



**MINUTES
CORNELL ADVISORY GROUP
January 19, 2009**

Members Attending

John Webster – Ward 5 Councillor
Jack Heath – Deputy Mayor
Gord Landon – Regional Councillor
Stephen Hood – Cornell Ratepayers Assoc.
Andrew Keyes – Cornell Ratepayers Assoc.
Robert Baird – Sherwood-Amberglan Ratepayers Assoc
Norm Pemberton-Sherwood-Amberglan Ratepayers Assoc. (alternate)
Al Bishop – Landowner Rep. Cornell
Dan Leeming – Consultant - The Planning Partnership
Mac Cosburn – Markham Stouffville Hospital
Christine Hyde - YCDSB
Jessica Peake – YRDSB
Kevin Huang – TRCA
Carolyn Woodland – TRCA

Staff Attending

Ronji Boroah – Town Architect
Wendy Bond – Administrator, ext. 2466

Regrets:

Phil Howes – Markham Village Business Assoc.
Niomie Massey - Landowners Rep. Cornell Rouge
Sean Hertel – York Region Planning
David Clark – YRRTC
Allan Wells – Rouge Park Alliance (TRCA)
Marg Wouters – Sr. Project Coordinator, Policy and Growth Management, ext.2758
Doris Cheng – Sr. Planner, East Team, ext.2331

Staff Attending

Valerie Shuttleworth – Director of Planning & Urban Design
Biju Karumanchery – Manager of Development, East District

Guests :

Henry Tse – Community Services
Duff Balmer – Shore Tilbe Irwine & Partners

The Cornell Advisory Group meeting convened at 6:00 PM with Councillor Webster in the Chair.

1. MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2008 CORNELL ADVISORY GROUP

The following amendment was identified:

Metrolinx Draft Transportation Plan, point #5, “The Metrolinx draft plan identifies four Mobility Hubs in Markham”

Moved by Regional Councillor Landon
Seconded by Stephen Hood

That the Minutes of the Cornell Advisory Group meeting held on November 10, 2008, be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

2. East Markham Community Centre + Library Design Concept

Mr. Duff Balmer, Shore Tilbe Irwine & Partners, delivered a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the ongoing design plans for the East Markham Community Centre + Library.

The following were provided in response to questions and/or concerns were raised with respect to the design:

- Interior and exterior glass will provide visual connection between areas
- Are bird friendly guidelines being considered
- There be opportunity for program coordinating between centre and future school
- East Markham Community Centre & Library – is not necessarily the final name of the complex

The group was advised that a public meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2009 at the Markham Village Library to inform the public about the design and progress to date.

2. Markham Stouffville Hospital Update

Mr. Mac Cosburn, member of the Advisory and of Markham Stouffville Hospital presented an update of to the Hospital site plan and exterior design concepts.

The project tender is planned for Spring 2010, with an expected construction start for the Fall of 2010. There is positive feedback that the infrastructure project will receive funding. B + H Architects are completing the design intended to accommodate District Energy. Final approval is still required for District Energy.

3. Cornell Development Status Update

Mr. Biju Karumanchy, Senior Development Manager, East District, delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing a brief overview regarding applications from Lindvest Development, Metrus, Cornell Rouge Development Corp, Markham Stouffville Hospital, East Markham Community Centre + Library, Chartwell – Woodhaven Senior’s Development, Springhill-Macwood Homes Inc. Forecast Inc., Mention was made that IBC International – Cornell Gates has made an application for a Pre-Consultation meeting but details are limited and will be presented to the Advisory when received.

Information relating to inquires from the Advisory:

- The Chartwell-Woodhaven Seniors Development is an assisted senior’s residence.
- Cornell Gates proposal spans a number of ownerships; land owners are working together. Details will be presented when available. A representative from the ratepayers expressed concern on behalf of the residents that development of Cornell Gates will have a major impact on the area. Lands owned by the United Church are included on the IBC International site; closing date for these lands is scheduled for February 2009.
- York Region has tendered the widening of the 9th Line from Rose Way to Hwy. 407, with construction to start in Spring 2009. Concern may be expressed that the residents do not want Rose Way to be a through street.
- A triangular piece of land situated at the southeast corner Hwy.7 and 9th Line is designated in the Cornell Secondary Plan as Open Space. The Manager of Parks and Open Space will be

asked to develop a design for this space, as well as the triangular piece of land situated on the opposite northwest corner. It was noted that a number of these smaller parcels are being looked at for acquisition by the Town.

- The Committee requested an update on the Cornell VIVA Terminal. Staff will contact VIVA.
- TRCA has requested a comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan for the Cornell area. One is currently being prepared in consultation with the TRCA and the Town.

4. Cornell 2008 Achievements / 2009 Challenges

Ms. Valerie Shuttleworth, Director of Planning, presented highlights of the past year.

- Approval of the Cornell Secondary Plan
- Consideration of policies to permit non lane-based residential development
- Plans for the Markham Stouffville Hospital expansion, Community Centre + Library
- Increase servicing allocation
- Infrastructure improvements with the widening of the 9th Line
- VIVA service to MSH.

In 2009, the Town will proceed with or complete major studies:

- Cornell Community Design Plan
- Master Servicing Study
- Environmental Master Plan updates
- Development of the Town wide Sustainability Strategy.

5. Cornell 2009 Meeting Schedule

A new meeting schedule was adopted for 2009; five meetings will be held in 2009 with the option to call a meeting if required. Tentative dates are identified on the schedule.

Adjournment

The Cornell Advisory Group meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.