

General Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 25
November 4, 2019, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Council Chamber

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton	Councillor Karen Rea
	Regional Councillor Jack Heath	Councillor Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Isa Lee
	Councillor Keith Irish	
Regrets	Councillor Alan Ho	Councillor Khalid Usman
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer
	Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Hristina Giantsopoulos, Elections & Council/Committee Coordinator
	Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services	Alida Tari, Manager, Access & Privacy
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services	Scott Chapman, Council/Committee Coordinator
	Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources	Michael Blackburn, Senior Communications Advisor
	Joel Lustig, Treasurer	Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Taxation
	Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff	Rob Cole, Manager, Applications and GIS
	Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk	Andrea Berry, Senior Manager Corporate Communications and Community Engagement
	Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The General Committee Meeting convened at the hour of 9:36 AM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath in the Chair. Councillor Karen Rea assumed the Chair during Section 8.1 2019 Integrated Leisure Master Plan Update.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the minutes of the October 22, 2019 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS

Deputations were made for the following items:

7.1 Online Voting In The City Of Markham Patterns and Trends, 2003-2018 and,

7.2 2018 Markham Municipal Election: Post-Election Review

Refer to the individual items for the deputation details.

5. PETITIONS

There were no Petitions.

6. CONSENT REPORTS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

6.2 MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2019 AND JULY 4, 2019 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MARKHAM VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
 Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the minutes of the May 16, 2019 and July 4, 2019 Board of Management Markham Village Business Improvement Area Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

6.3 MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2019 CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)

The Committee inquired about Canada Day Committee activities and whether they resulted in a budget surplus. Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services advised that the Canada Day Committee was successful in obtaining sponsorship funding for this year and while final invoices are being administered, the end results will show a surplus in the range of \$14,000 and \$16,000 which will be carried over to 2020.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
 Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

1. That the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Canada Day Celebration Organizing Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

6.4 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
 Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the minutes of the September 19, 2019 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

6.5 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
 Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

6.6 2019 THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the report dated November 4, 2019 entitled “2019 Third Quarter Investment Performance Review” be received.

Carried

6.7 2020 INTERIM TAX LEVY BY-LAW (7.0)

This item was labeled as Regular Report. 8.1 and was reassigned as Consent Report, 6.7 prior to the start of the meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the report “2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law” be received; and,
2. That Council authorize an interim tax levy for 2020; and,
3. That the attached by-law be passed to authorize the 2020 interim tax levy; and further,
4. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

7. PRESENTATIONS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

7.1 ONLINE VOTING IN THE CITY OF MARKHAM: PATTERNS AND TRENDS, 2003-2018 (14.0)

Robert Mok, addressed the Committee to ask questions about various aspects of the 2018 Markham Municipal Election. He provided a written copy of his

submission. The City Clerk indicated staff will provide a written response to Mr. Mok.

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, introduced Dr. Nicole Goodman, Director at the Centre for eDemocracy and Assistant Professor at Brock University. Dr. Nicole Goodman delivered a presentation entitled, "Online Voting in the City of Markham: Patterns and Trends, 2003-2018".

Dr. Goodman advised that survey results showed Markham residents were very satisfied with online voting. She noted that security is paramount to online voting and that there are security concerns with any voting method (in person, internet, mail, etc.).

The Committee asked Dr. Goodman a number of questions.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the presentation by Dr. Nicole Goodman, Director, Centre for e-Democracy and Assistant Professor, Brock University entitled "Online Voting in the City of Markham: Patterns and Trends, 2003-2018," be received.

Carried

7.2 2018 MARKHAM MUNICIPAL ELECTION: POST-ELECTION REVIEW (14.0)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk and Returning Officer, introduced and thanked the core 2018 Municipal Election Team comprised of: Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer, Rob Cole, Manager, Applications and GIS, Lyrae Ignacio, Client Advisor ITS, Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk, Andrea Berry, Senior Manager Corporate Communications and Community Engagement, Michael Blackburn, Senior Communications Advisor, Scott Chapman, Election and Committee Coordinator, Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator, Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election and Committee Coordinator, Christine Aguila-Wong, Executive Assistant, Alida Tari, Manager Access & Privacy, Rose Cozis, Manager Contact Centre, and Contact Centre staff. She also recognized the following team members that are no longer working for Markham: Carlie Turpin, Manager of Elections, Josh Machesney, Election and Committee Coordinator and Chris Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing and Standards for their hard work and dedication.

Chair Jack Heath, on behalf of Council, recognized and acknowledged staff and offered sincere thanks to the Election Team for their support in the democratic process. Mayor Frank Scarpitti also offered thanks and congratulations to the Election Team.

