



COUNCIL MINUTES

(Special Meeting)

April 12, 2011

Council Chamber, Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre

Meeting No. 8

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ROLL CALL

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 Carolina Moretti, Councillor Colin Campbell, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Councillor Alex Chiu.

STAFF

John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services
Andy Taylor, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Ron Blake, Manager, Development West
Murray Boyce, Senior Project Coordinator
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Ralph Capocci, Mayor's Chief of Staff
George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
Lilli Duoba, Senior Project Coordinator
Huyen Hare, Senior Development Officer
Catherine Jay, Manager, Urban Design
Christina Kakaflickas, Manager, Special Projects
Teema Kanji, Senior Project Coordinator
Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager
Richard Kendall, Manager, Development Central
Tim Lambe, Manager, Policy and Research
Ruth Rendon, Senior Planner
Elizabeth Silva-Stewart, Senior Planner
Sandra Tam, Manager, Small Business Development Officer
John Wong, Technology Support Specialist
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Special Meeting of Council convened at 7:07 p.m. on April 12, 2011 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ITEM

(1) MARKHAM'S OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW (10.0)

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1) Introductory Remarks

Mayor Frank Scarpitti welcomed the attendees and gave introductory remarks and a brief background of the Town initiatives leading up to the new Official Plan.

2) Notices

Notice of the Special Meeting of Council was published in the Economist and Sun and Thornhill Liberal on:

February 24 and 26, 2011
March 3 and 5, 2011

as per the requirements of the Planning Act. A notice was also sent to First Nations and Metis, Public Agencies, Ratepayers Associations, members of the Town of Markham Developers Group and individuals who requested notification as part of the Growth Management Strategy.

3) Presentations

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services, introduced the staff in attendance, and began the presentation with a summary of the Growth Management Strategy. Mr. Baird explained provincial and regional requirements for the new Official Plan, Markham's initiatives to date, and the growth alternative endorsed by Council in May 2010. Key themes of the Growth Management Strategy were also discussed.

Tim Lambe, Manager of Policy and Research discussed the policies of the Regional Official Plan, the policy directions of Markham's Official Plan, and strategic objectives for the Official Plan process.

Mr. Lambe explained that over the next month the policy group will be consulting with the community, industry groups, agencies, First Nations and Metis and Town Departments and will be reporting back to Development Services Committee in June on the public consultation process. Further consultation will be scheduled, once a draft Official Plan is prepared.

4) Delegations

Terry Goodwin commented on intensification and the need to provide a buffer between existing development and intensification development; storm water management with respect to the 100 year storm; and transportation needs.

Jeanne Ker-Hornell, representing the Unionville Village Conservancy, spoke about the preservation of Heritage particularly the Berczy home on the Beckett Farm, and the balance between old and new developments.

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the deputations by Terry Goodwin and Jeanne Ker-Hornell regarding the Markham's Official Plan Review be received.

CARRIED

5) Communications

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the following communications regarding the Markham's Official Plan Review be received and referred to staff:

1. Terry Goodwin, letter dated March 8, 2011
2. Paul William Young, letter dated March 10, 2011
3. Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation, letter dated March 7, 2011
4. Darlene Presley, Lehman & Associates, letter dated March 29, 2011 (on behalf of Transcanada)
5. Peter Smith, Bousfields Inc., letter dated April 4, 2011 (on behalf of Liberty Development Corporation and 2145312 Ontario Inc.)
6. Philip Mihorean, letter dated April 7, 2011 (on behalf of himself and his neighbours)
7. John La Chapelle, Bell Canada, letter dated April 7, 2011
8. Diana Santo, MMM Group Limited, letter dated April 8, 2011 (on behalf of The Mandarin Golf and Country Club)

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10. Jim Kirk, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., letter dated April 7, 2011 (on behalf of York Down Golf and Country Club)
11. Jim Kirk, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., letter dated April 8, 2011 (on behalf of 404/19th Avenue Developments Inc.)
12. Nick Pileggi, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., letter dated April 8, 2011 (on behalf of Times Group Corp, Leitchcroft Property)
13. Jim Kirk, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., letter dated April 8, 2011 (on behalf of Unionville Montessori School)
14. Fraser McTavish, letter dated April 12, 2011
15. Jeanne Ker-Hornell, letter dated April 12, 2011, (on behalf of the Unionville Village Conservancy)
16. Randall Dickie of PMG Planning Consultants, letter dated April 12, 2011 (on behalf of Mahamevna Bhavana Asapuwa Toronto)
17. Town of Markham information hand-out entitled "Markham's New Official Plan – Towards a Sustainable Community"

CARRIED

6) Resolution

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the Development Services Commission report dated February 22, 2011, entitled "Program to Prepare a New Town of Markham Official Plan" be received; and,
- 2) That the record of the Special Meeting of Council held on April 12, 2011 with respect to review of the current Town of Markham Official Plan and preparation of a new Town of Markham Official Plan, be received; and further,
- 3) That that upon completion of the Spring 2011 consultation, staff report back to Development Services Committee in regard to comments received.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That By-law 2011-90 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2011-90 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting of April 12, 2011.
(Council Meeting No. 8, 2011)

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

That the Special Meeting do adjourn.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

KITTY BAVINGTON
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

(Signed)

FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR