

Presentations/Delegations

- ❖ Chantal Whitaker, Coordinator, Environmental Awareness Programs for the City of Pickering, welcomed the 20-Minute Makeover corporate sponsors and commented on the success of the program. Mayor Ryan and Council then presented certificates of appreciation to the corporate sponsors and thanked them for their support.
- ❖ Patrick McNeil from Ontario Power Generation appeared before Council to give a presentation regarding the Pickering B refurbishment and the Environmental Assessment Project updates.
- ❖ Tariq Asmi from the GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance appeared before Council to give a presentation regarding equitable, population-needs-based funding for hospital care in Ontario's high growth communities and requested Council's support on these issues.
- ❖ Pat Dunnill, Chair, Pickering Museum Foundation appeared before Council to question the funds allocated in the 2008 Capital Budget for the hotel restoration. He stated that in 2002, the City had agreed to \$250,000 in funds, yet they have not seen these funds to date, and that \$60,000 is an inadequate amount to allocate in the 2008 budget.
- ❖ Keith Falconer and Peter Falconer appeared before Council with regards to the 2008 budget. They stated that they felt the funds allocated for certain projects was fiscally irresponsible, and that the City should begin working towards creating a more balanced budget.
- ❖ Janice Frampton appeared before Council with regards to the 2008 budget. Ms. Frampton stated that she would like to see the enactment of a citizen advisory committee with regards to the budget, and that the City should begin addressing public concerns.
- ❖ David Steele appeared before Council with regards to the 2008 budget. Mr. Steele stated that the City should produce an 8 year Capital Budget plan with all projects itemized when due for completion. He also stated that audit life cycles should be completed on all capital assets and that this plan should be reviewed and completed on a yearly basis.
- ❖ Maurice Brenner appeared before Council to discuss the plans to close the Mental

Health Services at the Ajax-Pickering Hospital. Mr. Brenner requested Council's support in endorsing a resolution to be sent to the Ontario Human Rights Commission to request a public inquiry into the actions of the Rouge Valley Health System.

- ❖ Lucy Wetherall appeared before Council to discuss her concerns relating to the possible closure of the Greenwood Public Library. She stated that the Greenwood community was very disappointed to find out that the library would be closed, instead of having the necessary repairs completed. She believes that the closure was due to the decrease in usage; however, if the library was open more often, usage rates would rise. Ms. Wetherall stated that the Greenwood Community was willing to work with the Library Board to try and keep this historic building open.
- ❖ Annette Ainsbury appeared before Council to discuss her concerns relating to the possible closure of the Greenwood Public Library. Ms. Ainsbury feels that due to the amount of taxes she has paid over the years in property taxes, she felt the community should be able to keep their library.
- ❖ John Wagner appeared before Council to discuss his concerns relating to the possible closure of the Greenwood Public Library. Mr. Wagner stated that the library is very important to the community, and was looking for Council's support to keep it open. It was noted again, that the Greenwood community was willing to do whatever they could to keep the library open.
- ❖ Stephen Davies appeared before Council to discuss his concerns relating to the possible closure of the Greenwood Public Library. Mr. Davies stated that the Greenwood Library budget was only 1% of the library budget, and feels it should be kept open.

Standing Committee Reports

PD 09-08

- ❖ Council approved the following;
 - Acorn Lane and Canso Drive within Plan 40M-1538 were assumed for public use.
 - Stover Crescent and Fawndale Road within Plan 40M-1689 were assumed for public use.
 - Sandcastle Court within Plan 40M-1774 was assumed for public use.

- Services required by the Subdivision Agreements relating to Plans 40M-1538, 40M-1604, 40M-1689, 40M-1774, were accepted and assumed for maintenance, save and except Blocks 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and the remainder of Block 24, Plan 40M-1538; Block 10, Plan 40M-1604; Block 33, Plan 40M-1689 and Blocks 32 and 33, Plan 40M-1774.
- Subdivision Agreements and any amendments relating to Plans 40M-1538, 40M-1604, 40M-1689 and 40M-1774 were released and removed from title.

