



**Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee
November 21, 2018 Minutes**

**City of Markham
Location: Council Chambers**

Members:

**Rob Kadlovski, UBIA, Chair
Harry Eaglesham, Community Rep, Vice
Chair
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Wes Rowe, UVA
Stanley Wu , MVC
Tony Lamanna, UBIA
Sylvia Morris, UBIA
Bill Bilkas, Community Rep
Ken Davis, Heritage Markham
Peter Miasek, URA**

Regrets:

**Scott Harper, Community Rep
Reid McAlpine, URA
Kimberley Kwan, UHS
Councillor Don Hamilton, Ward 3
Joseph Cimer, Community Rep
Sandra Tam, Sen. Business Dev. Officer**

Staff:

**Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage
Planning
Michael Killingsworth, Deputy Clerk, By-law
Enforcement, Licensing and Regulatory
Services
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation
Anna Lee, Committee Clerk**

The meeting of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee convened at 7:13 pm with Rob Kadlovski presiding as Chair. Ken Davis was introduced as the new Heritage Markham Committee representative on this Committee.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Agenda Confirmed as presented.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of October 17th, 2018

Moved by Harry Eaglesham
Seconded by Sylvia Morris

That the Minutes of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee meeting held on October 17, 2018 be adopted, as distributed.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Potential Expansion of the Committee Composition

- At this time, Agenda and Minutes will be sent to York Region District School Board and the Unionville Curling Club.
- Senior Leadership is currently analyzing which Advisory Committees will be needed going forward which could impact the potential expansion of the Committee.

b) Main Street Unionville Streetscape Master Plan Study

- A report on the Master Plan study was brought forward to the Development Services Committee on Nov 19th, 2018 seeking permission to undertake public consultation.
- Options 1 and 2 will be going forward and will be presented to Council.
- There will be a presentation and public open house to let the community give feedback on options and concepts. It was suggested by the committee that cost, renderings and specifications need to be reviewed by the committee before the public presentation. It was suggested that this could potentially occur at the January 2019 meeting.
- Andrew Johnson, Streetscape Co-ordinator, who was co-managing this project, has left the employment of City of Markham, so the Planning Department is currently looking for someone to continue with this project. Possibility of hiring a consultant (perhaps Andrew Johnson, now a consultant) to complete the remaining phases of this project.

c) Property Standards/By-law Enforcement Issues- Commercial Core

Michael Killingsworth, Deputy Clerk (By-law Enforcement, Licensing and Regulatory Services attended the meeting to discuss by-law enforcement and property standards relating to the commercial core area. Mr. Killingsworth noted the following:

- Engaged with BIA and UVA and toured Main Street to get an idea of what planning is needed and any property deficiency standards.
- Revisiting internal processes to modernize for best efficiency and to analyze the needs of the City as well as the By-laws and Property Standards for any updates that may be needed. Resources can be better aligned and improved once analysis of complexity and volume of work is done. Need to manage expectations as his staff is responsible for the whole City.
- Looking at the need for a dedicated Heritage Officer for expertise and to be the point of contact/liaison to create efficiencies.
- Need to work with Landlords and Tenants to communicate the By-laws and Property Standards in a clear and concise manner. We want to be more proactive then reactive.
- Need to create networks and relationships with and between residents and business owners for better communication and balance.
- Michael Killingsworth will return with a list of issues and processes to resolve issues. Will be more available to committee and associations including regular communication.

The Committee discussed the following matters:

- Whether By-laws staff can work with the landlords to ensure better compliance and understanding of issues; finding the correct balance between owner's desire and city objectives.
- The issue of only responding on a complaint basis versus By-law staff addressing glaring issues.
- Whether this is a staffing issue or is the answer better organization and use of technology (Mr. Killingsworth indicated he is still exploring and is preparing a solid business case);
- City needs to lead by example;
- Prefer a greater transparency in how offences are addressed;
- How can citizens or this committee help the City (By-laws) - it was suggested that peer pressure on others on the street can sometimes work or the creation of a welcome package from the BIA offices to notify new people of the objectives and "rules".

5. New Business/Other Matters

a) Planning Applications

The Manager of Heritage Planning reviewed the planning and building permit applications from July to November.

b) Replacement Member for URA

With the election of Reid McAlpine to Ward 3 Councillor, it was noted that the Unionville Ratepayers Association would need a new representative for this committee. Peter Miasek indicated that the URA had selected Geoff Pyne.

c) Future Agenda Items

The Manager of Heritage Planning encouraged members to provide him with agenda items prior to the agenda preparation and the meeting itself which were of interest and were in compliance with the mandate of the committee. Committee members suggested topics such as the secondary plan, and capital budget 2019.

The Committee also briefly discussed the status of the Toogood Pond Pavilion. Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation offered to provide more detail at the next meeting as well as an update on the Crosby exterior washroom facade improvements (awnings) in the Spring.

Members suggested that the Committee needs to be more aware and mindful of timing during meetings to discuss items that are being pushed aside due to bigger projects.

d) Recreational Facilities

The Director of Recreation also noted that the Recreation team is working at developing a campaign "*Live Here, Play Here*" to increase awareness and use of the community facilities.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:00 pm.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair or held on Wednesday, January, 16th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.