

NOTICE OF MOTION

Parc Downsview Park – Process for Secondary Plan Review

Moved by: Councillor Maria Augimeri

Seconded by: Councillor Anthony Perruzza

SUMMARY:

Following the decommissioning of Canadian Forces Base Downsview in 1994, the City of Toronto undertook a planning review of the Downsview Lands as prescribed by the Planning Act and existing municipal planning protocols. This process was financed by grants from the Government of Canada and commanded a significant amount of City staff time and public consultation. The result is the current Downsview Area Secondary Plan that was developed and approved as an amendment to the North York Official Plan under the Planning Act.

The adopted Downsview Area Secondary Plan was developed to accommodate the Technodome project which did not proceed and has since been cancelled. Furthermore, a new subway station has been proposed on the North-side of the lands as per the TTC Environmental Assessment, resulting in a major shift in both the provisions of the current OP (land use and density) as well the PDP Transportation Master Plan.

The Downsview Area Secondary Plan should in light of the policy direction of the new Toronto Official Plan, recent Provincial growth policies and the announcement of the Spadina Subway Extension be revisited. Given the size and scope of this parcel of land and the redevelopment prospects having a significant economic, social and cultural implications for the City of Toronto, any redevelopment that occurs on these lands needs to be done in a comprehensive manner.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Council advise the Parc Downsview Park Board of Directors through the Chief Planner that the City is willing to revisit the existing Secondary Plan for PDP.

City Council advise the Parc Downsview Park Board of Directors that all non-Department of National Defence planning applications for these lands will be considered by the City of Toronto under the process as prescribed by the Planning Act of Ontario and all existing City of Toronto planning protocols.

Date [February 13, 2007]

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Should be referred to the Committee/Community Council Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	
City Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, agrees that the Motion Recommendations are Urgent – (e.g. Health and Safety)	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.