



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
September 20, 2011
3:00 PM
Ontario Room

Members of Council

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton

Staff

Lilli Duoba, Senior Project Coordinator
David Pearce, Manager Real Property
Elizabeth Wimmer, Senior Environmental Planner
Dave Miller, Manager East District
Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Others

Tamara Kondrachova, York Region
Grant Robertson, York Region
Jay Cranstone, MMM Group

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 1:50 PM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. SOUTHEAST COLLECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Ms. Lilli Duoba, Senior Project Coordinator delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Southeast Collection Enhancement Project. She advised the Committee that at the June 28, 2011 Council meeting the following funding allocations were referred back to the Environmental Issues Committee:

- University Entrance Scholarship Funding for York Region School Boards (\$200,000)
- Trails Construction in Legacy and Box Grove Communities (\$250,000)
- Locust Hill School House Stabilization and Exterior Restoration(\$120,000)
- Dimma House On-site House Relocation (\$25,000)

York Region staff advised that the deadline for completion of all projects is 2017.

University Entrance Scholarship Funding for York Region School Boards

Ms. Tamara Kondrachova, York Region advised the Committee that the capital amount of \$200,000 would be placed with a financial institute and the interest amount would be distributed as grants each year. The capital amount would not be distributed.

There was discussion regarding the potential interest rates received on the \$100,000. The Committee suggested that the grants be distributed to schools Town wide (Catholic and Public) and aim for a grant amount of \$750 per student. The Committee suggested that the amount of this scholarship be reasonable as compared to other scholarships granted in Markham.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath advised that Markham District Energy Inc. (MDEI) has a Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary program with established criteria that can be used as a basis for the establishment of criteria for this grant program.

It was agreed that a future meeting would be held to include Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Shore together with York Region and both School Board staff to discuss the scholarship details.

Trails Construction in Legacy and Box Grove Communities

Mr. Jay Cranstone, MMM Group addressed the Committee and reviewed potential trail projects, including bridge crossings that are currently being considered as part of the Markham Multi-Use Path Environmental Assessment Study area. It was noted that this funding could support the construction of a few potential trail linkages in the Box Grove and Legacy Communities, north of 14th Avenue, once the Environmental Assessment process is completed. The Town of Markham will have to enter into an agreement with York Region.

Locust Hill School House Stabilization and Exterior Restoration

Staff advised that the \$120,000 will be used for stabilization of the Locust Hill School House. Staff indicated that the house currently has water in the basement that will need to be removed and repaired.

Dimma House On-site House Relocation

Staff advised that the \$25,000 funding is intended to pay for half of the cost to relocate the house and build a new foundation. Staff recommended that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) are to contribute the other half of the required funding.

There was discussion with respect to the Town of Markham funding the entire cost to relocate the house and to build the new foundation with a condition that the TRCA privatize the Dimma House.

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Enhancement project funding be adjusted and approved as follows:

- University Entrance Scholarship Funding for York Region School Boards (\$200,000)
- Trails Construction in Legacy and Box Grove Communities (\$240,000)
- Locust Hill School House Stabilization and Exterior Restoration (\$110,000)
- Dimma House On-site House Relocation (\$45,000); and,

That the Town of Markham use the \$45,000 funding to re-locate and build a new foundation for the Dimma House subject to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) allowing the home to be privatized.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee adjourned at 2:50 PM