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**URA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 4, 2013**

**Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre**

**Directors present:** Jeff Morris, Peter Miasek, Brian Brewer, Donna Day, Gene Genin, Reid McAlpine, David Wilson

**Regrets:** Alick Siu

**Elected officials present:** Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Councillor Don Hamilton (Ward 3)

**Attendance:** approximately 30 members and guests attended

**PRESIDENT’S INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was called to order in the Canada Room by Jeff Morris, President, at 7:10pm. Jeff welcomed members, guests, elected officials, and guests.

It was confirmed that a quorum was achieved, thus enabling the Association to business.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT**

The January 7, 2013 meeting report will approved at the next general membership meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A Treasurer’s Report was not presented at the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

A Membership Report was not presented at the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The activities of two committees were presented:

**Highway 7 North**

Peter Miasek provided an update regarding the three development projects north of Highway 7. The OMB hearing wrapped up on January 28, 2013. The City has settled with Times and Lee, but needs to complete the negotiations with the third developer. URA’s concerns remain with the park and amenities.

**Stormwater Management Upgrades**

Reid McAlpine, Director, provided a brief overview of the stormwater management strategy for Thornhill. Major flooding occurred in Thornhill exposing the vulnerability of the City’s current infrastructure. The City now intends to upgrade the stormwater system with a \$40M program. Options fund this program include having area property owners (i.e. in Thornhill) pay for it directly by special levy (about \$6k/household) or funding it using citywide revenues. A decision will be made at the February 12, 2013 DSC meeting. The issue is of interest to our members because portions of Unionville may be subject to a similar flooding problem in the future.

Two motions were put to the members:

Motion: That the Unionville Ratepayers Association believes that the cost of flood control upgrades in Thornhill and other parts of Markham should be borne by the City of Markham through a revenue mechanism which shares costs among all Markham residents and businesses.

Reid McAlpine made the motion. Elaine Wilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion: That the Unionville Ratepayers Association believes that up-to-date flood control infrastructure is a core service that benefits all residents of Markham, regardless of where in Markham they live and that it should be provided to all residents of Markham and financed in the same way as all other core infrastructure, such as roads.

Reid McAlpine made the motion. Elaine Wilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **MSECC Arena**

Michael Gannon, Co-Chair of the Arena Committee, provided an update on the status of the arena project.

The motions regarding the site plan and the financial framework were not rescinded at the January 29 2013 Development Service Committee (DSC) meeting.

Additional motions were passed to complete the complete the Markham Live Vision and update the Downtown Markham Centre Secondary Plan. This will be led by the City and include a public participation program.

A motion be Regional Councillors Jones and Li to release the background documents related the project will be made at the February 12<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting.

The members discussed other action that might be taken to communicate URA's position on the arena project.

Motion: That the Unionville Ratepayers Association authorize its Arena Committee to spend up to \$500 to work with other ratepayer associations to develop an ad.

Mike Gannon made the motion. Jeff Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Varley Plaza**

Reid McAlpine (Chair of the joint URA/UVA/UBIA committee), provided an overview of the Varley Plaza redevelopment project.

The OMB accepted Tribute's proposed concept for a 113-unit 4/5 storey building. The site plan must still be approved.

## **COUNCIL AND REGION ISSUES UPDATE**

### **Local Issues**

None discussed.

### **Regional Issues**

None discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None discussed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjournment proposed by Donna Day and seconded by Donna Day at 8:10pm.

Next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 4, 2013 at the Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main Street, Unionville.