

Purpose of the Meeting

- Provide an overview and update on the York University Secondary Plan process
- Present and receive feedback on the options and process
- Meet the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment process

Attendees:

- York University Development Corporation representatives
- City Planning Staff:
 - Allison Meistrich, Project Manager
 - Leo DeSorcy, Manager, Urban Design
 - Victoria Witkowski, Manager, Transportation Planning
 - Marta Roias, Senior Transportation Planner
 - Anne McIlroy, Brook McIlroy/Pace Architects
- Approximately 30 members of the public and agency/landowner representatives

Presentation

A copy of the presentation is available on the web

Community Feedback/Questions

1. Development sites identified in the options are a concern. The Tribute development has no community open space and hidden walkways.
2. Putting public lands into private hands. York University should be able to sell lands to developers but this should be done in a process that is clear and open.
2. Southeast Precinct – there needs to be a correction of the errors made in the Tribute development such as providing effective open space and build a thing of beauty.
3. Area north of Tribute should include useful community space e.g. University City is a beautiful area.
4. York University should be a terminus and not a thoroughfare. Impediments should be put in place to restrict vehicular access. It should be transit open and not cater to the car.
5. Area south of the Secondary Plan is being developed with double the density. This needs to be taken into consideration.
6. Sentinel is acting as a thoroughfare.
7. Parking needs to be taken into account as students are choosing to park in areas surrounding the campus rather than in the parking facilities provided on the campus. The City has not put any parking restrictions on these streets.

City Response: Parking provisions will be reviewed in the update of the Secondary Plan. The subway is coming though and extensive parking should not be required. Roads within the Tribute development have not been assumed by the City to date.

8. Is the Transit City initiative being taken into consideration through this process i.e., the exclusive bus only lanes on Fince Avenue?

City Response: The two transit initiatives that are feeding into the review of the Secondary Plan are the approved bus only lanes to York University from Downsview Station and the Spadina Subway Expansion

9. Parking on Fountainhead is an issue and there are problems getting emergency vehicles through. Is there anything that can be done to relieve this?

City Response: This issue will be conveyed to the planner handling the active Fountainhead/Sentinel application

10. Commercial uses/village square needs to be provided for in the vicinity of the Pond Road and Sentinel for the Tribute development to complete the new urbanist vision of this development. This needs to be done in a way that would minimize traffic/parking issues.

11. Options 3 and 4 shows a connection from Assiniboine over to Keele Street. Concern was raised that this would become a York University thoroughfare.

11. Future public meetings should be located on the campus.

City Response: More opportunities will be provided for community input through this process. The City tries to have public meetings in facilities that are neutral. In the fall there will be more opportunity to meet with campus representatives with meetings located on the campus.