



**APRIL 5, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

***DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE***

**Meeting No. 11**

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**All Members of Council**

**Development Services**

Chair: Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Don Hamilton

**Economic Development**

Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu

**Transportation Issues**

Chair: Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alan Ho

**PART A**

**Presentations, Major Studies, and Issues Agenda**

**9:00 a.m. – Council Chamber**

**Attendance**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
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 Alan Ho  
Councillor Logan Kanpathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Andy Taylor, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire  
Services  
Murray Boyce, Senior Policy Coordinator  
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager  
Lorenzo Mele, Transportation Demand Management  
(TDM) Coordinator  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Councillor Colin Campbell

The Development Services Committee convened at the hour of 9:07 a.m. in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None Declared**

**1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
- March 22, 2011, Part A (10.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by: Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting, Part A, held March 22, 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)  
2011 BUSINESS PLAN (6.3)**

[Presentation](#)

David Rawcliffe, Chair, Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) began the presentation by reviewing the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee mandate: To represent the interests of cyclists and pedestrians in Markham, focusing on their needs and priorities, providing advice and support to the Town on infrastructure, education/outreach and research, and bring these interests to the attention of the appropriate staff, departments or standing committees of Council. Mr. Rawcliffe also summarized the Pathways and Master Trails Plan Vision, an interconnected system of pathways and trails, which accommodates a wide variety of users. The members of the CPAC and staff were recognized for their work.

Lorenzo Mele, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Coordinator, outlined the 2011 Business Plan with respect to programs and initiatives for Infrastructure, Education and Outreach, and Research. The budget items were identified as:

CAN-BIKE Safe Cycling Education \$5,000

Outreach and Education \$5,000

Research Projects \$10,000

Community Events \$ 5,000

Discussions included segregated bike lanes, and Peter Miasek of CPAC advised that they have been working with VivaNext and the Region, with some success.

In response to questions, staff described the school outreach programs and CAN-BIKE certification qualifications. It was suggested that opportunities in school phys-ed programs be pursued as well, and that collaboration is needed with other stakeholders to provide a complete network system with amenities such as bike racks and seating/rest areas.

Staff addressed questions regarding the consideration of safety when installing the green signs, the provision of bike lockers and enclosures, connection of bike paths between neighbourhoods and installation of sidewalks. An update report on sidewalk issues will be coming forward in the future. It was noted that bike paths in the industrial areas in Ward 8 are being blocked by parked cars, and staff advised that By-law Enforcement can ticket anyone encroaching in the bike lanes.

The Committee recognized the value of CPAC's initiatives and thanked the members for their work.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the presentation provided by Mr. Lorenzo Mele, TDM Coordinator and Mr. David Rawcliffe, Chair, and Peter Miasek, of the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee regarding Cycling Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) 2011 Business Plan be received.

CARRIED

### **3. MARKHAM LIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- February 28, 2011

- March 7, 2011

- March 21, 2011 (16.24)

[Feb. 28](#) [Mar. 7](#) [Mar. 21](#) [Correspondence](#)

Correspondence from Adamson Associates Architects dated March 21, 2011 was provided for information.

The Committee clarified that the work being authorized is for the Metrolinx Mobility Hub with respect to Markham Centre and any additional components that may or may not materialize, and is not specific to the MISTA proposal. Staff confirmed that the Terms of Reference for a separate technical review of the Mobility Hub will be reported at a future DSC meeting. The technical review and the design study by Adamson will be combined for the overall project. The upcoming report will document the purpose of the studies with respect to the Mobility Hub.

The Committee consented to forwarding the resolution to Council on April 5, 2011.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the Markham Live Committee meeting held February 28, 2011, March 7, 2011 and March 21, 2011 be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the following recommendation from the March 21, 2011 minutes be endorsed:

"That the Markham Live Committee endorses the proposal by Adamson Associates Architects dated March 21, 2011 for "Markham Transit Centre/Mobility Hub Program and Feasibility Study" in the amount of \$100,000. "; and further,

- 3) That this matter be forwarded to Council for adoption on April 5, 2011.

CARRIED

**4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 139-R-10  
FOR DETAILED DESIGN OF HIGHWAY 404  
NORTHBOUND EXIT RAMP EXTENSION  
AT MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE (7.12.2)**  
[Report Attachment](#)

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, gave a brief explanation of this matter. The Committee consented to forwarding the resolution to Council on April 5, 2011.

