for their collective input.

4. Development Activity – Marg Wouters

- An overview of development activity was provided. The primary developers include:
 - a. Metrus
 - b. Mattamy
 - c. Cornell Rouge
 - d. Lindvest
 - e. The Hospital Complex

5. Q & A / Round Table Discussion – All

- Key issues and topics the Group put forward for future meetings include:
 - a. Relationship between the east and west sides of 9th Line; timing of 9th Line widening
 - b. Timing and phasing relative to: infrastructure, schools, and commercial
 - c. Management of community expectations, i.e., keeping community up-to-date with latest information. Staff is happy to give presentation at any community meeting or group

- d. Avenue 7 – cross-sections including width of lanes; circulation from one side to another and how that will work for pedestrians
- e. Transportation Study - update and findings
- f. VIVA update, target dates, and cross-section images
- g. TRCA issues including Tributary C pond, and landownership surrounding the Rouge Park areas that are created as a buffer for flora and fauna;
- h. Little Rouge Creek plans
- i. Hospital/Community Centre proposal. The Community has concerns in regards to the lack of ice pads, the priorities of the hospital vs. the priorities of the community centre users, and the delivery of other services
- j. Church Street on the north side, information and background required
- k. School Board presentations on phasing and timing of school construction
- l. Proposed changes to the Secondary Plan
- m. Tour of Cornell. Dan Leeming offered assistance to co-ordinate and facilitate
- n. Any other matters identified through discussions with ratepayers group members

6. Administrative Matters – Facilitated by Chair

- Code of Ethic forms were signed and collected (Declaration of Appointed Office form not required)
- Nomination of a Chair: Frank Scarpitti nominated John Webster, Seconded by Bob Baird, agreed by all
- The group agreed to meet monthly, including through the summer months, if necessary. Meeting schedule for 2006 to be established.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- The next meeting of the Advisory Group was confirmed for Monday June 12, 2006. The statutory Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52pm