

## Special General Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number: 10**  
**April 24, 2019, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Rouge River Community Centre**

Roll Call	<p>Mayor Frank Scarpitti</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton (arrived at 11:50 AM)</p> <p>Regional Councillor Jack Heath</p> <p>Regional Councillor Joe Li</p> <p>Regional Councillor Jim Jones</p> <p>Councillor Keith Irish</p> <p>Councillor Alan Ho</p>	<p>Councillor Reid McAlpine</p> <p>Councillor Karen Rea</p> <p>Councillor Andrew Keyes</p> <p>Councillor Amanda Collucci</p> <p>Councillor Khalid Usman</p> <p>Councillor Isa Lee</p>
Staff	<p>Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer</p> <p>Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services</p> <p>Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community &amp; Fire Services</p> <p>Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services</p> <p>Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor and Acting Director of Human Resources</p> <p>Joel Lustig, Treasurer</p> <p>Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk</p> <p>Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer</p> <p>Dave Decker, Fire Chief</p> <p>Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services</p> <p>Brian Lee, Director, Engineering</p> <p>Morgan Jones, Director, Operations</p> <p>Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability &amp; Asset Management</p> <p>Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning &amp; Urban Design</p>	<p>Josh Machesney, Elections &amp; Committee Coordinator</p> <p>Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p> <p>Fred Rich, Manager, Strategy &amp; Insurance Risk Management</p> <p>Meg West, Manager, Business Planning &amp; Projects</p> <p>Mona Nazif, Senior Manager, HR Client Services</p> <p>Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Strategy, Innovation &amp; Investments</p> <p>Sara Tam, Manager, Business Planning &amp; Innovation</p> <p>Stephanie DiPerna, Manager, Plans Review</p> <p>Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications &amp; Community Engagement</p> <p>Catherine Biss, CEO, Markham Public Library</p> <p>Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste Management &amp; Environment</p>

John Yeh, Manager, Policy & Research

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special General Committee meeting Council Strategy Session 2 convened at 9:03 AM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath in the Chair.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti provided opening remarks and welcomed Members of Council and Staff.

General Committee recessed at 12:20 PM and reconvened at 1:03 PM.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**3. EDUCATION & TRAINING SESSION**

**3.1 GUEST SPEAKERS**

**3.1.1 DEREK BURLETON, VICE PRESIDENT & DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST, TD BANK GROUP**

Derek Burleton, Vice-President and Deputy Chief Economist, discussed the current economic outlook in Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Mr. Burleton also provided insight into the key economic drivers over the next 10 years.

**3.1.2 DANIELE ZANOTTI, UNITED WAY**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti introduced Daniele Zanotti, MSW, United Way, Greater Toronto Area.

Mr. Zanotti discussed the comparative poverty landscape in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including the City of Toronto, Peel Region, and York Region. In particular, Mr. Zanotti spoke in-depth about the following:

- Income inequality in York Region;
- Affordable housing in Markham and York Region; and,
- Helping youth access the labour market.

Mr. Zanoliti thanked Staff and Members of Council for the City's leadership and contributions to the United Way over the past several years, particularly the City's leadership in establishing a network for new immigrants attempting to access affordable housing and employment opportunities in Markham.

### **3.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING (FACILITATED DISCUSSION)**

Joanne Berry, Facilitator, discussed the strategic planning process overview. Ms. Berry asked participants to brainstorm and discuss the following key business drivers that impact the City's strategic planning process:

- Political and regulatory;
- Economic;
- Social and demographic;
- Technology; and,
- Environmental.

Staff and Members of General Committee participated in an organizational SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis exercise. Participants were also asked to brainstorm the prominent issues and opportunities that are facing the community and they were discussed in open session.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti provided closing remarks and thanked the guest speakers and the facilitator for their time and for coming to speak to Staff and Members of General Committee.

The Special General Committee meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Moved By Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded By Councillor Khalid Usman

1. That the April 24, 2019 Special General Committee meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**