

NOTICE OF MOTION
REQUEST FOR OMB REPRESENTATION
2900 STEELES AVENUE E.

Moved by: Councillor David Shiner

SUMMARY:

The owner of property located at 2900 Steeles Avenue East in the Town of Markham has made applications to amend the Town of Markham Official Plan and zoning by-law in order to permit the redevelopment of the site for a mixed use development. The property is located at the northeast corner of Steeles Avenue and Don Mills Road adjacent to Highway 404, abutting the City of Toronto – Town of Markham municipal boundary.

At its May 2010 meeting, City Council considered a status report regarding the redevelopment proposal and directed the City Clerk to notify the Town of Markham and the Region of York that the City of Toronto would like to see certain amendments made to the proposal, including a reduction in the proposed density of the development, a redistribution of the development over the site, a reduction in height of some of the proposed buildings and other matters.

On May 19, 2010, the owner appealed the Town of Markham's failure to make a decision on their applications to the Ontario Municipal Board. A pre-hearing conference has been set by the Board for August 30, 2010. A date will likely be set for a full hearing of the appeal in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council authorize the City Solicitor and any other Staff to attend at all proceedings before the Ontario Municipal Board pertaining to this matter to support the decision of the Toronto City Council at its meeting of May 11 and 12, 2010.
2. That Council authorize the City Solicitor to retain any outside consultants deemed necessary by the City Solicitor in order to represent the City before the Ontario Municipal Board.