



**David Dunlap Observatory Park
Project Steering Committee**

Minutes

DDOP#01-19

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Boardroom

225 East Beaver Creek Road

Richmond Hill, Ontario

A meeting of the David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Boardroom.

Committee Members Present: Councillor Chan (Chair)
Councillor Cilevitz (Vice-Chair)
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Marney Beck
Gloria Marsh
David McKay

Also Present: Mayor Barrow
Councillor Muench
Councillor West

Staff Members Present:

I. Brutto, Commissioner, Environment and Infrastructure Services
P. Masaro, Director, Design and Construction Services
D. Dexter, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
T. Ricketts, Director, Corporate Asset Management and Environment Services
P. Lee, Director, Policy Planning
D. Joslin, Director, Recreation and Culture
G. Taylor, Director, Public Works Operations
A. Mandatori, Manager, Facility Engineering Services
M. McCallum, Project Manager, Parks and Open Space
J. Hambleton, Administrative Assistant to Members of Council
L. Sampogna, Council and Committee Coordinator
S. Dumont, Council and Committee Coordinator

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by Members of the Steering Committee under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Adoption of Previous Minutes**1. Minutes – David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee Meeting DDOP#01-18 of April 30, 2018**

Moved by: M. Beck

That the minutes of the David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee meeting DDOP#01-18 of April 30, 2018 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

2. Extract – Council Meeting C#15-18 of May 14, 2018

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the extract from Council meeting C#15-18 of May 14, 2018 regarding staff report SRCS.18.10 for the selection of the symbol to represent the David Dunlap Observatory, Administrative Building and Future Park be received.

Carried Unanimously

Scheduled Business**3. SREIS.19.007 – David Dunlap Observatory Park Early Priorities Project Update**

Paolo Masaro, Director, Design and Construction, provided a brief overview of the presentation, noting that the focus was on “Phase 1 – Early Priorities” of the David Dunlop Observatory (DDO) Park Master Plan. P. Masaro provided a rendering of the Master Plan, identified members of the DDO Park Project Steering Committees, and identified the core principals of the Master Plan.

P. Masaro outlined the planned activities for the project and illustrated them on a site plan. He summarized the suggested early priorities and accomplishments to date, as well as outlined the work that is ongoing and planned. P. Masaro summarized the capital financial implications by phase to arrive at a total estimate to date, noting that the operational costs were not included as part of the Master Plan and Feasibility estimate. He continued by detailing the three implementation alternatives to achieving the vision of the Master Plan, including outlining the pros and cons of each option.

P. Masaro concluded by advising the Committee that DDO costs have increased, that building work and woodlot restoration should continue, and that inclusion of

early priorities in the 10 Year Capital forecast should be deferred following the outcome of the Financial Sustainability Committee Strategy.

Members of the Committee requested more information on the restoration work that was currently underway to the Observatory and Administration Building. There was discussion on the funding sources for the DDO project, including whether development charges could be used. Concerns were also brought forward regarding possible implications to funding due to changes made to the cash-in-lieu fund.

Committee members discussed elements of the DDO Park project that could be brought forward earlier and added to Option 2 as outlined in Staff Report SREIS.19.007. Members discussed the importance of the pedestrian bridge and requested further details on its status and proposed design. Committee members sought clarification on the occupancy levels of the Administrative building, questioned where public access to the park was provided and raised concerns regarding parking, perimeter fencing and the pedestrian trails within the park.

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

- Approved at the
May 14, 2019
Council meeting

That the David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SREIS.19.007 regarding the David Dunlap Observatory Park Early Priorities Project Update be received;
- b) That the David Dunlap Observatory Council Steering Committee recommend continued support for the David Dunlap Observatory Project;
- c) That the early priorities identified in staff report SREIS.19.007 be deferred for incorporating into the 10 Year Capital forecast, following the outcome of the Capital Sustainability Steering Committee review;
- d) That staff continue with the implementation of the recommendations for the David Dunlap Observatory Park buildings restoration as outlined in staff report SREIS.17.021 as well as the woodland restoration work approved through the Corsica development agreement;
- e) That staff bring forward a report with options outlining the feasibility of a pedestrian walkway/bridge over the CN Rail as part of "Option 2: Defer Components of the Early Priorities and Maintain a Quiet Park", as outlined in staff report SREIS.19.007, to a future meeting of the David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee.

Carried Unanimously

4. **Correspondence submitted by Committee Member, Gloria Marsh, received September 7, 2018, regarding the Beaux-Arts Garden for the David Dunlap Observatory park**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the correspondence submitted by Committee Member, Gloria Marsh, received September 7, 2018, regarding the Beaux-Arts Garden for the David Dunlap Observatory park, be received.

Carried Unanimously

Next Meeting – At the call of the Chair

The next meeting of the David Dunlap Observatory Park Project Steering Committee will be held at the call of the Chair.

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.