



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

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 Water System Management Council Workshop adjourned at 12:31 PM.