



MINUTES
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE
Monday November 12, 2012
Meeting No. 26

Finance & Administrative Issues

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Community Services Issues

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

Environment & Sustainability Issues

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

Building, Parks, & Construction Issues

Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

Alternate formats are available upon request.

Attendance

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

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee convened at the hour of 10:03 a.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. AUTHORIZATION OF PARKING AUTHORITY AND
CORNELL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY
PARKING GARAGE (5.0)**

[Report](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services provided some opening remarks regarding the Parking Authority and Cornell Community Centre and Library Parking Garage.

Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management and Luigi Lato, Precise ParkLink delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the parking garage operation at the Cornell Community Centre and Library.

The Committee discussed the locations of the pay stations. It was noted that the validation machines are inside for staff control (front desk of the community centre and in the library). Staff pointed out that the machines can be effortlessly relocated if necessary.

There was discussion regarding how the distinction will be made between the facility user and hospital user. The Committee suggested that a validation card is easier than a pin code.

There was discussion regarding the link between the Hospital and Cornell Community Centre and Library. Staff pointed out that there needs to be concurrence with the hospital relative to how the link will be managed. The link is anticipated to be opened in March 2013.

The Committee inquired whether this pay station is accessible for the disabled and suggested that this be reviewed with the City's accessibility coordinator.

The Committee inquired whether a notice can be placed on the machines advising that this system will be reviewed and if they have comments to contact the City. Staff advised that information received will be tracked and that a notice is not required.

There was discussion regarding whether one pay machine will be sufficient. Staff noted that you will only need to use the pay machine if your time at the facility is over three hours.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the presentation regarding Cornell Community Centre and Library – Parking Garage Operation be received; and,
- 2) That Council direct staff to implement parking rates equivalent to Markham Stouffville Hospital for non-users and beyond three (3) hours for Cornell Community Centre and Library users; and,
- 3) That Council direct staff to report back after one year of operation to verify usage, abuse, revenue and a proposed Cost Recovery Policy; and further,

- 4) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARKING AUTHORITY (2.17)
[Report](#)

There was brief discussion with respect to whether a Parking Authority is required at this time.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled “Establishment of a Parking Authority” dated October 15, 2012 be received; and,
- 2) That the Markham Parking Authority (MPA) **not** be established as a municipal service board **at this time**; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICIAL OPENING OF FIRE STATION 99

Councillor Colin Campbell congratulated all the staff involved with the very successful official ribbon cutting of the newest Fire Station on Saturday November 10, 2012 which is located at 3255 Bur Oak Avenue.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION - 101 ACRE OUTDOOR SPORTS PARK

Councillor Alan Ho announced that the Community Information session for the 101 Acre Outdoor Sports Park is taking place tonight (November 12, 2012) and encourages anyone listening to the audio streaming to come and attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special General Committee meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.