

Development Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Number: 4
April 8, 2025, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Live streamed

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Michael Chan Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Regional Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Ritch Lau	Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Andrew Keyes Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Juanita Nathan Councillor Isa Lee
Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Joseph Silva, Treasurer Chris Nearing, Fire Chief Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning & Urban Design Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering	Alice Lam, Director, Operations Eddy Wu, Director, Environmental Services Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investments Evan Manning, Senior Planner, Heritage John Wong, Technology Support Coordinator Stafford Hughes, Technology Support Specialist II Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election & Committee Coordinator Anushrut Bharadwaj, Assistant to Council & Committee Kishor Soeji, Manager, Financial Reporting

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and their commitment to stewardship of the land. We acknowledge the communities in circle. The North, West, South and Eastern directions, and Haudenosaunee, Huron- Wendat, Anishnabeg, Seneca, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit peoples. We share the responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

The Development Services Committee meeting convened at 9:10 am. Regional Councillor Jim Jones presided as Chair for all items on the agenda.

The Committee recessed at 12:03 PM for lunch and reconvened at 1:05 PM.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - MARCH 18, 2025 (10.0)

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held on March 18, 2025, be confirmed.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS (12.2.6)

Mayor Scarpitti, Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, Claudia Storto, City Solicitor, Morgan Jones, Commissioner of Community Services, Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services, and Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, recognized the following staff members who have achieved service milestones and thanked them for their years of service. The City's new hires, transfers and retirees were also acknowledged.

Chief Administrative Office - Fire & Emergency Services

Markian Chorostil, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 15 years

Will Andrews, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years

Luke Barron, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years

Mark Holland, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Rafal Kosmowski, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Jesse Longo, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Anthony Melino, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Meghan Stonham, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Horacio Pizzanelli, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Brian Roblin, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Trevor Welch, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years
 Mathew White, Firefighter, Fire & Emergency Services, 10 years

Community Services Commission

Paul Pizzulo, Labourer/Driver, Operations, 15 years

Corporate Services Commission

Ramini Sivananthan, Supervisor, Cash Control, Financial Services, 30 years
 Abigail Whiting, Letters of Credit Administrator, Financial Services, 25 years
 Kishor Soneji, Manager, Financial Reporting, Financial Services, 20 years
 Melody Chan, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer II, By-Law & Regulatory Services, 10 years
 Barry Hails, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer II, By-Law & Regulatory Services, 10 years
 Inessa Sagitova, Administrative Assistant, Sustainability & Asset Management, 10 years

Development Services Commission

Weiping Li, Engineer, Building, Building Standards, 10 years

4.2 CANADA PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND UPDATE: BUS RAPID TRANSIT ALONG HIGHWAY 7 EAST (13.5)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, addressed the Committee to provide opening remarks and noted that this item is in relation to item 9.1 on the agenda. He indicated that the objective of the Canada Public Transit Fund is to increase affordable and attainable housing in close proximity to transit infrastructure and investment. Mr. Prasad further indicated that there are several City actions underway to support increased housing supply along the Highway 7 Corridor; Markham Centre, Markville, and Cornell Centre secondary plans and that working in conjunction with York Region, an application to the Canada Public Transit Fund will be made.

Mr. Prasad introduced Paul Jankowski, President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, Rose Suppa, Vice President, Project Implementation, and Liza Sheppard, Vice President, Project Implementation and acknowledged their contributions to this initiative.

Mr. Jankowski presented, Canada Public Transit Fund Update: Bus Rapid Transit Along Highway 7 East, which provided an overview of the planning, application and funding process.

Mayor Scarpitti indicated that he is the Chair of the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, and that this submission will be made to the provincial and federal government. He highlighted that public transit is critically important for the expected growth in the next 20 years and that the impacts of intensification are worse than growth that happens without the proper road network.

The Committee thanked Mr. Jankowski for the presentation and made the following inquiries in relation to the presentation:

- The away in which increased density along Hwy 7 from Kennedy Road to Hwy 48 will be accomodated;
- Concerns with the approval of high-density projects in Cornell Center without higher order transit;
- Where Markham ranks in terms of priority projects such as Hwy 7 versus Jane Street;
- How to ensure that the Markham Hwy 7 project is prioritized;
- Whether there are any potential solutions to the Unionville Mobility Hub;
- Concerns with the timing of the process and ways to expedite it;
- That financial contributions are needed from the municipality, the province and the federal governments for these initiatives; and,
- Concerns with environmental assessment requirements and the length of time it takes for projects to progress.

Mr. Jankowski and staff responded to the inquiries, and it was suggested that the MTO package be made available for the Committee and City to review.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the presentation titled “Canada Public Transit Fund Update: Bus Rapid Transit along Highway 7 East” be received for information.

Carried

5. DEPUTATIONS

The Committee heard depositions in relation to the following items:

- Item 8.2,
- Item 15.1.1
- Item 15.1.3

Please refer to the items for details. Note that the depositions for confidential items 15.1.1 and 15.1.3 were heard in open session before the Committee convened in closed session. Refer to item 15 for details.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 COMMUNICATION, OLT APPEALS BY GRMADA HOLDINGS INC. OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS AT 7509 AND 7529 YONGE STREET (WARD 1) (10.3, 10.5)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]

Note: Please refer to item 15.1.3 for staff report.

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the written submission from Ron Galaev, be received.

Carried

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS, OLT APPEAL BY NEWDEV INVESTMENTS LTD. AND 1375920, ONTARIO LIMITED OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, AND SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS AT 5305 AND 5307 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 4) (10.3, 10.5, 10.6)

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MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]

Note: Please refer to item 15.1.1 for staff report.

Moved by Councillor Ritch Lau

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the written submissions from Rosalynn Mackenzie, Ning Pan, Liu Ling, Eric (Ninghui) Li, Elisabeth Tan, David Lum, and Andrea Jackson, be received.

6.3 COMMUNICATION, RECOMMENDATION REPORT – DESIGNATION OF PRIORITY PROPERTIES – PHASE XVI (16.11.3)

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the written submission from Eileen P. K. Costello (AIRD & BERLIS LLP), be received.

Carried

7. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

8. CONSENT REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

8.1 ROUGE RIVER WATERSHED PLAN UPDATE (10.8)

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the report entitled “Rouge River Watershed Plan Update”, be received; and further,
2. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.2 RECOMMENDATION REPORT – DESIGNATION OF PRIORITY PROPERTIES – PHASE XVI (16.11.3)

Matthew Helfand from Aird Berlis, addressed the Committee on behalf of the Trinison Management Corporation who are Managers of the Summerlane Realty Corp. Lands, 10224 Highway 48, Markham, Ontario to request that this designation be deferred and advised that there are discussions regarding how the house can be preserved or relocated.

Staff indicated that the notice for designation for this property will be postponed for six weeks.

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

1. That the Staff report, dated April 8, 2025, titled, "RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Designation of Priority Properties – Phase XVI", be received; and,
2. That the June 14, 2023, recommendation from the Heritage Markham Committee, in support of the designation of the following properties under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (in accordance with Appendix 'B'), be received as information: • 10224 Highway 48 (Ward 6): "Christian and Nancy Hoover House" • 10388 Highway 48 (Ward 6): "Jesse and Emma Byer House" • 10535 & 10537 McCowan Road (Ward 6): "Joseph & Mary Steckley Houses"; and,
3. That Council state its intention to designate 10224 Highway 48 (Ward 6) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in recognition of its cultural heritage significance; and,
4. That Council state its intention to designate 10388 Highway 48 (Ward 6) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in recognition of its cultural heritage significance; and,
5. That Council state its intention to designate 10535 & 10537 McCowan Road (Ward 6) under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act in recognition of its cultural heritage significance; and,
6. That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk's Department be authorized to place a designation by-law before Council for adoption; and,
7. That if there are any objections in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the matter return to Council for further consideration; and,

8. **That the deputation from Matthew Helfand and written correspondence from Eileen P.K. Costello regarding 10224 Highway 48, be received; and,**
9. **That the notice to designate for 10224 Highway 48 be postponed for six weeks; and further,**
10. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

8.3 CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2025 (16.34)

The Development Services Committee consented to endorse the recommendation from the February 20, 2025, Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting. This matter was placed on the April 22, 2025, Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes be received, and,
2. That the Committee endorse the following recommendation from the February 20, 2025, Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting:

Whereas when weather allows, Markham residents benefit from an extensive system of parks and green spaces, and pathways through those parks and green spaces; and,

Whereas most of our park assets are not accessible for as many as 4 months a year due to winter weather; and,

Whereas outdoor winter activity should be encouraged to address the physical and mental health of residents; and,

Whereas City Council has endorsed an Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) in 2021 that recommends pedestrian and cycling network capital

improvements to encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk and cycle; and,

Whereas the ATMP includes a recommendation on “Implement a pilot project to provide winter maintenance of a cycling spine network to evaluate costs and uptake; and,

Whereas the City of Markham implemented the winter maintenance pilot project for some paved park pathways since 2021, and provided a feasibility analysis (See appendix 1, staff report May 10, 2021, and appendix 2, staff memorandum July 13, 2021); and,

Whereas the 2021 reports analysed paving and maintaining all park pathways and at that time the cost was determined by council to be excessive; and,

Whereas the council-endorsed Greenprint Sustainability Plan suggests aggressive measures to reduce the environmental impact of city activities; and,

Whereas the council-endorsed Markham Municipal Energy Plan includes a commitment to net zero emissions by 2050; and,

Whereas Markham is currently developing the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, School Zones Safety Guide and the Transportation Master Plan, all of which would have a variety of means to provide a safer walking and cycling network; and,

Whereas the city is committed to the development of “complete communities” such that extensive walking facilities are provided and walking is encouraged for short trips; and,

Whereas walking facilities of all types should be considered as part of the city’s transportation network 365 days a year, as are roads; and,

Whereas the current service level includes ploughing only a limited

number of already-paved pathways that do not constitute an integrated network designed to serve significant destinations; and,

Whereas networked transportation systems that serve destinations are typically more heavily used than non-networked transportation assets, such as dead-end streets; and,

Whereas park and open space pathways often provide more direct routes to destinations than the ploughed sidewalk network; and,

Whereas the city sponsors an Active School Travel program to encourage walking to and from schools, while approximately 40% of the school year (ten months between September to June) is in the winter (four months between December and March); and,

Whereas pathways linking ploughed city sidewalks to school yards are generally not ploughed; and,

Whereas unploughed park pathways are often heavily used but pose a safety risk due to icing and uneven surfaces; and,

Whereas many local streets in mature neighbourhoods do not have sidewalks that might otherwise be ploughed in the winter; and,

Therefore, now be it resolved:

That the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) recommends that Markham Council direct staff to commission a feasibility study taking into consideration the engineering, operations and financial aspects with the aim of identifying a network of existing unpaved pathways to be paved and/or ploughed through parks and green spaces that links destinations, especially those frequented by children and youths throughout the city, such as public and secondary schools, community centres, shopping centres, and all roads with transit stops; and,

That it is not recommended that all existing unploughed pathways be paved and ploughed; only those identified in the feasibility study that are

considered part of a complete active transportation network serving appropriate destinations, should be considered for paving and ploughing; and,

That CPAC recommends that the City work continue with the school boards to address unploughed pathways between ploughed city facilities and school yards; and,

That CPAC recommends that Markham Council direct staff to include a 2026 capital budget submission to undertake the feasibility study; and,

That CPAC recommends that staff report back to Markham Council in 2027 on the findings and recommendations of the feasibility study, and that staff update the Markham Active Transportation Master Plan to include the identified existing unpaved pathways as part of a prioritized multi-year capital implementation program; and further,

That CPAC recommends to Markham Council that this motion be shared with the directors and all trustees of the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board.

Carried

8.4 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 4, AND MARCH 18, 2025 (10.0)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Public Meetings held February 18, March 4, and March 18, 2025, be confirmed.

Carried

9. REGULAR REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

9.1 CANADA PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND – HOUSING SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY ACTION PLAN, JOINT GRANT SUBMISSION FOR HIGHWAY 7 EAST BUS RAPID TRANSIT (10.0)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the April 8, 2025, report titled, “Canada Public Transit Fund – Housing Supply and Affordability Action Plan, Joint Grant Submission for Highway 7 East Bus Rapid Transit”, be received; and,
2. That City Staff continue to work with York Region Rapid Transit Corporation in refining the justification for the Highway 7 East Bus Rapid Transit Corridor in support of the Ministry of Transportation Integrated Regional Plan submission under the Canada Public Transit Fund; and,
3. **That staff provide additional information related to the overall housing units and population growth; and further,**
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.2 2024 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (7.1)

Joseph Silva, Treasurer, addressed the Committee to introduce Maria Khoushnood, Partner, KPMG, and Kishor Soneji, Manager, Financial Reporting, who presented the financial statement audit which is a requirement under the Municipal Act. He advised that the City received a clean audit and that new accounting standards were implemented this year, and that the City will submit the 2024 financial statements to the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Silva thanked the financial services team for their work in this regard.

The Committee thanked staff for their work on preparing the 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements. There was a short discussion about the financial shortfall in relation to parkland and cash-in lieu deficits and constraints realized as a result of Bill 23.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the presentation titled “2024 Consolidated Financial Statements” be received; and,

2. That the report titled “2024 Consolidated Financial Statements” be received; and,
3. That Council approve the draft Consolidated Financial Statements of The Corporation of the City of Markham (the City), including Community Boards, Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), Destination Markham Corporation and Investment in Markham Enterprises Corporation (MEC), for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024; and,
4. That Council authorize Staff to publish the final audited Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 upon receiving the Independent Auditors’ Report; and,
5. That the KPMG LLP Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2024, be received; and further,
6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.3 OFF LEASH DOG AREA POLICY (10.0)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, provided opening remarks and reported that the off-leash dog park pilot was a success. He introduced Jyoti Pathak, Project Manager, Parks Planning who presented the new off leash dog policy and supporting framework which is planned to be implemented in Q4 if endorsed by Committee.

The Committee thanked staff for the presentation and discussed the following:

- Whether there will be off-leash areas in each ward;
- Consideration to have an off-leash park in future urban areas such as those north of Major Mackenzie;
- Inquiries into the types of turf materials and their costs;
- That additional signage be posted to provide public education about the off-leash areas;
- That a survey be conducted for those walking outside the parks to assist in recommendations for permanent park locations; and,
- Concerns with the cost of park development, especially with artificial surfaces.

Staff indicated that the current service level includes existing permanent sites and that Bill 23 has created some challenges with smaller park sizes. Staff acknowledged the interest in fewer wood fiber parks and that high quality turf installations are preferred where the budget allows.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Councillor Juanita Nathan

1. That the April 8, 2025, report titled, “Off Leash Dog Area Policy”, be received; and,
2. That the April 8, 2025, presentation titled, ‘Off-Leash Dog Area Policy’, be received; and,
3. That Council approve the ‘Off Leash Dog Area Policy’ attached as ‘Attachment 1’; and,
4. That Council approve the ‘Off Leash Dog Area Guidelines’ attached as ‘Attachment 2’; and,
5. That Council approve a permanent Off-Leash Dog Area at Ada Mackenzie Park in Ward 8; and further,
6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9.4 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FIRST ELGIN DEVELOPMENTS INC. AND FIRST ELGIN NORTH LTD. AT 3208 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, provided opening remarks to describe the application and staff are seeking endorsement from the Committee for 567 town-houses and detached units, a school and park. Mr. Prasad noted that the owner revised the application in response to previous public consultations.

Emily Grant, Principal of Malone Given Parsons Limited, was in attendance to present the zoning by-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision application. Ms. Grant expressed thanks to council and staff for the work that went into the changes.

The Committee discussed the five percent purpose-built rental commitment and why there are no semi-detached units within the plan.

Moved by Councillor Ritch Lau

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That the report titled, “RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by First Elgin Developments Inc. and First Elgin North Ltd. at 3208 Elgin Mills Road East to facilitate the development of a residential community with approximately 567 townhouse and detached units, a neighborhood park, an elementary school, two stormwater management facilities, and the supporting road and lane network (Ward 2), File PLAN 23 129239”, be received; and,
2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by First Elgin Developments Inc. and First Elgin North Ltd. to amend Zoning By-law 304-87, as amended, be endorsed in principle by Council and that the draft Zoning By-law attached hereto as Appendix ‘A’, be finalized and brought forward to a future Council meeting to be enacted without further notice; and,
3. That the Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23007 be endorsed in principle, subject to the draft conditions attached hereto as Appendix ‘B’, be brought forward to a future Council meeting once all outstanding matters have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Director, Planning and Urban Design; and,
4. That the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate, be delegated authority to issue Draft Plan Approval, subject to the draft conditions set out in Appendix ‘B’, as may be amended by the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate; and,
5. That Draft Plan Approval for Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23007 will lapse after a period of three (3) years from the date of Council approval in the event that a Subdivision Agreement is not executed within that period; and,
6. That servicing allocation for 567 units be assigned to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19TM-23007; and,
7. That the servicing allocation will be revoke or reallocated after a period of three (3) years from the date of Council approval should the development not proceed in a timely manner; and further,

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

Carried

10. REGULAR REPORTS - CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

10.1 CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANT PROGRAM 2025-2026 – MAY 1, 2025 – MARCH 31, 2026 – FUNDING APPROVALS (10.16)

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, advised that the annual funding allocation has been approved and that an interdepartmental staff review committee evaluated 112 applications with a total funding request of \$369,000. Funding was divided between city-led and community-led events.

Andrew Baldwin, Director Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship, presented, Celebrate Markham 2025-2026 Annual Funding, which listed the approved applications and provided a breakdown of expenses in addition to the approximate allocation per Markham resident which increased to \$1.25 from \$1.00 previously.

Joanna Chan, Senior Financial Analyst, presented the recommended changes to the Celebrate Markham grant process and indicated that the grant recipients need to provide financial statements, notice to reader statements and a review engagement for various grant thresholds.

The Committee discussed the following in relation to the presentation:

- Why some applications received less than previous years and why some were not approved;
- How the amount allocated was determined;
- The difference between review and compilation costs;
- The feasibility of providing constructive feedback for applications that were not successful;
- Whether there is consideration to all funding sources an organization may apply to when determining the funding amount, for example provincial funding; and,
- The types of organizations that the City funds.

Staff indicated that there were more applications for consideration this year and there are additional criteria and conditions to meet while making the process fair and accessible while also adhering to accounting standards.

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Councillor Juanita Nathan

1. That the report titled, “Celebrate Markham Grant Program 2025-2026 – May 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 – Funding Approvals” be received; and,
2. That Council approve the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Staff Review Committee in Attachment 1, which includes 112 Celebrate Markham applicants for community-led events and programs, totaling \$369,300; and,
3. That Council approve \$105,500 for City-led events and programs; and,
4. That Council approve \$30,000 for the Markham Arts Council annual programs and activities; and,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to manage the allocation of remaining incremental funding of \$52,500 that was approved as part of Budget 2025 (total incremental funding of \$92,500 less \$40,000 allocated to the four major festivals = \$52,500) annually based on the funding requirements for both applications and City-led events in a given year; and,
6. That Council approve changes to Celebrate Markham financial procedures and reporting requirements noted in this report, and authorize City Staff to identify and implement further changes to streamline program administration as approved by the City Treasurer; and,
7. That the unused Celebrate Markham Community Grant Program funding of \$42,300 from the 2024-2025 Celebrate Markham funding stream be carried forward for the 2025-2026 Celebrate Markham funding stream; and,
8. That any grant funding that was previously approved but unclaimed by the applicant up to three months after the funding cycle ends (i.e., by June 30th) be deemed cancelled, and the unclaimed but approved funding be retained in the Celebrate Markham funding pool for consideration for future applicants and City-led events; and,

9. That funding disbursed under Celebrate Markham be conditional on recipients' adherence to all program requirements, including financial reporting and due diligence requirements; and further,
10. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10.2 MARKHAM ONTARIO VEHICLE INNOVATION NETWORK DEMONSTRATION ZONE PROJECT – SCOOTY PILOT PROJECT EXTENSION

B. Leung, ext. 2376

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, provided opening remarks and indicated that staff are seeking endorsement for this pilot project to the end of summer 2025, to collect more information that will be used to create micro mobility solutions as part of the City's Transportation master Plan. He noted that the initial pilot was six weeks in duration from September to October 2024, and while it was successful, it was not long enough to make appropriate assessments.

There was both support and opposition in addition to concerns raised with extending the Scooty pilot. The Committee discussed the following in relation to the pilot:

- Whether the City owns e-bikes;
- The implementation of speed control;
- Whether data will be collected on how the trails are used; and,
- That there be consideration for specific drop off points such as at Hwy 7 and Main Street Unionville and others within Markham Center.

Staff advised that the City does own e-bikes and that there will be no additional financial commitment for this initiative as the bikes will be repurposed after the pilot.

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the Information Report titled, "Markham Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network Demonstration Zone Project – Scooty Pilot Project Extension", be received; and,

2. That City Staff be authorized to extend the Scooty Pilot Project to October 31, 2025, to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Director of Operations; and,
3. That data and findings from the Scooty Pilot Project be incorporated into the Micro-mobility Strategy as part of the Markham Transportation Master Plan; and,
4. That City Staff report back on continuing the e-scooter and e-bike program for the 2026 season and beyond; and further,
5. That City Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

11. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

13. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new or other business.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Committee heard the following deputations in open session:

Item 15.1.1

Elizabeth Brown expressed concerns with the submitted plan and its elements.

Alan Adams expressed opposition to the new drawing and that it is not fair to residents to not provide adequate parking in the development of the area.

Ron Spina expressed concerns with overdevelopment, traffic, waste management, and access to the garage as it is currently proposed.

Brian Holling, expressed opposition to the application.

Karina LaMaccia, expressed opposition to the application citing concerns with the overdevelopment of the area.

Item 15.1.3

Elizabeth Janz expressed concerns with the development along the Yonge Street corridor, on both sides.

The Committee convened into confidential session at 2:56 pm.

Moved by Councillor Juanita Nathan

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Development Services Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters:

Carried

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

That all the deputations in relation to the items 15.1.1 and 15.1.3 be received.

Carried

15.1 DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS

15.1.1 OLT APPEAL BY NEWDEV INVESTMENTS LTD. AND 1375920, ONTARIO LIMITED OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, AND SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS AT 5305 AND 5307 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (WARD 4) (10.3, 10.5, 10.6)

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The Committee consented to place this item on the April 22, 2025, Confidential Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

15.1.2 OLT APPEAL BY TERRABONA 7115 YONGE LTD. OF THE OFFICIAL, PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS AT 7115, YONGE STREET AND 8 TO 14 GRANDVIEW AVENUE (WARD 1) (10.3, 10.5)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]

The Committee consented to place this item on the April 22, 2025, Confidential Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

15.1.3 OLT APPEALS BY GRMADA HOLDINGS INC. OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS AT 7509 AND 7529 YONGE STREET (WARD 1) (10.3, 10.5)

(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD;) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]

The Committee consented to place this on the April 22, 2025, Confidential Council Meeting Agenda.

15.1.4 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - MARCH 18, 2025 (10.0) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e) (f)]

The Committee confirmed the March 18, 2025 Development Services Committee Confidential Minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the following items be referred to the April 22, 2025, Council Meeting Agenda for consideration:

- Item 8.1,
- Item 8.2,
- Item 8.3,
- Item 9.1,
- Item 9.2,
- Item 9.3,
- Item 9.4,

- Item 10.1,
- Item 10.2,
- Confidential Item 3.1.1,
- Confidential Item 3.1.2, and,
- Confidential Item 3.1.3.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

That Development Services Committee adjourn at 3:53 PM.

Carried