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, Michael Blackburn, Senior Communications Advisor, Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk and Scott Chapman, Election and Committee Coordinator delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "2018 Markham Municipal Election Post-Election Review". As part of the presentation, the City Clerk advised that the legislative framework for the conduct of municipal elections in Ontario is the *Municipal Elections Act* (the Act) and, that in accordance with the Act, the City Clerk has independent legislative authority over the administration of the election. Presenters responded to several questions from the Committee.

Al Pickard, Markham Resident addressed the Committee on the 2018 Municipal Election noting he will submit his comments in writing to the City Clerk.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the 2018 Markham Municipal Election including:

- Risk mitigation and voter fraud prevention;
- Supervised versus unsupervised voting;
- Absence of paper ballots on Voting Day;
- The accuracy of the Voting List;
- The number of voting places;
- The Candidate Contribution and Rebate Program.

In response to a question regarding whether or not a municipal council can mandate the use of paper ballots on Voting Day in addition to online voting, Claudia Storto, City Solicitor confirmed that under the *Municipal Elections Act* this decision would fall under the purview of the City Clerk/Returning Officer.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the presentation entitled "2018 Markham Municipal Election: Post-Election Review" be received.

Carried

8. REGULAR REPORTS - COMMUNITY SERVICES ISSUES

8.1 2019 INTEGRATED LEISURE MASTER PLAN UPDATE (2019-2031) (6.0)

There was discussion about the exploration and feasibility of potentially using the hydro corridor for public spaces.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

1. **That the report entitled, “Approval of the 2019 Integrated Leisure Master Plan Update”, as presented at the October 7, 2019 General Committee meeting and the October 25, 2019, memo, Approval of the 2019 Integrated Leisure Master Plan Update be received; and,**
2. That Council approve the 2019 Integrated Leisure Master Plan (ILMP) Update, as set out in Attachment 1 of the October 7, 2019 General Committee report, along with the following amendments:
 - a. **Section 6.1 - Parkland Policy and Provision – add a new recommendation on Hydro Corridors as follows: Explore and capture opportunities within Hydro Corridors for sport fields and to serve as linear parks, including multi-use trails for walking, cycling and other non-motorized uses, and off-leash dog parks and trails, thereby connecting neighbourhoods, parks connections (including the Rouge National Park), public access points and other trail systems;**
 - b. **Section 6.1 - Parkland Policy and Provision: Revise ILMP Recommendation #9 as outlined in this memorandum;**
 - c. **Section 6.8 - Playgrounds & Outdoor Fitness: Revise ILMP Recommendation #34 as outlined in this memorandum;**
 - d. **Section 6.11 – Outdoor Ice Rinks : Revise ILMP Recommendation #42 as outlined in this memorandum;**
 - e. **Section 6.12 - Off Leash Dog Areas: Revise ILMP Recommendation #43 as outlined in this memorandum;**
 - f. **Section 7.3 - Community Centres: Revise ILMP Recommendation #64 as outlined in this memorandum;**
 - g. **Section 9 - Public Library Services & Facilities: Revise Recommendation #86 as outlined in this memorandum;**

- h. **Section 11.1 - Implementation Tools: Revise Recommendation #123 as outlined in this memorandum;**
- i. **Section 11.1 - Implementation Tools: Revise Recommendation #127 as outlined in this memorandum; and,**
- 3. **That Council direct the Commissioner of Community & Fire Services to incorporate the ILMP into annual Business Planning, Capital and Operating Budget processes and to report progress annually to Council; and further,**
- 4. **That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

Carried

9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motions.

11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

*As per Section 2 of the Council Procedural By-Law, "New/Other Business would generally apply to an item that is to be added to the **Agenda** due to an urgent statutory time requirement, or an emergency, or time sensitivity".*

There were no New and Other Business items.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

General Committee did not resolve into Confidential Session. General Committee postponed all Confidential Items in the November 4, 2019 agenda to a future General Committee Meeting.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

- 1. **That the November 4, 2019 Confidential General Committee Meeting items be postponed to a future General Committee Meeting.**

2. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

13.1 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

**13.1.1 GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES-
OCTOBER 22, 2019 (16.0) [Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (e) (f)]**

**13.1.2 PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE
INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD
EMPLOYEES (7.0) (WARDS 3,4,5 & 8) [Section 239 (2) (b)]**

**13.1.3 PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE FIABLE
INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD
EMPLOYEES (7.0) (WARDS 1,2,4,5,6,7 AND 8) [Section 239 (2) (b)]**

13.2 LAND, BUILDING & PARKS CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

**13.2.1 A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION
OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (8.6)
(WARD 2) [Section 239 (2) (c)]**

**13.2.2 A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION
OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (8.6)
(WARD 7) [Section 239 (2) (c)]**

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That General Committee Meeting adjourn at 3:51 PM.

Carried