



**MINUTES**  
***ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE***  
**May 14, 2013**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Ontario Room**

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**Members of Committee**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative

**Regrets**

Regional Councillor Joe Li

**Staff**

Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage  
Lilli Duoba, Senior Project Coordinator, Rouge Park & Environmental  
Elizabeth Wimmer, Senior Environmental Planner  
Graham Seaman, Senior Manager Sustainability Office  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Guests**

Brian Denney, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
Mike Fenning, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 2:06 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

**1. SOUTHEAST COLLECTOR TRUNK SEWER ENHANCEMENT PLAN**  
**Dimma House - 7933 14th Avenue**

Elizabeth Wimmer, Senior Environmental Planner briefly ran through the PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposal to stabilize the Dimma House through roof replacement, downspout replacements, fascia replacement, mould, asbestos and garbage removal that was presented to the Environmental Issues Committee meeting on April 17, 2013.

Staff pointed out that the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has confirmed that the Dimma House can be stabilized on the current location. Staff advised that the current funding is subject to the TRCA agreement to privatize the dwelling and indicated that at this time the condition cannot be met.

The Committee considered whether the allocated funding for the Dimma House should be re-allocated to the Locust School house. Heritage staff upon request provided the Committee with details of the brick deterioration at the Locust Hill School House. It was noted that the \$110,000 provided through the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Enhancement Plan for the Locust Hill School House was to stabilize the building and will not be sufficient for full rehabilitation of the structure.

The Committee discussed the importance to stabilize the Dimma House and it was noted that upon further research there is significant historical association that makes the Dimma House more important than originally thought.

There was discussion regarding the importance of ensuring that both the Dimma House and Locust Hill School House maintain hydro connection to avoid further damage especially during the winter months. The TRCA has confirmed the funding allocations include hydro services to the Dimma House and the Locust Hill School House, once hydro services have been restored through the Southeast Collector funding until such a time that the property maintenance is assumed by Parks Canada. The Committee suggested that staff consider potential cost recovery of the \$45,000.00 contribution if the Dimma House becomes privatized in the future.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the project allocation (\$45,000) for the Dimma House under the Southeast Collector Enhancement Program be directed to stabilization of the building through roof replacement, downspout replacements, facia replacement, mold, asbestos and garbage removal, and the reinstatement of hydro services; and,
- 2) That staff continue to work with Parks Canada regarding the conveyance of lands through the land transfer agreement for the pending Rouge National Urban Park;
- 3) That the City of Markham continue to work with the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Parks Canada to reuse the Dimma House, including possible privatization, with consideration of potential cost recovery being transferred to the Locust Hill Schoolhouse; and further,
- 4) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.