



MARKHAM LIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 – 5:00 pm
Canada Room

MINUTES

<p><u>Attendance:</u></p> <p><u>Members:</u> Regional Councillor Jim Jones – Chair Mayor Frank Scarpitti (ex-officio) Councillor Howard Shore Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Carolina Moretti Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Alex Chiu</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Deputy Mayor Jack Heath (ex-officio) Regional Councillor Joe Li</p>	<p><u>Staff:</u> John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Andy Taylor, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management Ronji Borooh, Town Architect Alan Brown, Director of Engineering Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services Richard Kendall, Manager, Markham Centre Joel Lustig, Treasurer Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Michael Morrissey of Morrissey Design</p>
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The Markham Live Committee meeting convened at 5:05 pm with Regional Councillor Jim Jones as Chair.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None Declared

1. Minutes of Markham Live Committee – June 14, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

That the minutes of the June 14, 2011 Markham Live Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Geo-Thermal

John Livey, CAO, advised that staff are engaging consultants to investigate the use of Geo-Thermal resources and will have an update in approximately one month. Geo-thermal use for the entire MISTA complex has the potential to save up to 70 % in costs. Opportunities with Markham District Energy and other green initiatives will be considered.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by: Councillor Don Campbell

That the staff update regarding Geo-Thermal resources be received.

CARRIED

3. Re-route York Durham Sewer System (YDSS)

A Staff memo entitled "Tributary # 5 and YDSS" dated June 21, 2011, was received.

Allan Brown, Director of Engineering provided a map and an update. As directed by the Committee, staff are pursuing a proposal to review the feasibility and costs of relocation the YDSS out of 16 Main Street and within Main Street/YMCA Blvd. A meeting in this regard is being held with the Region on Friday June 25 and a further update will be provide at the next Committee meeting, along with technical and financial issues. Discussions included the timing of the review and the construction.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by: Councillor Don Campbell

That the staff update regarding re-routing the York Durham Sewer System, be received.

CARRIED

4. Stormwater Storage Strategy

Staff provided a brief update.

5. Tributary # 5

A Staff memo entitled "Tributary # 5 and YDSS dated June 21, 2011, was received.

Staff advised that discussions have been held with TRCA regarding piping the stream. TRCA was reluctant, but is generally accepting the Adamson concept. A separate Class EA will be required for the enclosure of the Tributary from Main St. To Highway 407, and the study will take approximately one year to complete. Staff will keep the Committee updated.

The Committee discussed the schedule to relocate the existing watercourse by 2012 to accommodate PanAm. This will be an onerous process to undertake the piping of the stream.

Moved by: Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the staff update regarding Tributary # 5 be received.

CARRIED

6. YMCA Strategy

John Livey, CAO, reported on discussions with YMCA, which included senior and local YMCA staff. Discussions included road patterns, the Heritage house, parking, and other issues. The YMCA was receptive to the proposal and indicated they want to be a part of MISTA and that they are particularly interested in the parking aspect. Heritage staff are looking at a relocation solution for the heritage house.

Moved by: Councillor Howard Shore
Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

That the staff update regarding the YMCA strategy be received.

CARRIED

7. Pan Am

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services reviewed Council's approval of the schematic plan as presented by B & H and direction to staff to ensure that the PanAm project will be aligned on the site in a manner that would allow connection to the MISTA project, and to explore reasonable provisions to enable a future building connection for a second 50 meter pool.

Staff discussed the principles for siting the building with respect to: the PanAm project being the first phase of MISTA; the focus on Main Street; optimizing the use of land on the site by PanAm for MISTA and increase below grade parking; recognizing the site constraints and timelines for the games; and pedestrian connections.

Drawings were displayed to show adjustments to the site plan for the facilities and the components of PanAm and MISTA venues. The Committee viewed the floor plans, the second pool building, and the connections. The footprint will move closer to Main Street and there is a potential of moving the warm-up room to the east of the site, pending YRSS location.

Staff discussed the provisions under review and costing. Council will be requested to decide on several issues on June 28, due to time constraints. A request has been made to add below-grade parking below the Badminton and support areas, at 100% Markham expense. Infrastructure Ontario (IO) is undertaking costing estimates; however, Pan Am is concerned about timing and the connection. A request to add an additional floor to the Badminton portion was not supported.

Next steps include

- Costing estimates for the provisions from IO will be presented by staff to Council on June 28.
- Site placement to be approved by Council on June 28.
- Detailed design has commenced to meet the timelines.
- New project schedule will be provided to the Town early next week by IO.
- Updates on the design will be provided to the Markham Live Committee.

Staff suggested that there are some design options available that will be contingent on several factors, and discussed maximizing the land use and design aspects. Staff will bring back comments from PanAm and B & H at the next meeting.

Michael Morrissey discussed the connection from the second pool to MISTA and the potential uses of the open space and infill of the gap between the buildings. He suggested the building be brought as close to the lot line as possible.

With respect to parking, the parking under the gym may not be sufficient; however open space dimensions between the buildings can be utilized for this purpose. If the proposal to relocate the stream is achieved, additional space will be available for underground parking. Mr. Morrissey suggested the design of Main Street should be prepared to ensure the buildings fit the street.

The Committee viewed comparisons of the original and current MISTA footprints and concluded that they are comparable and fit the project. It was also noted that the current siting proposal will result in the Highway 407 frontage being available for other uses.

Moved by: Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by: Councillor Don Hamilton

That the update presentation by staff regarding the Pan Am and MISTA site plan and floor plan, be received.

CARRIED

8. Central Garbage

Energy from Waste was deferred to the next meeting.

9. MISTA – Master Plan and Programming Plan

The Commissioner of Community Services was directed to work with the Chair to prepare Terms of Reference and criteria for the site master plan and facility programming master plan, and report back.

Moved by: Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell

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CARRIED

10. MISTA RFI/RFP Strategy

The Committee received correspondence from Brad Watson of KPMG dated June 20, 2011, entitled "Assisting the Town of Markham with a Request for Information ("RFI") for the MISTA Project". Andy Taylor, Commissioner of Corporate Services, reviewed the proposal.

The Committee also received information on "Swiss Challenge Approach" to seeking proposals. It was suggested that Brad Watson provide more info on this approach and the Committee will consider the most effective method in coming weeks.

Staff were directed to proceed with KPMG to prepare the RFI.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by: Councillor Alex Chiu

That staff be authorized to retain KPMG to prepare an RFI for MISTA and release it to the market.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The Markham Live Committee meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.