



CORNELL ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING – JULY 17, 2006

Attendees:	Company/Agency:
Frank Scarpitti	Deputy Mayor
Jack Heath	Regional Councillor
Jim Jones	Regional Councillor
John Webster	Ward 5 Councillor
Renee Torrington	President, Cornell Ratepayers Association
Andrew Keyes	Cornell Ratepayers Association
Robert Baird	President, Sherwood-Amberglen 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)
Jessica Peake	York Region District School Board
Tom Pechkovsky	York Catholic District School Board
Kevin Huang	Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
Carolyn Woodland	Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
Janet Beed	President & Chief Executive Officer, Markham Stouffville Hospital
Patrick Shaw	Vice-President, Markham Stouffville Hospital
	Town of Markham Staff:
John Livey	Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Sales	Commissioner, Community Services and Fire
Catherine Biss	Chief Executive Officer, Library
Valerie Shuttleworth	Director of Planning & Urban Design
Al Seabrook	Director, Strategic Services
Arup Mukherjee	Manager, Transportation
Joanne Pickering	Library Board Member
Kathryn Webber	Administrator – Extension: 2466
Lori Wells	Manager, Programs
Marg Wouters	Senior Planner, East District
Meg West	Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Michelle Tibball	Library Board Chair
Murray Boyce	Senior Policy Co-ordinator
Oly Linorski	Policy & Research Group

Chair: Councillor John Webster

1. Introductions & Welcome – John Webster.

2. Adoption of Advisory Group Minutes – June 12/06.

- Moved by Jessica Peake, Seconded by Vijay Chauhan
- Carried

3. Business Arising from Minutes.

- Updated Transportation Maps – Arup Mukherjee, Transportation Manager:
 - An enlarged map was presented that identified proposed collector roads in Cornell, and their projected traffic volumes.
 - Vijay Chauhan provided a VIVA route map for display/information
 - Staff will endeavor to incorporate all the transportation networks, projected timing and connecting systems onto one map to be available at a future meeting.

4. Markham Stouffville Hospital Campus Master Plan/Community Centre and Library – Presentations by Jim Sales, Commissioner of Community Services and Fire and Janet Beed, President & Chief Executive Officer, Markham Stouffville Hospital

Introductory remarks and introduction of presenters, John Livey, Town of Markham Chief Administrative Officer:

A Central East community centre was identified in the Town of Markham Recreation Plan in 1998 and in the updated 2004 Recreation Master Plan. Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) approached the Town to develop an integrated wellness centre/community centre development. Mr. Livey described the joint venture with MSH as an exciting opportunity for the Town that will allow for better services in integrated facilities.

Community Centre Presentation, Jim Sales:

- The Parks, Recreation Culture and Library Master Plan for the period of 2005 to 2021 establishes priorities and policy in regards to the delivery of facilities and services.
- In response to community input, the Plan identified two new major multi-purpose facilities – Central East (9th Line) and South East (Markham Road South).
- The plan recommended that the Town seek opportunity for partnerships in the provisions of new Recreation facilities. In September 2004 Council authorized staff to work with MSH to develop such facilities incorporating the Town's future Central East Community Centre and the Hospital's Health and Wellness Facilities.
- June 2005 – Council endorsed MSH conceptual site Master Plan.
- Central East (Cornell) Community Centre; which will be LEED (Silver) certified, includes:
 - Approx. 120,000 sq. ft. complex
 - Library – approx. 25,000 sq. ft
 - Double Gymnasium – approx. 11,000 sq. ft
 - Aquatic facilities
 - Fitness Centre – approx. 19,500 sq. ft
 - Youth Space – approx. 3,000 sq. ft
 - Adult Program Room – approx. 5,000 sq. ft
 - Large Multi-purpose room – approx. 8,000 sq. ft
- Benefits to partnering with MSH:
 - Unique and innovative partnership opportunities that demonstrate leadership
 - More efficient use of resources – land, space, services, capital costs, operating costs

- Creation of a health and wellness hub and a destination point which will contribute to the overall plan for Cornell
 - Opportunity to apply green infrastructure and building principles
 - The partnership with MSH – Wellness Centre will result in a broader range of amenities and program services which will create a hub for the community
- Current Project Status:
 - Preliminary conceptual work has occurred in terms of potential size and configuration of the community centre and library
 - Council approved a Request for Proposal for hiring a Project Management Consultant and an Architect.
 - Community Centre and Library will be accelerated with a start date of 2007; independent of Health and Wellness Centre.
 - Hospital Wellness Centre potential start date of 2010.
- Next Steps:
 - Selection of a project management consultant and architect.
 - Architect will draft conceptual design with proposed features in consultant with staff and council.
 - Public meeting with Community to receive input and feedback on the conceptual design.
 - Council approval of the final design.
 - Tender for construction.

