

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
April 29, 2013 -6:00 pm
Council Chambers
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Perkins
Councillor Coe
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Hanson
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Montague
Councillor Roy

Also Present: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services
R. Short, Commissioner of Planning
D. Wilcox, Town Clerk
L. Doughty, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: None noted

1. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest noted.

Resolution No. 193-13

Moved By Councillor Coe
Seconded by Councillor Emm

That Council move into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

2. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2.1 Planning Report, PL 45-13
Re: Official Plan Review - Proposed Draft Amendment to the Whitby
Official Plan, Healthy and Complete Communities/Cultural

Heritage/Sustainability (OPA-2007-W/04)

Nick McDonald, Principal, Meridian Planning, appeared before Council and provided an overview of the documents relating to the Official Plan (OP) Review. The Proposed Draft Amendment contains policies which are primarily high-level, overarching principles and objectives and propose changes to the policy framework for sustainable community planning, economic prosperity, growth management and cultural heritage protection. The themes of upcoming meetings will take into account healthy and complete communities, heritage and sustainability; urban land use designations and housing; environment, greenbelt and agriculture; and transportation and urban design.

A question and answer period ensued which focused on guiding principles, wording regarding healthy and complete communities and sustainable development, and the series of very specific sustainable initiatives within a section of the draft plan. It was recommended that the goals should be amended to clearly reflect the evolving urban area, cultural heritage and sustainability.

The growth management rating of objectives was discussed together with the alignment with the growth plan of the Region, the five year review to demonstrate achievement of the intensification targets and employment goals. The overall intensification target rests with the Region of Durham in conjunction with ROPA 128.

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that all input and comments will be taken into consideration for future recommendations to the OP Review. It was directed that staff incorporate a glossary of terms into the Official Plan Review for ease of reference.

The following individuals addressed Council regarding the Official Plan Review:

Niomie Massey, Project Manager, Madison Properties, addressed Council regarding the lands at 5605 Baldwin Street South which are designated as Prestige Industrial. Ms. Massey advised that as a result of the final configuration of the Highway 407 lands for Ministry of Transportation use, a small and oddly configured piece of land remains, with limited access and visibility to the property. She expressed concern with conformity to the Region of Durham Official Plan; potential Regional Centre areas; and Provincial Policy Statements (PPS) dealing with employments lands and the future conversion of these lands, as it is her understanding there must be consistency with these plans as well as the Brooklin Secondary Plan. Written correspondence from Ms. Massey dated April 29, 2013 with respect to this matter was provided to all Members of Council.

Questions were posed regarding the monitoring and implementation process of the plan. The consultant advised that sustainability strategies, standards and guidelines, performance checklists; and impact assessments for long term monitoring will be included in the process.

Further discussion ensued with respect to future growth in the area; protecting industrial lands from conversion and defining what is considered appropriate in terms of other land conversion. There was discussion surrounding the word “compact” in relation to neighbourhood planning, in that the OP works to create density, not necessarily compact neighbourhoods. There was discussion surrounding the terminology of “appropriate” growth management, as growth should be balanced and phased. It was suggested that design guidelines and standards for neighbourhoods should be considered as part of the Official Plan Review.

Resolution No. 194-13

Moved By Mayor Perkins

1. That Planning Report Item No. PL 45-13 be received for information;
2. That the Planning Department report back to the Council in Committee of the Whole regarding a recommended Official Plan Amendment following the consideration of input from the public, commenting agencies and departments.

SEE FOLLOWING MOTION

Resolution No. 195-13

Moved By Mayor Perkins

That the following be added as Items 2 and 3 and that the main motion be renumbered accordingly:

1. That in relation to Item 2.3.3.1 f) of the Proposed Draft Amendment to the Whitby Official Plan, alternate wording be sought to the word "appropriately" and replaced as necessary;
2. That in relation to Item 2.3.4.2 b) of the Proposed Draft Amendment to the Whitby Official Plan alternate wording be sought to the word "compact" and replaced as necessary; and
3. That the correspondence from Madison Properties be referred to staff.

CARRIED

The main motion, as amended, was then CARRIED.

Resolution No. 196-13

Moved By Councillor Coe
Seconded By Councillor Emm

That Council rise and ratify the actions from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

3.1 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No. 197-13

Moved By Councillor Emm
Seconded by Councillor Coe

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on April 29, 2013 and that the same be considered read a first, second and third time and finally passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1 Motion to adjourn

Resolution No. 198-13

Moved By Councillor Emm
Seconded By Councillor Coe

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

Patricia Perkins, Mayor