

MARKET SQUARE RENEWAL ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting Notes

February 23th, 2012

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Room C-10, Tom Davies Square)

Present: Councillor Frances Caldarelli
Councillor Terry Kett
Mary Bedowski, 2011 Indoor Vendor
Christine Koltun, 2011 Indoor Vendor
Daniel Mainville, 2011 Outdoor Vendor
Allison Muckle, 2011 Outdoor Vendor
Jan Browning, Downtown Sudbury BIA
Christian Howald, Citizen
Jeff Huska, Citizen
Wendy Watson, Citizen

Staff: Ian Wood, Director of Economic Development
Jason Ferrigan, Senior Planner
Eleethea Savage, Business Development Officer
Kelli Sheppard, Communications Officer
Carly Gasparini, CAO's Office

Regrets: Councillor Dave Kilgour
Darren Stinson, GSDC
John Arnold, DVDC

Welcome: The Vice-Chair welcomed the Panel.

Meeting Notes: The Vice-Chair presented the notes from the February 16, 2012 Meeting and invited comments. No comments were provided.

Revised Vision: The Vice-Chair presented the revised vision (see attached) and invited comments. No further comments were provided.

Initial Site Evaluation J. Ferrigan presented the initial site evaluation results. The Panel discussed the results and concluded that:

- The municipal parking facility north of the Sudbury Community Arena is not large enough to accommodate a market facility comparable to Market Square. It was also noted that siting a market at this location could pose

logistical challenges, given the use of the parking lot as a loading and staging area for Sudbury Community Arena events.

- While the municipal parking facility south of the former St. Joseph Hospital Site is large enough to accommodate a comparable market facility, siting a market at this location would not fit with the intent of the Bell Park Covenant, the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law. The site is also leased to Health Sciences North for parking purposes.
- The CPR-VIA Rail Station Site on Elgin Street is large enough to accommodate a comparable market facility and provides flexibility moving forward. The site is located downtown, has good exposure, good accessibility and is well-served by parking. It was also noted that siting a market at this location could help preserve the community's heritage by re-using the train station.

Based on the above, the Panel selected the CPR-VIA Rail Station Site as the preferred site for the new market.

The Panel also identified several items associated with the CPR-VIA Station site that would need to be considered moving forward including: ownership of the site; the need to protect the existing VIA function; the heritage designation on the train station; the 15-metre zoning setback for new commercial buildings; the possible need for a noise and vibration study; need to maintain the YMCA's parking supply and possible brownfield considerations.

Other Items:

The Vice-Chair asked for an update on city owned lands along Notre Dame. Staff indicated that land ownership patterns along Notre Dame Avenue were examined and that the City of Greater Sudbury does not own any land fronting Notre Dame, with the exception of the Flour Mill Silos.

The attached email dated February 23, 2012 was presented to the Panel for their information.

The Panel suggested that the outcome of City Council's decision be communicated at Market Square this season to raise awareness and understanding for the plans regarding the new market.

Wrap up and Next Steps: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.