



**MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
LIBRARY AND PARK  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
JANUARY 30, 2012  
9:30 AM  
DANCE STUDIO  
MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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**Attendance**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Howard Shore  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services  
Mary Creighton, Director Recreation  
Sharon Laing, Director Human Resource  
Lori Wells, Community Recreation Manager South  
John Ryerson, Director Culture  
Gary Adamkowski, Director Asset Management  
Paul Ingham, Director Operation  
Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Public Library  
Diane Macklin, Manager, Marketing & Community Development Markham Public Library  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The Milliken Mills Community Centre, Library and Park Council Workshop convened at 9:37 AM with Mayor Frank Scarpitti as Chair.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE, LIBRARY  
AND PARK**

At the October 18, 2011 Council meeting Council referred the "Milliken Mills Library Feasibility Study" report to a Special Council Workshop for further discussions.

The Members of Council were taken for a walking tour of the facility and returned to the Dance Studio meeting room at 10:20 AM.

Ms. Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Milliken Mills Community Centre, Library and Park Campus. The presentation included the recommendation from the Integrated Leisure Master Plan, background information, community overview and Milliken Mills site overview.

The Committee discussed the household income data retrieved from Environics 2011 for Wards 7 & 8 and suggested that staff confirm these numbers.

There was discussion regarding the number of users at the Milliken Mills Community Centre that come from south of Steeles Avenue. The Committee suggested that staff forward a larger and clearer copy of the "Community Use Map" to the Mayor and all Members of Council.

The Committee discussed the importance of having community centres located close to major roads and with easy access to transit.

The Committee inquired whether the proposed expansion would also include more meeting rooms. Staff indicated that the rooms that are used for youth and senior activities can easily be transformed into meeting rooms when required. The Committee suggested that staff consider installing some of the full length lockers in the change rooms as well.

Ms. Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Milliken Mills Library expansion. It was noted that the expansion would be approximately an addition of 30,000 square feet.

There was discussion regarding whether the library could remain open during the construction period. Staff pointed out that keeping the facility opened during the construction period would be very expensive and also extends the construction completion date.

The Committee inquired whether a new separate building is being considered. Staff advised that they would not want to build a separate library and that having a centre with integrated services is a preferred focal point by the surrounding communities.

The Committee requested that staff provide them with a drawing outlining the overall proposed community centre expansion. Staff advised that they will have that drawing available at the next Library Board meeting (end of February).

There was discussion regarding whether the South East Centre Library should be opened prior to this proposed expansion. It was pointed out that the opening of the South East Centre will assist with some of the demand for more study rooms and space for children. The Committee suggested that staff consider renting space from the Milliken Mills Secondary School if required.

The Committee suggested that another Council Workshop be scheduled in March 2012 to further discuss the proposed expansion of the Milliken Mills Library and the Milliken Mills Park.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**  
**IN-CAMERA MATTER (8.0)**

Council obtained 2/3 concurrence to add the following agenda item:

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (e) & (f) of the Municipal Act, the Council Workshop resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matter (12:04 PM):

- 1) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.**

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

That the Council Workshop rise from the in-camera session (12:31 PM).

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

The Milliken Mills Council Workshop adjourned at 12:31 PM.



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MARCH 30, 2012  
8:00 AM  
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Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Carolina Moretti

The Milliken Mills Community Centre, Library and Park Council Workshop convened at 8:12 AM with Commissioner Brenda Librecz as Chair.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE, LIBRARY  
AND PARK**

At the January 30, 2012 Council Workshop it was suggested that the discussions related to the proposed park be referred to a second Council Workshop.

Paul Ingham, Director Operation, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Milliken Mills Park.

There was discussion relative to the soccer dome at the Milliken Mills Community Centre and the anticipated life cycle.

The Committee discussed the proposed configuration of the baseball diamond fields and whether there is different configuration that would permit better use of the land. Staff pointed out that the lands over the City of Toronto reservoir have limited use.

There was brief discussion regarding the employee parking area and the potential to relocate the recycling facility to a different location. Staff indicated that the parking lot is also used as staging for tree planting in the spring.

The Committee indicated that there is an increasing demand for cricket in our community and suggested we look at options to include cricket pitches where we have soccer fields side by side and investigate if this is possible on this site. It was also suggested to consider whether a track/walking field can be incorporated into the design.

The Committee suggested that staff review the access to the park and work with York Region Transit to ensure it is transit accessible.

The Committee suggested that staff report back on the following:

- Flexibility to change the configuration of the City of Toronto access road
- What are the basic requirements to service this park area (e.g. # of employees required, equipment, etc)
- Enhance the basketball court by adding another court and improving the lighting for night time use (consider motion sensor lighting)
- Look for potential relocation of the works yard
- Look at current layout of fields to ensure maximum use of land

Mary Creighton, Director Recreation addressed the Committee and provided some follow up information from the Council Workshop held on January 30, 2012. She introduced a proposed new building layout that includes an addition (where the new library would be), and renovations to the existing building to include a senior and youth area. It was noted that with this proposal there is the advantage of not having to close the existing library during the construction of the new addition. Staff provided some financial estimation for this new proposal. The Committee directed staff to continue their work on the figures and report back to General Committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

That the Milliken Mills Council Workshop adjourn at 10:17 AM.