Markham Stouffville Hospital Presentation, Janet Beed, President & CAO:

- MSH is a community hospital providing health care at two sites; Markham Campus with 200 beds and Uxbridge Cottage Hospital with 20 beds.
- Servicing a community of almost 300,000 in Markham, Stouffville, Uxbridge, West Durham and North Scarborough.
- MSH Clinical Services include: Emergency, acute medicine, ICU/CCU, Diagnostic imaging, laboratory, maternal/child, mental health, rehabilitation, cardiorespiratory and electrodiagnostics, palliative care, continued care, surgical services, York Region Base Hospital, York Regional Pre-school Speech & Language, Tri-Regional Infant Hearing services.
- Campus site includes: Participation House (100 year lease) Woodhaven and the Medical Arts Building.
- MSH has outgrown their current site and has set new goals for the future campus as an innovative campus that connects community members with care, recreation, fitness, educational and library services. This would include integration without compromise, sharing of resources to enhance functionality.
- The new Community Health Campus includes:
 - MSH: acute care, critical care and ambulatory care.
 - Salvation Army York Grace Regional Health Centre (YGRHC): complex continuing care, geriatrics & rehabilitation care.
 - Health & Wellness Centre: in collaboration with the Town of Markham Community Centre.
- Hospital Development Plans with Government approval will commence 2010 with occupancy in 2013.
- Integration Benefits include:

- Hospital Services: surgi-Centre, diagnostics, educational and maintenance clinics
- Leisure and Recreation: library, meeting rooms, gymnasium, aquatic facilities, youth & seniors program rooms, fitness centre.
- Wellness Focused Services: family health team, health resources centre, alternative therapies, medi-spa, wellness programs, health related retail.
- Next steps: implementing “early works”, advocate with Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, Partner with other hospitals and service providers to make best use of available resources.

Q&A Highlights & Action:

- Community representatives expressed concern regarding the integration of library services with the hospital. Staff responded that services would be integrated at the staff support level not the user level – the medical library will be housed separately as access to the medical library will be required on a 24-hour per day basis. It was noted that maximum gross floor area of community based Library is 25,000 sq ft regardless of population; and that the Medical Library would be an added in addition to that (approx. 3,000 sq. ft.).
- It was clarified that the Health & Wellness Centre would be separate from the Community Centre, however the buildings are anticipated to be linked in some physical way. The integrated complex would not result in a reduction of community centre/library complex space.
- MSH noted the opportunities gained in partnering with the Town beyond cost sharing of operating services including therapeutic pool, corporate services including parking garage, snow removal, and congeneration district energy plan that massing of such twinned development improves provisions and opportunities.
- Further analysis in regards to the Library size and population was requested.
- MSH clarified that in regards to infectious disease control: Public Health would not allow for any use of pool, gym or library facilities by anyone who was contagious. The users would be “well” people in rehabilitation situations.
- It was suggested that the MSH should begin a community education program regarding their future plans; for example, providing a fact sheet to ratepayers groups for distribution at Cornell events.
- Community concerns regarding absence of ice pads were discussed. Staff indicated that it is more cost-effective to build 4 ice pads in one location rather than in two or more locations.
- Opportunities to partner and advance facilities and better use after-hour facilities (i.e., schools/school sites/play fields) should be explored. Staff also indicated that playing fields would be provided in the Community Park to the northeast of the community centre.
- It was suggested that the issues of the alignment of the new street at 9th Line, and parking be dealt with prior to site plan submission. Staff indicated that a consultant has been retained by the Town to develop a shared parking structure model. Transportation staff will present the pros & cons of aligning roads and traffic circulation at a future meeting (tentatively scheduled for September).
- Request for more regular Hospital updates to Council was tabled.

5. York Region District School Board & York Catholic District School Board presentation by Jessica Peake & Tom Pechkovsky:

Development:

- approx. 15,000 units proposed for Cornell.(will generate 3500 York Region District School Board students/ not students in general. The York Catholic board expects about 1400 elementary students.
- potentially yield approx. 3,400 elementary students.
- need for roughly 6 Public and 3 Catholic elementary school sites, and 1 Secondary School site for each of Public and Catholic Boards.
- currently in the process of finalizing the location of some the of school sites –
- Cornell Village Public School (which opened in 2003)
- Little Rouge Public School (opening in 2007) which is the north site
- Not yet enough demand for a Catholic elementary school to be built (YCDSB data show only 152 students from Cornell attending Catholic elementary schools outside Cornell)

Cornell Village Public School:

- approx. 1,800 built units in Cornell.
- students from existing units attend Cornell Village.
- Cornell Village was pre-built. The Board was able to purchase the site as development was registered.
- it opened with only 235 students from the local area, as initial yields were low.
- Cornell Village is currently the holding school for all of Cornell.
- PORTAPAC is being added for September 2006 (six rooms) which will house an additional 150 students to help Cornell through this period of development growth and holding.
- if an addition was added to Cornell Village it would decrease the viability of constructing the next school. The Board's goal is to build "Walking Schools" and an addition would depart from this approach as students from more than just Cornell would be required to justify the addition.

Little Rouge Public School:

- in addition to the existing units, there are approx. 2,000 units in Cornell being circulated with allocation up to 2012.
- potential yield from those units is approx. 500 students which justifies the need for a new school - Little Rouge.
- the opening of Little Rouge in 2007, will alleviate the pressure on Cornell Village

Secondary School:

- the Board has designated a secondary school site in Cornell.
- roughly 5-6 elementary schools to feed into a new secondary school. This is required to operate a viable grade 9 program of (need for at least 200 G.9's)
- with the opening of the new Little Rouge Public School, Cornell will only have 2 elementary schools.
- developing a secondary school in the Cornell site is still premature.
- Markham District High School (MDHS) is currently holding students from the north end of Markham; these students will leave in September 2007 when the new Bur Oak Secondary School opens, and will alleviate pressure on Markham DHS.

In Conclusion:

- current development is patchy
- to date the YRDSB Board has purchased all sites they were able to in Cornell
- even if yields to justified more schools, we do not have the ability to purchase because units need servicing and sites need to be registered.

Q&A Highlights & Action Items:

- The location of the public vs Catholic high school sites was clarified. The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) high school site is located east of Bur Oak Ave, south of White's Hill Ave, and has been purchased by the Board. A site for a Catholic high school is shown in the Secondary Plan as east of Bur Oak Ave, south of Church Street. The site has not yet been purchased by the YCDSB as a development block has not yet been created through a plan of subdivision or by other means.
- The vacant Catholic elementary school site on Country Glen Road was discussed. The option to purchase the site from the developer expires in November, 2007. Projected enrollment does not justify the purchase of the site, however, YCDSB is seeking funding from the Province to purchase the site in anticipation of demand. An endorsement letter from the Town and the Advisory Group was discussed. A request to sod the school site was tabled. (July 17/06 Staff requested Kevin Young to exercise maintenance obligations of the owner to deal with the weeds).
- A request to explore the sharing of public and Catholic school facilities was made, however, the YCDSB indicated that student enrollment is not yet sufficient to build a Catholic elementary school in Cornell. It was noted that although there may be a larger demand for a Catholic school in the Cornell community, YCDSB data show only 152 Cornell students in nearby Catholic schools, which is insufficient to justify a school in Cornell. YCDSB has no means of identifying additional Catholic students who are currently enrolled in the public school system.
- School portable issues were discussed.

6. Community Concerns Presentation by Marg Wouters, Senior Planner:

- Outstanding Cornell Ratepayers Association concerns include:
 - Cornell & New Urbanism
 - Parks, Recreation and other Amenities
 - Transportation – Roads/Transit
 - Schools
 - Procedure and Process
- Future work, discussion and information will be provided.

Q&A Highlights & Action Items:

- Population increase was discussed. Request for further discussion, information and justification was tabled.
- Park allocation related to population increase will be brought forward at the August 14th meeting in further detail. Ratepayers expressed dissatisfaction with the status to-date.
- Revised Draft Secondary Plan will be circulated for further discussion and review. Council expressed desire for further discussion.
- Request for further discussion regarding the interface between the Business Park lands east of Reesor Road and the Rouge Park.

7. Correspondence received:

- Email to MPP, Tony Wong's Office re. MTO transfer of Hwy 7 to Region
- June 20th Public Meeting minutes re: the draft Secondary Plan, including revised Land Use Schedule
- List of concerns regarding the Cornell Secondary Plan – submitted June 12/06 by Renee Torrington & Andrew Keyes.
- Moved by Bob Baird, Seconded by Andrew Keys. Received.

8. Next Meeting:

- **August 14th – to be held at the Markham Stouffville Hospital, 9th Line. Parking passes were provided.**
- Agenda items to include: Parks & Open Space Presentation/Discussion and a walking tour of Cornell to be led by Dan Leeming.
- Request for further discussion regarding the interface between the Business Park lands east of Reesor Road and the Rouge Park to be addressed at a later meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm

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