PD 10-08

- ❖ Council approved the acquisition of land by the City from Ontario Power Generation and enacted a By-law dedicating the acquired lands and public highway (Sandy Beach Road).

PD 13-08

- ❖ Zoning By-law Amendment Application A 12/07 for Whitevale Golf Club was approved to extend the temporary use zoning for the existing golf practice facility for an additional three-year period from July 29, 2008 to July 29, 2011.

PD 14-08

- ❖ Draft Plan of Subdivision Application SP 2002-04, submitted by Anthony DeBruin to permit the development of a plan of subdivision and subject to conditions, was approved.
- ❖ Zoning By-law Amendment Application A 23/02, also submitted by Anthony DeBruin to establish performance standards to permit the development of a plan of subdivision for detached dwelling units, was approved.

PD 15-08

- ❖ Zoning By-law Amendment Application A 10-07, submitted by 2110843 Ontario Ltd., to amend the zoning of the subject property to permit a banquet facility and a restaurant in addition to uses currently permitted by the M2 Industrial Zoning, was approved.
- ❖ Application A 10/07 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report PD 15-08 was forwarded to City Council for enactment.

PD 12-08

- ❖ Rouge Park Alliance was requested to revise the Little Rouge Corridor Management Plan and Bob Hunter Memorial Park Area Master Plan that a future Environmental Assessment will detail the cross-section design and alignment for 14th Avenue through the Park.
- ❖ A copy of Report PD 12-08 was forwarded to the Rouge Park Alliance, the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York, and the Town of Markham.

OES 03-08, OES 08-08, OES 09-08

- ❖ Council received a proposed amendment to the Municipal Traffic By-law 6604/05, and approved the draft by-law to amend Schedule 2 to the by-law to provide for the regulation of parking on highways or parts of highways.

CS 13-08

- ❖ Council repealed By-law No. 6299/04, the Pet Shops and Kennel By-law and enacted the Pet Shops By-law, the Boarding Kennel By-law, and the Animal Breeding By-law.

Correspondence Received from Mayor Parish, Town of Ajax

- ❖ Council endorsed the Town of Ajax resolution with respect to the closure of the Mental Health Inpatient Unit at the Ajax-Pickering Hospital.
- ❖ This resolution stated that the closure was approved prior to any meaningful consultation with stakeholders, residents, and patients, and that the closure of this Mental Health Unit will provide barriers for residents in accessing emergency and core mental health services.
- ❖ The resolution requested that the RVHS and Central East LHIN immediately rescind their decision to close the APH Mental Health Inpatient Unit.

CS 14-08

- ❖ Council approved the 2008 Current (Operating) Budget expenditure for personnel expenditures and the 2008 Gross Current (Operating) Budget for City purposes to total an increase in 5.90 percent over 2007.

PD 17-08

- ❖ The City of Pickering's comments on the draft criteria outlined in the Growing the Greenbelt – Consultation 2008, are to be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Criteria include;
 - Upper-tier municipalities are required to meaningfully engage affected local municipalities including the public and affected landowners in any proposed Greenbelt expansion.
 - Upper or single-tier municipal requests to expand the Greenbelt are required to complement approved municipal Growth Plan conformity amendments.
- ❖ A copy of this report was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Durham, the Durham Region Area Municipalities, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

OES 10-08

- ❖ Council approved A-Con Construction Limited for Ice Rink 2 Renovations at the Don Beer Arena, with the total gross project cost of \$664,860 and a net project cost of \$633,200, including the tender amount, consulting fees and other associated costs.

Notices of Motion

- ❖ Councillor Johnson gave notice that he would be bringing a Notice of Motion forward regarding a Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter.
- ❖ Mayor Ryan advised that the report from the Mayors Task Force on Accountability and Transparency would be presented to Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The next Council meeting will take place on May 20, 2008. Please contact Debi Wilcox, City Clerk at 905.420.4611 for questions relating to the Council Highlights.