

# South East Markham Community Centre, Library and Park

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND  
DESIGN PROCESS

Presentation to General Committee  
May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

# Agenda

- Integrated Leisure Plan Recommendations
- Location/Site Description
- Consultation Process – *Integrated Process for Park and Community Centre/Library*
- Design Process
- Proposed Schedule for Project

# ILMP Recommendation

The Integrated Leisure Master Plan approved by Council in April 2010 recommended:

*“Develop a ‘major’ community centre and library to serve Southeast Markham by 2014 , with planning commencing in 2011. An evaluation process should be initiated to confirm the most appropriate site and development strategy for this facility; this process may result in a need for Markham to acquire land at an alternate site.”*

# Site Evaluation Completed

- Staff team undertook evaluation of existing site, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and explored other options within the South East community (no other sites available to meet needs)
- Evaluation determined that the existing site offered the following advantages:
  - Within the desired geographic location
  - Financially responsible – currently own site
  - Potential to use the natural features as architectural and community advantages – pedestrians bridges, pathways
  - Close proximity to residents
  - Accessible by public transit



**South East Site**



# Building Markham's Future Together



Approximate Size and Distribution of Land

# THE SITE

The South East Markham site consists of three main components (numbers are approximate):

- **1.15 ha** north of Kirkham Drive
- **5.45 ha** at the core of the site
- **2.7 ha** south of Karachi Drive
- **Total size of site: 9.3 ha ( 23 acres )**

# Components

## **A. Outdoor Recreational Space**

Approximately 5 – 7 ha

## **B. Indoor Recreational Space**

Approximately 95,000 sq. ft. (Net area – functional space)

## **C. Library Space**

Approximately 20,000 sq. ft. (Net area – functional space)



# Community Engagement Process

- Staff team assembled to outreach to all members of community:

*Recreation*

*Library*

*Park Design & Development*

*Urban Design*

*Operations*

*Finance*

*Asset Management*

*Sustainability*

- Project Sponsor: Commissioner Librecz
- Project Lead (consultation): Mary Creighton
- Project Lead (construction): Gary Adamkowski
- Chair, Land, Buildings & Parks: Councillor Kanapathi

# Integrated Approach

- The Park and Community Centre/Library will be viewed as one continuous site
- Staff will work together to reach out and receive input on both elements
- Phase One of the Park will proceed prior to the construction of the Community Centre and Library
- Consultation concerning park features and functions will occur as first step in the community engagement process.

# Community Consultation Process

## Phase One – June 2011 thru Sept 2011

**Purpose:** to review and validate the facility components recommended by the ILMP

**Method(s) of Engagement:** Community Agency Forum  
Focus Groups  
Public Information Sessions  
Use of Social Media

**Stakeholders:** Council  
Parent/School Councils  
Youth and Senior Groups  
Rate Payer and Community Associations  
Cultural and Faith Based Groups  
Professional Organizations

### **Objectives:**

1. Indoor Space: Priority spaces will be identified by the community to inform the development of schematic design.
2. Park: Master Plan for park will be finalized.

# Community Consultation Process

## Phase Two – October 2011 to April 2012

**Purpose:** To develop schematic design based on input from the community.

**Method(s) of Engagement:** Public Design Charettes lead by the Design Consultant

**Stakeholders:** Council  
South East Markham Community

### **Objectives:**

1. Indoor Space: Upon completion have a finalized schematic design developed for approval by Council.
2. Park: Finalized park Design for Council approval.

# Community Consultation Process

## Phase Three – May 2012 to July 2012

**Purpose:** To finalize design.

**Method(s) of Engagement:** Public Open House facilitated by the Design Consultant

**Stakeholders:** Council

South East Markham Community

### **Objectives:**

1. Indoor Space: Upon completion we will have a final design for Council approval.
2. Park construction (phase 1) to begin Spring 2012 for completion in 2013.

# Park Development

The following milestones are currently anticipated for the progress of the design and implementation of the SE CC Park Master Plan:

- Landscape architect hired. Preliminary work underway.
- Public consultation – **Summer 2011**
- Master plan with a *phase 1 of Park program correspondent to available budget* – **September 2011**
- Detailed design and working drawings – **September 2011 – December 2011**
- Award of construction contract for phase 1 of Park – **March 2012**
- Construction completion of phase 1 of park – **December 2013**
- Anticipated date of completion of Karachi Drive construction (contract with Town Engineering) – **October 2011**

# Park Concepts

## Integrated Accessibility



## Healthy Living





# Park Concepts

Food/Family



Display



# Park Concepts

Shade/Natural Park Elements



Open Space/Flexible/Programmed



# Community Centre and Library Development Process

- Presently initiating the RFPQ for the Prime Consultant
  - Based on **design-bid-build** project delivery strategy
  - Requires timely program definition
  - Assumes top tier prime consultant
  - Assumes top tier construction firm
- **Design** : Functional Program Development, Schematic Design , Design Development and Detail Design - 15 to 17 months (concurrent with consultation process)
- **Tender and Construction**: 24 – 26 months



# Proposed Milestone Schedule

- Issue RFPQ for Prime Consultant May 13<sup>th</sup> , 2011
- Issue RFP for Prime Consultant July 15<sup>th</sup> , 2011
- Award Prime Consultant October 4<sup>th</sup> , 2011
- Schematic Design Approval April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2012
- Design Development Approval July 24<sup>th</sup> , 2012
- Issue Construction Tender February 19<sup>th</sup> , 2013
- Award Construction Contract May 14<sup>th</sup> , 2013
- Substantial Performance February 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2015
- Beneficial Use April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2015

# Communications

- Outreach using various forms of media and direct approaches with schools, ratepayer groups, community organizations
- Regular updates to General Committee
- Council Steering Committee to be established during Schematic Design stage until final design approved.
- Work closely with Local Councillor, Chair, Land, Buildings & Parks, Mayor's Office and Council on outreach strategies and results.

THANK YOU