

EXCERPT CONTAINING ITEM #0007 OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE (February 02, 10)

**7. STAFF COMMENTS ON THE “MARKHAM PERMANENT FOODBELT
PROPOSAL – BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCES” AS PER DECEMBER 1, 2009,
COUNCIL MEETING (10.0)**

Report Attachment

The Committee thanked staff for all their work in bringing this forward. The Committee discussed the possibility of forming a Task Force that will assist in achieving the Town's natural heritage policies including a 30% forest cover that would include representatives from various agencies such as the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Nation Research Council and Environment Canada.

Moved by Mayor F. Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor V. Burke

- 1) That the staff report entitled ‘Staff Comments on the “Markham Permanent Foodbelt Proposal – Blue Ribbon Task Forces” as per December 1, 2009, Council Meeting’, dated February 2, 2010, be received; and,
- 2) That based on the discussion in this report, public and stakeholder input into growth management and sustainability initiatives continue to be addressed through the established Town committee structure, policy studies and public consultation processes currently underway, under the direction of Council; and,
- 3) That, as per the recommendations of the Agricultural Assessment Study endorsed by Council in principle on December 1, 2009, the Town advance the creation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee to assist with Rouge Park agricultural matters, Official Plan agricultural policies and other initiatives to support agriculture viability and sustainability in Markham; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED