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PUBLIC MEETING

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

MINUTES

May 23, 2013

PURPOSE: To discuss revisions to the Regional Official Plan that may be required as part of the five-year Official Plan Review.

Chaired by Regional Chair E. Kolb

1. ROLL CALL

Members: G. Carlson; F. Dale; S. Fennell*; C. Fonseca; S. Hames; N. Iannicca; E. Kolb; K. Mahoney; H. McCallion;* S. McFadden; G. Miles; E. Moore; M. Morrison; P. Mullin; P. Palleschi; R. Paterak; P. Saito; J. Sanderson; J. Sprovieri; R. Starr; A. Thompson; J. Tovey; R. Whitehead

Members Absent: P. Foley, due to a personal matter

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; R. K. Gillespie, Commissioner of Employee and Business Services; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; N. Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; J. Menard, Commissioner of Human Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. D. Mowat, Medical Officer of Health; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director, Legal and Risk Management; K. Lockyer, Director of Clerk's and Regional Clerk; H. West, Legislative Specialist; S. Singh, Legislative Technical Coordinator; V. Montesdeoca, Legislative Technical Coordinator

* See text for arrivals

♦ See text for departures

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

3. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Regional Chair Kolb called the public meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton. He stated that the public meeting was open and was being held pursuant to section 26(3) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended.

Regional Chair Kolb stated that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions before a proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment is adopted by the Regional Municipality of Peel during this Official Plan Review, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Peel on the amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board. Also, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OMB unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party to the hearing.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NOTIFICATION

Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk, stated that Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with Section 26(4) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended, by publication in the following news media having general circulation in the Region of Peel:

Mississauga News - April 10, 17, and 24, 2013

Brampton Guardian and Caledon Enterprise - April 11, 18, and 25, 2013

Further, it was noted that Notice of the Public Meeting was posted on the Regional website as of April 10, 2013 (www.peelregion.ca).

5. FURTHER NOTICE REQUEST

The Regional Chair stated that any person who would like further notice of open houses, public meetings, draft Regional Official Plan Amendments, and Council adopted Official Plan Amendments during the Official Plan Review should give their full name, address, postal code, telephone number, and email in writing at the Clerk's Reception Counter prior to leaving the meeting.

Councillor Fennel arrived at 9:36 a.m.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- a) **Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division**, Presenting the Regional Official Plan Review

Received

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division, provided an overview of the history of Regional Official Plan Reviews, Provincial Policy Statements, and the Policy Planning Framework. He stated that the *Planning Act* requires a review at least every five years and that the feedback received from the public, stakeholders and area municipalities will help determine the scope when developing the workplan.

Arvin Prasad summarized the potential subject areas for the review: climate change; water resources; agriculture; greenlands systems planning; housing; transportation and noted there are two main drivers: 1) growth management to meet Provincial forecasts; and, 2) health and planning community designs for active living.

Arvin Prasad identified the next steps in the Regional Official Plan Review process noting that a report and workplan will be brought to Regional Council in the fall, 2013. He stated that notice will be provided on the Region of Peel's website and to those individuals and agencies on the notification list.

- b) **Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health**, Presenting Planning for Healthy Communities

Received

Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health, provided medical data noting that only 12 per cent of high school age children are meeting guidelines for physical activity and less than one per cent bicycle to school. He stated the Built environment has an affect on health, air quality, injuries, heat stress, social connectedness, but most importantly physical activity. Dr. Mowat identified other jurisdictions such as New York City; Madison, Wisconsin; Portland, Oregon and Vancouver City that have addressed the Built environment and achieved some success with health issues. He noted that the current Regional Official Plan has a Health Index which requires developers to have regard for health when building communities. Dr. Mowat stated that health and walking communities is an important direction for the continued progression of the Regional Official Plan.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Oral Submissions

- i) **Denise De Campos, Health Promotion Specialist Peel/Halton, Heart and Stroke Foundation**, Providing Comments Related to Shaping Active, Healthy Communities

Received

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Denise De Campos, Health Promotion Specialist Peel/Halton, Heart and Stroke Foundation, provided statistics noting that every seven minutes someone dies from heart disease or stroke in Canada. She stated that obesity, high blood pressure and lack of activity are the number one risk factors for stroke and heart disease. Denise De Campos stated that community designs can increase or discourage healthy activities and the Heart and Stroke Foundation supports the development of healthy designed communities through the Regional Official Plan. She provided examples for the development of healthy communities such as the provision of active and safe routes to schools and the installation of bike racks on school sites. Denise De Campos stated that the inclusion of health in the Regions Official Plan provides a solid foundation for further integration of healthy communities.

- ii) **Ajay Bhatia, Co-Founder and Director, South Asian Professional Association Network (SAPNA)**, Providing Comments Related to Working with the South Asian Community to Create Supportive Environments in Peel Region

Received

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Councillor McCallion arrived at 9:59 a.m.

