

**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee Minutes
Meeting held on September 19, 2018**

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

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

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

It was requested and accepted to replace item 5 (B) "Widening of Steeles Avenue" with "407 ETR Signage Update".

3. Adoption of Minutes (May 16, 2018)

The Committee requested the following corrections in italics:

Planting of New Shrubs

Dagmar, the contractor has replaced the shrubs that did not survive on Main Street Markham South with *new types of shrubs and other plants that are* more resilient. The *plants* were replaced under the City's warranty, but the City will have to cover the additional expense of the new *plants*, as the new *ones* are more expensive than the originals.

Entrance Feature and Multi-Use Pathway Construction

The entrance to the pathway on Main Street South will be revitalized *via construction of an entrance feature as well as trail landscape and bridge work to the multi-use pathway east of Main Street South*. The contract is in the processes of being awarded. The work is scheduled to be completed by December this year.

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 also noted that that Markham Museum should be consulted on the public art feature.

a) Vinegar Hill Ratepayers Association

- Advised that their *annual general meeting* 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.

It was

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Gunter Langhorst

That the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 Main Street Markham Committee be adopted as amended.

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. David Plant, Manager Parks and Operations, has advised that the plants are now under the department's care and are being watered.

Entrance Pathway to Valleylands from Main Street South

The contract for this work has been awarded but the TRCA permit is still pending. Construction will begin immediately once the permit is received.

b) Capital Budget 2019

Tree at Old Town Hall

The Committee was advised that the City has the funding for a new tree/Christmas tree to be planted on Main Street Markham near the old Town Hall, but still needs to conclude an agreement with the owner.

Public Art Feature at Hwy 7 and Main Street

It was reported that Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship advised that the City of Markham is undertaking a Public Art Master Plan which is anticipated to be submitted to Council in June 2019. The plan will provide a framework for engaging the public on public art, assessing public art, and determining the location of public art. There will be no funding for public art projects until Markham Council has considered the master plan.

The Committee was advised by a member that Markham Museum would be prepared to support this project at Hwy 7..

c) Donald Cousens Parkway Extension

The Committee has previously discussed the importance of the completion of the Donald Cousens Parkway to Hwy. 48 in order to relieve traffic congestion. The extension has been deferred to post 2025 by York Region. Each year, the Main Street Markham Committee passes a motion to request the Markham Regional Councillor to advocate for the extension during budget discussions at the Region.

It was

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Dianne More

Whereas the extension of the Donald Cousens Parkway to Highway 48 has been deferred by the Region of York to sometime after 2026; and

Whereas the Donald Cousens Parkway extension is one of the regional priorities for Markham Council; and

Whereas there may be an opportunity to reinstate the extension to an earlier date due to the delay or reduction in costs of other capital projects when the ten year capital plan is revised annually during budget planning. That the Main Street Markham Committee requests that the Regional Councillors of Markham advocate for any opportunity to reinstate earlier dates for the Donald Cousens Parkway extension and raise the issue during capital budget discussions for 2019 when the ten year capital projects are reviewed during the Regional budget discussions.

Carried

d) Main Street Markham Vision Plan

It was reported that the Main Street Markham Committee Vision Plan was created in 1999, the Committee has completed a number of the initiatives included in the plan, and it was suggested that the Committee may wish to revisit the plan. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged near the end of January to review the plan and generate ideas for the future.

5. New Business

a) Veteran's Square and Cenotaph Opening

It was reported that the opening ceremony was excellent. The Firefighters' Memorial is still to be completed.

b) 407 ETR Signage Update

Peter Ross reported that the 407/ETR has agreed to post signage on both the east and west bound off-ramps to Markham Rd. in order to advise that heavy trucks are not permitted on Main Street in Markham Village.

It was

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Paul Cicchini

That the Main Street Markham Committee wishes to thank David Poretta, Manager of Traffic Engineering, City of Markham, for his dedication to install signage to improve traffic flow and safety for Markham Rd. North and South, including Markham Village as well as acknowledging his success in obtaining new signage on the 407/ETR concerning the use of the Donald Cousens Parkway to Hwy. 48 and on the Main St. Markham off ramps to prevent northern heavy truck traffic through Markham Village.

Carried

A copy of the motion will be sent to Brian Lee, Director, Engineering.

c) Morgan Park Pool Project

This project will see the existing Morgan Park Pool buildings replaced with one new building to address a number of needs including a requirement to be AODA compliant. The project consultant is working with a staff committee on the project, but will be consulting with the Main

Street Markham Committee. Geotechnical investigation, including drilling, will occur on September 20 and October 2, 2018.

d) Incoming Planning applications

No new applications of note were identified.

It was reported that negotiations are ongoing between the City and the owner of 73 Markham St. South, who wishes to introduce a townhouse condominium project on the property.

6. Updates/News from Committee Representatives

Members provided the following updates:

a) Councillor

- No report was provided.

b) Business Improvement Area (BIA)

- Reported that 144 Main St. (Markham Village Lanes commercial centre) has been sold; Markham has provided the buyers with the appropriate context for planning.
- Reported that specific curbs need repairs and there are tree pit issues. Councillor Karen Rea will discuss the issue with Brian Lee, Director of Engineering.

c) Markham Village Conservancy

- Reported that the Conservancy had presented 17 special plaques for heritage buildings, including one to Peter Ross. The plaques are part of a special educational program to enhance Main St. Markham; they identify the name of the original owner, the occupation, and the year in which the building was built.
- Reported that Doors Open Markham 2018 on September 22nd will include a number of Markham Village sites including St Dimitriji's Church, the fire hall and the Train Station which will feature the theme of women's impact on the community.

d) Old Markham Village Ratepayers Association

No report was provided.

e) Vinegar Hill Ratepayers Association

- Advised that the Annual General Meeting was held in mid-July; the main issue discussed was the proposal to build three storey townhouses on top of the hill at the southeast corner of Mill Street and Main Street South.

It was noted that Heritage Markham is aware of public concerns and a public meeting will also be held later this year where the members of the public will be able to voice concerns about this project.

Councillor Colin Campbell assumed the chair.

It was

Moved by Karen Rea
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the Main Street Markham Committee wishes to voice its concerns about the three-storey height and the number of units of the townhouse project at 73 Main Street South.

Carried

It was requested to note that those voting against the motion were Councillor Colin Campbell, Paul Cicchini, and Gunter Langhorst.

7. Other Business

Since this would be his final meeting, Councillor Colin Campbell thanked the Committee members for the privilege of working with them.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee will be scheduled for either November or late January 2019.

9. Adjournment

It was

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Tanya-Kay Melbourne

That the Main Street Markham Committee adjourn at 7:05 PM.