



Cornell Rate Payers Association Annual General Meeting

Thursday January 19, 2012

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Cornell Village Public School, 186 Country Glen Road

Meeting minutes

7:15 meeting start

Susan Taylor (ST) welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda. She noted that short Q&A will follow each presentation and that presenters may also be available to talk following the presentation period.

7:20 CPRA Year in Review / Goals for 2012

ST introduced herself as president of CPRA and provided an overview of:

- CPRA's Mandate
- List of Director Portfolio

ST noted that the CPRA is looking to fill positions two positions – School Liaison and Planning Director. ST invited Lee Ann Donaldson (LD), CPRA Treasurer, to provide an overview of CPRA's 2011 Financials which included:

- P & L Statement
- Balance sheet

ST thanked Lee Ann and presented a summary of the 2011 year in review including:

- CPRA goals

- CPRA activities
- Future goals for 2012

ST welcomed Janet Beed, President and CEO of the Markham Stouffville Hospital to provide an overview of the Hospital expansion.

7:35 Markham Stouffville Hospital

Janet introduced herself and members of her team Alana, Melanie Kaplanis, Allan Bell. She provided an overview of:

- Site plan and major features of the hospital and vicinity
- Timeline of construction from 2011 to present
- Next steps in construction

JB concluded by inviting questions from the group.

Q – Where does traffic enter?

A – Ambulances will enter off 9th line (close to Rose Way). They will need to have access to major corridors but also consider existing fire routes and community centre. A helicopter pad will be located on the hospital property in a location that will not to disturb the community.

JB thanked the group for inviting her to speak and welcomed further comments to be sent to myhospital@msh.on.ca. ST thanked JB and invited Allan Tam, Ward 5 Trustee.

7:55 York Region District School Board

AT thanked the group and introduced his team including Jane Ross from YRDSC, who he invited to give a presentation to the group on existing and future elementary and secondary schools in Cornell. Jane provided an overview of:

- Elementary schools serving Cornell
- Future population growth for Cornell
- A map of Cornell development
- Timing of new elementary schools
- Future secondary school serving Cornell
- A map of current secondary school boundaries
- Thresholds for a new secondary school

- New school funding
- Cornell Secondary school site
- Catholic Secondary school site
- YCDSB secondary school site designation

ST thanked Jane and invited questions from the group.

Q – Will there be lights or a cross walk planned around the new Black Walnut school?

A – Suggests that this question may be able to be answered by the Town of Markham. The Board and the Town takes walking safety very seriously.

ST noted that this is something the CPRA will also look into.

Q – What is the number of students expected at the new Secondary School compared to Brother Andre?

A – Difficult to say as it will depend on the number of students in the area....

Q – Although you did not commit to a date, can you confirm the general timeline for new secondary school construction.

A – It is difficult to pinpoint a date however we have a general timeframe which is 2016, predicated on funding from the province. We need to highlight the need for the project in order to get funding. The process of building the business case has begun. Each year the school priorities list is put together and evaluated. The YRSB supports the project by keeping track of data, local growth and building a case to the Province.

8:20 New Town of Markham Facility Naming Policy

ST invited Mary Creighton from Town of Markham to talk about the new naming policy of all town assets. She provided an overview of the process of developing the naming policy as well as next steps for getting it approved. She noted that the EMCC is a working name and that after the naming policy is agreed upon, it will then be applied to this facility for naming.

Key principles of the policy include:

- Naming process should be conducted as early as possible
- Names should have a direct relationship with the facility location (e.g. connection to location, history of area or site) or be consistent with a theme.
- Recognize an individual or organization that provides a significant sponsorship or donation.
- Honor someone who has provided significant contribution who is deceased.

Status of the East Markham Community Centre naming are as follows:

- Naming policy will go to Council for approval in February 2012
- Following approval of naming policy, names for EMCC would be presented to Council for consideration
- Council would then make a recommendation and the community will have a chance to provide input
- CPRA will have a chance to submit the petition created by the community

Mary introduced Jack Heath who joined the meeting. ST invited questions on the naming policy.

Q – Would the existing working name of East Markham Community Centre fit these criteria?

A – It may or may not meet the criteria. This is currently the working name and needs to undergo a full review. Another example of a facility with a working name is the South East community centre. Upon approval this facility will also be given a proper name.

Q - Cornell has been very vocal about its naming ideas. For other areas that may not be so vocal, what methods would be taken to outreach to communities to get input into naming.

A – We would look to connect with neighbourhoods through ads in newspapers, outreach to community groups, working with local councilors.

8:40 East Markham Community Centre & Library

Dave Merriman, Community Recreation Manager at Town of Markham provided a presentation on the East Markham Community Centre & Library including:

- Site plan
- Images of the facility
- LEED Silver or Gold certification
- Major features including aquatic centre, library, fitness centre, rehearsal hall,

Jack Heath noted that he has put a request in for entrances to the community centre be incorporated if there is a high school built across the road

Q – 3rd floor reference library?

A – 2nd floor 1500 square feet accessed through the library

Q – is it paid parking?

A – Not paid parking. Challenge is how to prevent hospital patrons to parking in the community centre. Validation, digital pads could be used

Q – When will it be open?

A – waiting on a revised schedule but it is estimated at late 2012.

Q – why is there no hockey rink?

A – 10 pads already in operation In Markham. Not enough demand for more. Would be based on demand and the ability to accommodate.

ST noted Bryan Lambert, a volunteer in Cornell, who manages the building and maintenance of the entirely volunteer-managed Cornell Mews ice rink. ST thanked the presenters and apologized for going late.

8:55 meeting close

The following presenters / booths were at the meeting:

- Mattamy Homes
- Markham Fire & Emergency Services
- Markham Parks Departments
- York Regional Police
- Markham Stouffville Hospital
- Town of Markham Recreation Services
- York Region District School Board