

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by: Councillor David Shiner

Seconded by:

RE: City of Toronto's planning authority with respect to Steeles Avenue in York Region.

History:

The City Solicitor recently reported on the agreement (dated April 8, 1974) between York Region and the former Metropolitan Toronto, which is now vested with the City of Toronto with regard to the Toronto planning authority for lands adjacent to Steeles Avenue in York Region.

The agreement provides a limited planning authority over lands in York Region located immediately adjacent to Steeles Avenue and outlines a process for notification and mutual co-operation in the planning and development on both sides of Steeles Avenue. The City has the ability to zone lands on the north side of Steeles Avenue, but can only do so in compliance with the regional and area municipality's Official Plans and with the agreement of York Region.

At the City Council meeting of April 28 and 29, 2008, Toronto City Council adopted a motion to inform the Regional Municipality of York of the City of Toronto's intention to exercise its rights under the April 1974 Agreement regarding the redevelopment proposal at 2900 Steeles Avenue East (Markham Gate Summit).

Recently, in response to a number of constituent inquiries with regard to a zoning amendment application for 378 Steeles Avenue East in Markham, I sent an e-mail to staff at City Planning, North York District asking if staff will be reporting to the North York Community Council in a similar fashion as was done for 2900 Steeles Avenue East. I received an e-mail from Mr. Peter Moore, Project Manager, Policy and Research, City Planning Division, City of Toronto advising that,

1. The request for comments or other form of notification comes to Policy and Research at Metro Hall.
2. We then send the information to staff in the relevant District office – usually Planning, Transportation Services and Technical Services staff.

3. The district office staff then provide comments directly to Markham staff, and deal with them on any further requirements or issues the City may have.
4. It would be up to District staff to notify the local councillor or to send a report to Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That all planning applications which the City of Toronto receives in regard to the lands on the north side of Steeles Avenue in York Region be reported to Community Council.