Moved by: Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Request for Proposal 139-R-10 for Detailed Design of Highway 404 Northbound Exit Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive” be received; and,
- 2) That Request for Proposal 139-R-10 for Detailed Design of Highway 404 Northbound Exit Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive”, be awarded to the highest ranked and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest priced bidder, Amec Earth and Environmental in the amount of \$406,248.31 inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) That funding for the project be provided from the approved Capital accounts nos. 083-5350-7272-005 (Highway 404 Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive, EA and Design) and 083-5350-9316-005 (Highway 404 Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive, Design), in the amount of \$406,248.31 inclusive of HST; and,
- 4) That a contingency in the amount of \$40,624.83, inclusive of HST be established to cover any additional design costs and that the Director of Engineering be authorized to approve expenditures of this contingency amount up to the specified limit in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,
- 5) That funding for the contingency be provided from the approved Capital accounts nos. 083-5350-7272-005 (Highway 404 Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive, EA and Design) and 083-5350-9316-005 (Highway 404 Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive, Design); and,
- 6) That report entitled “Award of Contract 139-R-10 Detailed Design of Highway 404 Northbound Exit Ramp Extension at Major Mackenzie Drive” be brought forward to the April 5, 2011 Council meeting; and further,
- 7) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**5. AFFORDABLE AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING STRATEGY:  
DRAFT STRATEGY AND WORK PROGRAM  
FOR AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (10.0)**  
[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Murray Boyce, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Jody Ball of SHS Consulting, gave a presentation regarding a draft Affordable and Special Needs Housing Strategy for the Town, explaining Markham's role within the context of other levels of senior government and Markham's housing partners. The presentation included an outline of the community vision, housing goals and recommended housing actions.

Recommended actions are:

*Policy Development:* Identify new housing targets in the Town's Official Plan and Community Sustainability Plan; monitor changes; and, provide opportunities for inclusive and mixed use communities.

*Financial Incentives:* Consider deferral or condition grants for Development Charges and other measures that provide an opportunity for financial commitment for affordable housing.

*Advocacy:* Request senior levels of government to commit and advocate for a coordinated approach to Housing.

*Partnerships:* Engage with Region of York, Central Local Health Integration Network, Community Agencies, Housing providers and Private Sector.

*Education:* Identify and promote alternate forms of affordable housing, increase awareness, and work with non-profit and private sector to explore options.

The next steps were outlined. A final report with recommendations will be presented by the end of 2011.

The Committee commented on the area in Thornhill between Clark Avenue and Elgin Street that should be protected against redevelopment. Staff responded that the Town is looking at developing a new Official Plan policy to prevent conversion or demolition of existing rental units Town-wide.

The Committee discussed alternatives to the current approaches to delivery of rental and ownership housing that the Region and other housing partners, including the private sector, might consider to create more affordable housing opportunities, including:

- making a certain number of units in private condo developments available for purchase by housing providers (i.e. the Region, Habitat for Humanity and other not-for profit etc.) to rent out as affordable units;
- integrating affordable and special needs housing units with market units within one building rather than concentrating on their own in one building;
- provision of more multiple type housing such as duplexes and triplexes to accommodate expanding households (i.e. seniors, new immigrants, youth, etc.; and
- incentives to reduce costs associated with processing and delivery of affordable housing projects (i.e. considerations related to Development Charges, reduced parkland fees, and fast-tracking processing of applications, etc. )

Staff responded that these approaches will be further reviewed and discussed with key stakeholders on the Technical Resource Group, who will be collaborating with Town staff on the development of a plan to implement the actions outlined in the Draft Affordable and Special Needs Housing Strategy.

The Committee discussed the composition and increasing number of people requiring affordable and special needs housing. The Committee agreed that an education campaign will help “put a face” on those requiring affordable and special needs housing and will also help respond to a diverse range of perceptions and attitudes within the community.

Pamela Roth, President, Markham Interchurch Committee for Affordable Housing (MICAHA), spoke in support of Markham’s Affordable and Special Needs Housing initiative.

Moved by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Murray Boyce, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Ms. Jody Ball of SHS Consulting, regarding Affordable and Special Needs Housing Strategy: Draft Strategy and Work Program for an Implementation Plan be received; and,
- 2) **That the deputation by Pamela Roth, President, Markham Interchurch Committee for Affordable Housing (MICAHA), in support of Markham’s Affordable and Special Needs Housing initiative, be received; and,**
- 3) That the report entitled “Affordable and Special Needs Housing Strategy: Draft Strategy and Work Program for an Implementation Plan”, dated April 5, 2011, be received; and,
- 4) That the report and the Draft Affordable and Special Needs Housing Strategy be posted on the Town website for public review and comment; and,
- 5) That Staff establish a Technical Resource Group, to include key stakeholders in the provision of Affordable and Special Needs Housing as outlined in this report, to review and provide input on the Draft Strategy and participate in the development of a plan to implement the actions outlined in the Strategy; and,
- 6) That Staff report back to Development Services Committee with final recommendations for an Affordable and Special Needs Housing Strategy and a plan to implement the actions outlined in the Strategy, including a financial incentives policy framework and incorporating policies for Affordable and Special Needs Housing into the draft Official Plan; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. LANGSTAFF GATEWAY PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN  
AND SECONDARY PLAN AMENDMENTS (10.3, 10.4)**

The Committee suggested it may be appropriate to pass a motion stating Markham's position with respect to the Region's review of the Langstaff Gateway proposed Official Plan and Secondary Plan amendments, and requested staff make a brief presentation on this matter at Council on April 5, 2011.

**7. TREE BY-LAW (2.21)**

Councillor Alex Chiu requested an update regarding mature trees removed from the Milliken Mills High School property, and requested that staff provide updates to the Council member when they report items in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 11:23 PM.

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