



**MINUTES**  
**MARKHAM CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**October 27, 2009 – Meeting No. 4**

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**Members**

Councillor J. Virgilio  
Mayor F. Scarpitti  
Councillor A. Chiu

**Staff**

J. Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
J. Livey, Chief Administrative Officer  
J. Streisfield, Assistant Town Solicitor  
V. Shuttleworth, Director of Planning and Urban Design  
R. Kendall, Manager, Central District  
S. Heaslip, Senior Project Coordinator  
A. Brown, Director of Engineering  
A. Tari, Committee Clerk

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The Markham Centre Sub-Committee convened at 3:38 PM with Councillor J. Virgilio in the Chair.

**1. MARKHAM CENTRE TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

Mr. Alan Brown, Director of Engineering delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the status and next steps for the Transportation Study for Markham Centre.

There was brief discussion regarding the population assumptions for Markham Centre that were used in the Transportation Analysis.

**2. TIMES MARKHAM UPTOWN APPLICATION AND HIGHWAY 7 PRECINCT PLAN**

Mr. Scott Heaslip, Senior Project Coordinator delivered a PowerPoint presentation that included progress to date and current status of the Highway 7 Precinct Plan. His presentation also provided an update regarding the Times Group Markham Uptown applications and some key outstanding issues.

There was discussion regarding the outstanding issues and the Section 37 Bonus. Mr. Jeffrey Streisfield, Assistant Town Solicitor, advised the Committee that the outstanding issues will need to be refined by November 2009.

Mr. Harry Eaglesham, Unionville Ratepayers Association (URA), addressed the Committee advising that they have been granted party status at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing for the Times Group Markham Uptown appeals. He indicated that the community has had a lot of public consultation with respect to Markham Centre issues. Mr. Eaglesham advised that they want to continue dialogue with the Town to ensure that their issues are covered. He indicated that the URA's next meeting is on Monday

November 2, 2009 and they anticipate finalizing their list of issues at that meeting and will forward it to the Town.

### **3. EAST PRECINCT PLAN/MOBILITY HUB**

Mr. Richard Kendall, Manager, Central District delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the East Precinct Plan and Mobility Hub Concept Plan and included the key elements to be considered by the Committee.

Mr. Lynton Erskin, Delcan addressed the Committee to provide an overview of the planning and design of the proposed transit infrastructure alignments for Markham Centre. He pointed out that the proposed transit does integrate with the Town's street layout and that all transit interfaces will be at lower level.

There was discussion regarding the integration of the proposed transit infrastructure and the Canadian Sports Institute (CSI)/Markham Live.

Mr. David Clark, Chief Architect, Infrastructure and Development, VIVA addressed the Committee advising that there has been a lot of work undertaken to achieve many of the objectives and to obtain the highest value of connectivity between transit providers. He suggested that VIVA anticipates receiving an endorsement in principle for the proposed alignments from Markham Council to enable the proposed alignments to move forward and maintain their 2011/2013 construction timeframes.

The Committee inquired about other options with respect to the location of the future 407 Transitway. Mr. Robb Minnes, Ministry of Transportation advised the Committee that a number of options have been considered and that this proposed option is the most appropriate.

Mr. Gary McNeil, GO Transit, advised the Committee that this Mobility Hub will be a strong Hub for Metrolinx. He indicated that the design will accommodate future expansion of the parking lot if necessary. Mr. McNeil believes that this Hub will become a destination point and not just a feeder Hub.

Mr. Warren Price, Urban Strategies, addressed the Committee to provide an update with respect to the on-going work for the preliminary phasing and public realm strategy for the East Precinct Plan. He indicated that a key point for all this development is phasing.

The Committee stated some concern with the size of the residential development parcels. Staff advised that the 407 Transitway may need to be a little further north and that there needs to be more clarity with respect to Markham Live/CSIO programming requirements prior to the construction of the 407 Transitway.

Mr. Peter Miasek, Unionville Ratepayers Association, addressed the Committee with respect to the future plans for GO Transit. He inquired about the all day service for the GO trains and whether GO has considered a below grade alignment.

Mr. Gary McNeil advised that the Environmental Assessment to determine whether the GO train service will move to all day service has not yet been undertaken and that a lot of the decisions with respect to how the infrastructure is built will be driven by cost.

#### **4. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Markham Centre Subcommittee is Tuesday November 17, 2009.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Markham Centre Sub-Committee adjourned at 5:11 PM.