



MINUTES
THORNHILL AREA REVITALIZATION
WORKING GROUP

2011-12-14
Mayor's Boardroom

Attendance

Members of Council

Councillor Howard Shore

Staff:

Ron Blake, Manager Development West
Brian Lee, Senior Manager, Development
Geoff Day, Senior Planner
Elizabeth Silva-Stewart, Senior Planner
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Residents

Arnie Rose
Paul Gotz
Paul Zammit
Moujan Nabavi
Adrian Praysner, Rocking Horse Daycare
Manuel Der Maroutiounian, Bayview Steeles
Auto Collision
Brian Magee, Raywal Kitchens

Consultant

Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning

The Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group meeting convened at 7:15 PM with Councillor Howard Shore in the Chair.

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECEIPT OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2011 MINUTES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone briefly introduce themselves.

The minutes of the October 26, 2011 Thornhill Area Revitalization Working Group meeting were received.

2. REVIEW OF LAND USE SURVEY

Nick McDonald, Meridian Planning distributed a memo and reviewed the details outlined in the memo.

There was brief discussion regarding the current zoning for the area being industrial.

3. PRESENTATION ON SERVICING AND TRANSPORTATION MATTER

Brian Lee, Senior Manager, Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the integration between the land use and transportation. The presentation included information

regarding municipal services; master servicing study within intensification areas; sanitary, storm and watermain systems and Markham Transportation Strategic Plan.

There was discussion regarding whether the current "industrial" zone designation could be changed.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

Councillor Howard Shore presented the Working Group with proposed plans that he has reviewed with respect to the former Canac lands. Staff pointed out that there has not been any formal application submitted to the Town of Markham and any formal discussions with planning staff regarding the former Canac lands.

The following items were discussed:

- Cannot look at single site
- Need to consider entire area
- Desirable employment uses for the area
- How can the Town control new uses coming into the area
- Noise pollution issues
- Need to consider what is desirable and achievable

The Working Group suggested that staff provide examples of same mix uses that have transformed and evolved (provide examples to assist in generating discussions). Staff to provide examples of options that make sense for this area.

ADJOURNMENT

The Thornhill Revitalization Area Working Group meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.