



Oct 26, 2015.

Update from the Oct 8 Rezoning Meeting.

On October 8, there was a Community Information meeting held in the Council Chambers regarding the “Proposed” Condominium and Park located at the North East corner of Warden Avenue and Enterprise Drive (The rezoning application).

Many residents attended this meeting, including members of the Downtown Markham Ratepayers Association (DMRA). After the presentations by the developer on the proposed rezoning condominium and the City Staff on the process for the designing of the Park north of the property, residents asked many questions.

Questions were raised about the difficulties to get building deficiencies resolved and the slow pace in resolutions. The high cost of Markham District Energy apparently exceeding expectations of Condominium residents was also mentioned. These questions are outside of the scope of the meeting and not our concerns at this time.

We (DMRA) emphasized the need to open up Clegg Road to the East of Warden Avenue to alleviate present and future traffic conditions and suggested that this be accomplished before any rezoned condominiums are built.

We were told that this extension is located on lands not owned by the developer and the City has no intentions to accelerate its development. They rather wait for the “other” developers to open up this road when they are ready. This can mean 5 or more years from now. Neither the City nor the “rezoning” developer wants to spend money to get the road completed any time soon.

When questioned about the trend to “rezone” will result in less local employment opportunities, it was responded with retail space leasing difficulties and that efforts were made to improve on that condition.

With regard to the cancellation of the Gallery and the Piazza immediately east of Birchmount Avenue, the developer representative denied this claim and would only confirm that a variation of the piazza will be built but not on the site planned originally.

The Park to the North of the rezoning will only be funded by the developer only if the rezoning development is proceeding. The City outlined the process for public participation in the selection and approval of the Park Design.

We were also informed by City Staff that a staff report will be tabled on a Committee meeting on Oct 19 to address issues raised by the May 5 report. We have not seen that item on the agenda.

If you live within our boundaries, please join us as a member (free) to continue to receive information on the rezoning and other affairs around our community. Visit us at www.DMRA.ca and encourage your friends to sign our petition from the link at our site.

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