



**CITY OF VAUGHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES (1)
JUNE 3, 2008**

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (1)
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008
MINUTES
3:21 P.M.

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chambers in Vaughan, Ontario, at 3:21 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mayor Linda D. Jackson, Chair
Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That the Rules of Procedure with respect to start time be waived to permit the meeting to commence at 3:21 p.m.

CARRIED

131. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

132. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

133. ADDITIONAL REVIEW OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT 661
(Item 2, Committee of the Whole Report No. 32)

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Shefman

That the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 3, 2008, be approved:

- 1) That the following report of Councillor Carella, dated May 5, 2008, be received; and

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- 2) That the written submission of Ms. Ann Grech et al, dated May 30, 2008, be received.

CARRIED

Council, at its meeting of May 12, 2008, adopted the following:

“That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 3, 2008, to provide the opportunity for the Ward 2 Sub-Committee to meet with the community and the landowners of the Kipling and Hwy 7 quadrant to review opportunities for development. This provides an opportunity for Vaughan Council to receive more input for comments to York Region on OPA 661.

That the additional report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated May 12, 2008, be received;

That the following written submissions, be received:

- a) Ms. Rosemarie L. Humphries, Humphries Planning Group Inc., 216 Chrislea Road, Suite 103, Vaughan, L4L 8S5, dated May 7, 2008;
- b) Ms. Mary Attisano, 216 Veneto Drive, Woodbridge, L4L 8X6, dated May 5, 2008; and
- c) Mr. James M. Kennedy, KLM Planning Partners Inc., 64 Jardin Drive, Unit 1B, Concord, L4K 3P3, dated May 6, 2008; and

That the coloured rendering of the development at Hwy 7 and Woodstream, submitted by KLM Planning Partners Inc., be received.”

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, May 5, 2008:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Carella, dated May 5, 2008, be approved;
- 2) That staff provide a report to the Council meeting of May 12, 2008, with their opinion on expanding the review of OPA 661 and to identify which areas should be possibly reconsidered; and
- 3) That the following deputations and coloured photographs, be received:
 - a) Mr. Nick Manno, 41 Coles Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 1L8, and coloured photographs;
 - b) Ms. Norma Basciano, 63 Coles Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 1L8;
 - c) Mr. Anthony Barone, 101 Zinnia Place, Woodbridge, L4L 6O8;
 - d) Mr. John Packer, 87 Angelina Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 8N9;
 - e) Mr. Anthony Sinisi, 60 Veneto Drive, Woodbridge, L4L 8X5;
 - f) Ms. Janet Peloso, 7694 Kipling Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 1Y6;
 - g) Ms. Ann Grech, 14 Tasha Court, Woodbridge, L4L 8P2;
 - h) Mr. Ronald Moro, 61 Tasha Court, Woodbridge, L4L 8P1; and
 - i) Mr. Nick Pinto, President, West Woodbridge Homeowners Association, 57 Mapes Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 8R4.

Report of Councillor Carella dated May 5, 2008.

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that Council request that York Regional Council defer temporarily consideration of the City of Vaughan’s Official Plan Amendment 661, pending review of the terms of the amendment as it applies to the residential areas in the vicinity of the intersection of Regional Road 7 and Kipling Avenue.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communication Plan

The ward councillor will inform residents of the area that the OPA is under further review.

Purpose

To respond to the request of area residents that the boundaries of the amendment area be reviewed, to protect further the residential character of the neighbourhoods immediately to the north and south of the intersection of Regional Road 7 and Kipling Avenue.

Background - Analysis and Options

In contacting various members of Council, the residents of the area have indicated their support in general for the principal of intensification along Regional Road 7, but they have concerns that the boundaries of the OPA as currently configured intrude into the settled residential communities to both the north and south of Regional Road 7, at Kipling Avenue. While there is a likelihood that the eventual development of a GO station along Kipling, north of Woodbridge Avenue, will result in some measure of intensification along that portion of the street, there are no plans to extend Kipling Avenue to Steeles Avenue from its present terminus some 1000 m south of Regional Road 7. Effectively then, the area frequently referred to as “Kipling South” is a closed community, composed entirely of newer single family dwellings, some older homes dating from the 1950s-1970s, and recreational/cultural sites such as the Ciociaro Club, the Veneto Centre, and the lands co-tenanted by the Minime Sisters of the Passion and the Calabro-Canadian group.

The neighbourhood is comparatively small (approximately 450 households) and tightly-knit, with most residences within 500 m of Regional Road 7---a fact reflected in the absence of any York Region Transit service within the Kipling South area. The absence of any such service in the Kipling North area as well lends credence to the view of area residents that the intersection of Regional Road 7 and Kipling Avenue can not be considered a true “public transit node” as a second (i.e., north-south) service does not intersect the YRT and VIVA services along Regional Road 7. Effectively then, the Kipling/Regional Road 7 intersection is, at this time, no more a public transit node than Lansdowne Avenue, Bruce Street, or Helen Street, as they intersect Regional Road 7 to the east of Kipling.

This in turn leads to another area of concern. All traffic into and out of Kipling South is by way of Kipling Avenue off of Regional Road 7---effectively a ‘bottleneck’ in case of any emergency, and one which can only be aggravated by intensification at the very point of entry into and exit from the community, further complicated by the fact that Regional Road 7 at this point is reduced to four lanes from the six found to the east of Kipling and west of Islington Avenue.

Kipling South residents note that it is the intention of the OPA that older residential areas be protected. However, the boundaries of the OPA as they apply to Kipling South include existing low density, residential units, some just ten years old, and other estimated to date from the 1950s or 60s. Local residents would prefer seeing the southern boundary of the OPA in this area withdrawn to the north side of Coles Avenue, to better protect the low-density residential character of the community south of Coles Avenue.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 20/20

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The temporary deferral of consideration of OPA 661 by the Region of York will permit further discussion of its impact on the residential areas in the vicinity of Regional Road 7 and Kipling Avenue.

Report prepared by

Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

Attachments

- 1) Additional report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated May 12, 2008.
- 2) Correspondence from Ms. Rosemarie L. Humphries, Humphries Planning Group Inc.
- 3) Correspondence from Ms. Mary Attisano.
- 4) Correspondence from Mr. James M. Kennedy, KLM Planning Partners Inc.

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

134. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT By-law Number 131-2008, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on June 3, 2008, be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

135. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Shefman
seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Linda D. Jackson, Mayor

Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk