

**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee Minutes
Meeting held on May 16, 2018**

**City of Markham
Canada Room- Markham Civic Centre**

Members: Jason McCauley Siobhan Covington Jennifer Peters-Morales Peter Ross Graham Dewar Paul Cicchini Gunter Langhorst Harvey Thompson Ardy Reid Councillor Collin Campbell. Staff: Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator Alexander Sepe, Council/Committee Coordinator	Regrets: Dianne More John Himanen Tanya-Kay Melbourne Councillor Karen Rea.
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The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:45 PM with Councillor Colin Campbell presiding as Chair.

- 1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
None disclosed.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda**
The agenda was confirmed as presented.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Ardy Reid

Seconded by Gunter Langhorst

That the Minutes of the March 21, 2018 Main Street Markham Committee be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Peter Ross provided an update on the reconstruction of Main Street Markham.

a) **Main Street South Update**

Planting of New Shrubs

Dagmar, the contractor has replaced the shrubs that did not survive on Main Street Markham South with a new type of shrub that is more resilient. The shrubs were replaced under the City's warranty, but the City will have to cover the additional expense of the new shrubs, as the new shrubs are more expensive than the original shrubs. The next steps is for the City to inspect the work and to maintain the new shrubs. The property owners on Main Street Markham South should also help maintain the shrubs.

Action: Members requested that staff submit an ACR for a watering truck to continue down Main Street Markham South to water the new plants.

Entrance Pathway to Main Street South

The entrance to the pathway on Main Street South will be revitalized. The contract is in the processes of being awarded. The work is scheduled to be completed by December this year.

Vinegar Hill Parkette

The railing associated with the culvert still needs to be fixed by the contractor. The City is working with the consultant on resolving this matter.

Other

It was noted that the flexible strip road candles have again been installed on Main Street South, south of James Scott Road to help focus traffic coming off of the Highway 407 into the proper lane. The Committee also

noted that there is an issue with dual lanes allowing northbound turns onto Main Street South.

b) Entrance Feature at Highway 7 and Main Street South

The Committee was advised that the City will be creating a Public Art Master Plan in 2018. The plan will provide a framework for engaging the public on public art, assessing public art, and determining the location of public art.

The Committee still wanted to proceed with a 2019 capital budget request for a public art feature at Highway 7 and Main Street South. This item was discussed further under item 4. c) Capital Budget Requests.

c) Capital Budget Request

Markham Village Library

A Member spoke about how people are walking on the grass hill to access the Markham Village Library and suggested adding in a staircase. Another Member suggested planting thorn bushes as a deterrent, as it is very expensive to build a staircase. Issues of cost, liability and winter maintenance were discussed. The Committee was advised that this was discussed at a previous meeting and decided against any action.

Tree at the Old Town Hall

The Committee requested that a new tree/Christmas tree be planted on Main Street Markham near the old Town Hall, as the existing tree is dying. It was noted that the tree is 26 years old

Moved by Paul Cicchini
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the City investigate the replacement of the tree/Christmas tree near the Old Town Hall on Main Street Markham with a new tree of a similar size, as a 2019 Capital Budget Request.

Carried

Public Art Feature at Hwy7 and Main Street.

Members requested that a 2019 Capital Budget Request be submitted for a public art works, which they suggested be an entrance feature that is representative of Markham Village's history. It was suggested that the public art work be placed where the yellow sign and light pole are and that

these items be relocated. It was also noted that that Markham Museum should be consulted on the public art feature.

Moved by: Jason McCauley

Seconded by: Jennifer Peter Morales

That the Main Street Markham Committee request that Council support a 2019 capital budget request for a a village entrance feature just south of Highway 7 on the existing Main Street South landscape island which generally reflects the direction of the Vision Plan in that the feature:

- Is built to a design from a public design competition;
- It reflects common elements or materials used in other public areas in the village; and
- It has a historical component focussed on Town founders (a statue or commemorative structure marks the earlier settlers and it reflects both the men and woman involved).

That the public art feature be selected in accordance with the Public Art Master Plan being developed by the City; and,

That the Committee to be consulted on the design of the pubic art feature.

Carried

The Committee requested that the motion be forwarded to appropriate staff including, the Public Art Coordinator, the Manager of the Art Gallery, and the Director of Culture & Economic Development.

ACTION: staff to forward all capital budget requests to appropriate City staff.

5. New Business

a) Incoming Planning applications

See attachment A.

b) Distribute the Main Street Markham Vision Plan

Regan Hutcheson had circulated an electronic version of the document entitled "Main Street Markham - A Vision for the Millennium", which was created in 1999 and distributed paper copies at the meeting. A Sub-Committee was created at a previous meeting to review the plan.

This item was deferred to the next meeting, as a number of members needed more time to read the plan.

6. Updates/News from Committee Representatives

Members provided the following updates:

a) Councillor

- Advised that a new stop sign has been installed at Elm Street and Church Street.
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b) Business Improvement Area (BIA)

- Reported that businesses are struggling with the lack of parking on Main Street Markham.
- Advised that condo owners are upset with the Markham Music Festival, as they cannot drive down the street during the festival.
- Investigating the possibility of bringing in cement barriers to prevent condo residents from driving through the festival grounds.

Moved by Paul Cicchini
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the Main Street Markham Committee supports the Markham Music Festival and the Markham Village BIA's decision to have more parking and traffic/vehicle access enforcement at the festival.

Carried

c) Vinegar Hill Ratepayers Association

- Advised that their fundraising event is coming up, and that their newsletter will be coming out soon;
- Reported that there is a proposal to put three storey townhouses on top of the hill at Mill Street and Main Street South.

7. Parked items

a) **Veterans Square and Cenotaph**

Veterans Square and Cenotaph (Former Library Square)-The opening of the new square is slated for June 9th, 2018, 10:00 AM.

b) **Donald Cousens Parkway Extension**

The Committee requested that the Donald Cousens Parkway Extension be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Add to September agenda

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee will be held on September 19 2018.

9. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee adjourned at 7:12PM.

Attachment A

Main Street Markham Committee Summary of Planning/Development Applications

Month: April, May 2018

Address	Application	Comments
Site Plan Applications		
303 Main St N	Loft addition to existing garage	
Other Planning Applications		
Committee of Adjustment Applications		
Heritage Permits		
16 Gleason Ave	Cladding Material issue	
Building Permits		
227 Main St N	Interior alterations commercial	
352 Main St N	3 storey mixed use building	
7 Town Crier	Demolition permit	

5965 Highway 7	Sign Replacement ESSO Station	Circle K rebranding of convenience store
10 Beech St	Revised detached garage	
20 Water St	Repairs to concrete pad for generator	
380 Main St N	Sign Replacement ESSO Station	Circle K rebranding of convenience store