



March 26, 2024

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Via email: Regional.Clerk@york.ca

RE: [BILL 131, GO TRANSIT STATION FUNDING ACT, 2023 \(CITY-WIDE\) \(5.14\)](#)

This will confirm that at a meeting held on March 26, 2024, the Development Services Committee of the City of Markham comprised of all of the Members of Council made the following recommendation:

1. That the staff report titled “Bill 131, GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023 (City-wide)” be received; and,
2. That Council request the Province to allow municipalities to calculate their Station Contribution Fee in a similar manner to Hard Development Charges and align the eligible capital costs to the Development Charge regime, specifically including land and study-related costs; and,
3. That Council request the Province to provide clarification on the following matters:
 - a) Whether there will be a mechanism for municipalities to collect Station Contribution Fees, or similar contributions, from benefiting developers in advance of their developments occurring, to reduce cash flow risks; and,
 - b) How future GO Transit stations will be funded if a municipality does not use the new Station Contribution Fee and if this represents a shift in responsibility for funding GO Transit stations, from the Province to municipalities; and,
 - c) Whether developers have an ability to ‘opt out’ of participation, once a municipality is prescribed, and the background study process is undertaken; and,
 - d) Whether the new Station Contribution Fee may be levied either on a municipal-wide or area-specific basis; and,
 - e) With the type of development costs or charge reductions that municipalities will be required to provide to developers to offset the new Station Contribution Fee,
 - i. whether the quantum of those offsets must be commensurate/equal to additional costs associated with the new fee; and,
 - ii. in a two-tier municipal jurisdictional structure where the upper-tier municipality levies the fee, whether a local municipal offset would satisfy this requirement; and,
 - iii. if the offset is increased development density, how would it apply if the increased density has already been granted; and,
 - f) Whether a Station Contribution Fee can be levied for a GO station that has yet to be supported by Metrolinx or an existing station that requires upgrades; and,
4. That this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Ministry of Infrastructure and York Region; and further,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Loy Cheah at 905.477.7000 ext. 4838 or via email LCheah@markham.ca or Mark Visser 905.477.7000 ext. 4260 or via email MVisser@markham.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham', written over a horizontal line.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk