

Regional Clerk's Office
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

UPDATED REVISED AGENDA

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Room "A"
Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario

March 7, 2007

1:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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A. DEPUTATIONS

1. *Mary Flynn-Guglietti, MB Services Limited Partnership, March 6, 2007, on behalf of Heritage Hill Developments, regarding Vaughan Official Plan Amendment No. 633 – Kleinburg Core Area, request for modification. (Please refer to Agenda Item D.10.)* **Attached**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Dawn Seetaram, Planner, Long Range and Strategic Planning regarding York Region Preliminary Draft Sustainability Strategy. (See Agenda Item D.5)
2. Paul Bottomley, Manager, Growth Management/Economy & Information Research, Long Range Planning Branch regarding Growth Management Strategy Options – Preliminary Report. (See Agenda Item D.6)

C. COMMUNICATION

1. Julie Ireland, Legislative Co-ordinator, Region of Peel, February 23, 2007 regarding approval of a resolution regarding 'Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan – Status of Watershed Planning Studies' **1**
2. *Fraser L. Nelson, Chair, GTHBA-UDI York Chapter, March 5, 2007, regarding consultations with staff relating to Servicing Protocol: Releasing Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval. (Please refer to Agenda Item D.8)* **Attached**

D. REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. Business Wisdom Exchange – Analysis and Recommendations (Revised report attached.) 11

January 5, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report be circulated to the local municipalities, Chambers of Commerce, Board of Trade and business executives who participated in the Business Wisdom Exchange consultations.
2. The Economic Development Branch coordinate with the Chair's office to develop a structure for future events with the Region's business leaders focused on key themes to sustain economic growth as identified in the Business Wisdom Exchange interviews and to develop a pilot event.

2. York Region Small Business Enterprise Centre Program Update 25

February 1, 2007, recommending that:

1. The continuing operation of the York Region Small Business Enterprise Centre program be subject to confirmation of funding sources and conditional on budget approval.
2. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary funding agreements, at a net Regional cost of \$15,000, with the Provincial Government and other sponsors, subject to review by Legal Services.

3. Geoconnections Funding For "Atlas Plus" Internet Mapping For Sustainable Development 35

February 7, 2007, recommending that:

1. Council accept the awarded funding of approximately \$182,000, spread over two fiscal years, from the GeoConnections Program, Natural Resources Canada, to supplement Regional expenditures of \$155,000 and in-kind contributions of \$107,000 from proposed budgets spread over two years.
2. The Regional Solicitor and Director of Geomatics be authorized to immediately negotiate a formal funding agreement with representatives of the GeoConnections Program establishing the Atlas Plus project deliverables and payment schedules.

3. The Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the final agreement prior to March 31, 2007, subject to budgetary approval and receipt of funding.

4. Provincial Infrastructure Required to Implement the “Places to Grow” Plan in York Region

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February 23, 2007, recommending that:

1. As a statement of their commitment to Places to Grow and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Province be requested to immediately commit to funding arrangements for the following critical road and transit infrastructure projects in York Region:
 - A rapid transit system in all four York Region corridors.
 - Full funding of GO Transit’s expansion plan.
 - Highway 404, 427 and Bradford Bypass expansions.
 - New interchanges (12 new or modified interchanges) and widening of 400-series highways.
 - HOV lanes on 400-series highways.
 - Support and funding for transportation demand management and commuter parking lots.
 - Cross-boundary and boundary road improvements.
2. Council request the Province to expedite environmental assessment approvals of water and wastewater projects that are needed to meet Provincial growth projections.
3. Council consider the required Provincial infrastructure when evaluating forecast options to implement Places to Grow and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as it applies to York Region if *Recommendation 1* is not realised in 2007.
4. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Provincial Ministers of Public Infrastructure Renewal, Transportation, Municipal Affairs & Housing and Environment, and to the local municipalities.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

5. York Region Preliminary Draft Sustainability Strategy
(Presentation by Dawn Seetaram, Planner, Long Range and Strategic Planning)

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March 7, 2007, recommending that:

1. Regional Council receive the Preliminary Draft Sustainability Strategy contained in *Attachment 1*.

2. Regional Council direct staff to consult with stakeholders and report back with a final Sustainability Strategy.
3. A copy of this staff report be circulated to Area Municipalities and the Provincial Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Public Infrastructure and Renewal, the Environment, Natural Resources and Economic Development and Trade for their information and comments.

REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

6. Growth Management Strategy Options – Preliminary Report **83**
(Presentation by Paul Bottomley, Manager, Growth Management/Economy & Information Research, Long Range Planning Branch)

March 7, 2007, recommending that:

1. Regional staff bring forward the specified staff reports as outlined in Section 4.
2. A copy of this staff report be circulated to the area municipalities for information purposes.

7. York Region Business Directory 2007 **93**

January 31, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report and the attached excerpt of the draft York Region Business Directory 2007 be received.
2. The York Region Business Directory 2007 be made available in both print and electronic form to the public, area municipalities, various agencies and as marketing material in trade shows and corporate events.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WORKS

8. Servicing Protocol: Releasing Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval **111**

February 27, 2007, recommending that:

1. This report be circulated as a draft to the Clerks of the Municipalities of Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville to allow for further consultation.

2. Staff report back upon further consultation with recommendations on proceeding with further release of conditions of draft plan of subdivision approvals.
3. The following draft policy principles be reviewed and considered through the consultation process as amendments to the policy previously adopted by Council on February 16, 2006:
 - a. Duffin Creek WPCP Environmental Assessment must be approved by the Province and construction completion be achievable in 4 years prior to any release of conditions of draft plan of subdivision approval.
 - b. The release of Regional conditions of draft plan of subdivision approval for an additional one year supply of draft plans, without servicing allocation, be premised on:
 - i. Conditions of draft approval of plans of subdivision be released which represent 70% of one year's growth Region-wide; and
 - ii. A reserve, which represents 30% of one year's growth Region-wide, be set aside for development applications that achieve strategic intensification within the Regional Centres and Corridors or Local Centres and Corridors as set out in *Attachment 4*.
 - c. The conditions for draft plan of subdivision approval for this one year of growth, identified in recommendation (b), be also subject to the following:
 - i. The inclusion of the condition that the Southeast Collector Sewer to be within 6 months of completion prior to registration, or alternative sewer capacity determined such as in-pipe storage on an interim basis; and
 - ii. The planning criteria for release of Regional Conditions of Draft Approval as set out specifically in the report entitled "Water and Wastewater Servicing Protocol - Provision of Regional Conditions For Draft Approval" adopted by Council on February 16, 2006 have been met;
 - iii. New draft plan of subdivision approval be given priority on the basis of the following strategic goals, as a minimum threshold, that may be further refined by the local municipalities:
 1. The draft plan provides for the implementation of key Regional or local planning and/or infrastructure priorities;

2. The draft plan provides for the implementation of the Transit Oriented Development as outlined in the Regional Guidelines and provides for enhanced transit usage;
 3. The draft plan provides for intensification and/or infill;
 4. The draft plan serves to work towards the completion of an existing community or neighbourhood;
- iv. Prior to draft plan of subdivision approval “No Pre-sales Agreements” and “Indemnity Agreements” are to be entered into;
 - v. New approvals will be subject to an interim infrastructure “trigger table” that outlines local municipal specific Regional water and wastewater infrastructure requirements in 2011 outlined in *Attachment 3*;
 - vi. Conditions of draft plan of subdivision approval be provided to the local municipalities only at the request of the local municipality, as it remains at the local municipality’s determination if it is appropriate to proceed with Draft Approvals in advance of servicing allocation.

REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- 9. City of Vaughan Official Plan Amendment No. 631 – Boca East Investments Limited**

Attached

February 12, 2007, recommending that:

- 1. The Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be authorized to issue a Notice of Decision to modify and approve Vaughan Official Plan Amendment No. 631, subject to the modification attached to this report as Attachment 1.***
- 2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report and related attachments to the respective planning departments of the City of Vaughan, City of Brampton, Region of Peel and Town of Caledon.***

10. Vaughan Official Plan Amendment No. 633 – Kleinburg Core Area **135**

January 30, 2007 recommending that:

1. The Regional Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be authorized to issue a Notice of Decision to approve Vaughan Official Plan Amendment No. 633.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate a copy of this report to the City of Vaughan planning department for information.

11. Up-Date of Peer Review Process for Planning Approvals **145**

February 7, 2007, recommending that:

1. The base cost of Peer Reviews be increased from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 with the exception of Market reviews which will be assessed on an individual basis.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Note: There may be additional items considered that do not appear on this Agenda. Please refer to the Committee Report to Council for all items considered at this meeting.