Ajay Bhatia, Co-Founder and Director, South Asian Professional Association Network (SAPNA), stated the Network's mission is to raise awareness of health issues facing South Asian Canadians noting that they are three to five times more likely than the general population to develop Type 2 Diabetes and are 40 per cent higher in age related mortality rates resulting from Coronary Artery Disease. He advised that healthy eating habits and daily physical activities must be incorporated to support a healthy environment. Ajay Bhatia provided environment suggestions such as: building designs to access stairs instead of elevators; urban planning that incorporates walk areas to trails, parks and grocery stores; and, incorporating South Asian activities into the environment such as cricket fields. Ajay Bhatia stated that SAPNA supports changes to the Official Plan to develop a healthier community.

Additional Items – Items 6a.III and 6a.IV were dealt with

- III) **Patrick Harrington, Lawyer, Aird & Berlis, Barristers and Solicitors**, on behalf of Argo Woods Corporation, Providing Comments and Requesting Inclusion of the Ninth Line Corridor Lands within the Peel Urban Area Boundary

Received

See also Item 6b.V

Patrick Harrington, Lawyer, Aird & Berlis, stated he is representing Agro Woods Corporation ('Argo') who has an agreement to purchase lands (the 'Argo Lands') in the Ninth Line Corridor, City of Mississauga. He provided background information of the Ninth Line Corridor Lands noting that in 2005, the lands were in the jurisdiction of the Town of Milton, Halton Region. Prior to the Lands being annexed to the City of Mississauga, Halton Region had incorporated the Argo Lands as a low density designation in the Halton Region Official Plan. Patrick Harrington raised concern that the Region of Peel is embarking on its five year Official Plan Review which may not be completed until 2014-2015. Argo would like to bring its lands into urban development prior to the completion of the Regional Official Plan Review, which could delay the Argo development for five years. He requested Members of Regional Council to direct staff to review the Land Use Study, the Memorandum of Understanding, the Restructuring Order and to report on whether or not it would be appropriate to bring forward an Official Plan Amendment prior to completion of the Region's Official Plan Review.

Councillor Saito stated that the City of Mississauga is undertaking an Environmental Assessment for all of the Ninth Line Corridor Lands and it is not the intent to wait five years to process relevant development applications.

Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division, confirmed that the Ninth Lane Corridor will be dealt with under a separate planning process, not under the Regional Official Plan review and noted that Regional staff is working with the City of Mississauga staff regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review. He advised that the City staff will be required to allocate additional population and employment growth rates as part of the Region of Peel Official Plan Review.

Councillor McFadden concurred that the development of the Ninth Line Corridor Lands should not take five years to process.

- IV) **Andrew Walker, Planning Associate, Gagnon & Law**, Letter dated May 22, 2013, Providing Preliminary Comments on the Regional Official Plan Review

Received

See also Item 6b.VII

Andrew Walker, Planning Associate, Gagnon & Law, stated he is representing Heritage Heights Landowners Group which controls approximately 730 hectares (1,805 acres) of land in North

West Brampton. Andrew Walker provided comment on areas of interest within the context of the Regional Official Plan Review: population and employment forecasts; planning horizon; implementation of the Provincial Growth Plan; greenfield development, the Built-Up Area and Intensification policies; transportation, transit and goods movement; and, Mineral Aggregate Resources policy.

b) **Written Submissions**

- I) **Carolyn Woodland, Director, Planning and Development, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)**, Letter dated May 15, 2013, Providing a Copy of the TRCA Report titled "Linking Watershed Plans to Growth Planning"

Received

- II) **Paulo Da Saliva, Project Co-ordination, Land Division, Melrose Investments Inc.**, Email dated May 15, 2013, Providing Region of Peel Official Plan Review Comments

Received

Additional Items – Items 6b.III to 6b.VII inclusive were dealt with

- III) **Gary Murphy, Director, Planning, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)**, Letter dated May 17, 2013, Providing Key Strategic Themes for Consideration in the Region of Peel Official Plan Review

Received

- IV) **Jim Levac, Senior Associate, Weston Consulting**, Letter dated May 21, 2013, Providing Comments and Requesting of the Ninth Line Corridor Lands within the Peel Urban Area Boundary

Received

- V) **Patrick Harrington, Aird & Berlis, Barristers and Solicitors on behalf of Argo Woods Corporation**, Letter dated May 22, 2013, Providing Comments and Requesting Inclusion of the Ninth Line Corridor Lands within the Peel Urban Area Boundary

Received

See also Item 6a.III

- VI) **Paula Tenuta, Vice President, Policy and Government Relations, Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)**, Letter dated May 22, 2013, Requesting Stakeholder Engagement for the Peel Regional Official Plan Review

Received

- VII) **Michael Gagnon, Managing Principal Planner and Andrew Walker, Planning Associate, Gagnon & Law on behalf of Heritage Heights Landowners Group**, Letter dated May 22, 2013, Providing Preliminary Comments on the Regional Official Plan Review

See also Item 6a.IV

7. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Regional Chair Kolb advised that comments and submissions will be taken into consideration. Subsequently, staff will bring forward a report in fall 2013, followed by a workplan for the Official Plan Review based on staff suggestions and the public's input.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Regional Chair Kolb officially closed the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Regional Clerk