



**Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee
February 20, 2019 Minutes
City of Markham
Location: Canada Room**

Members:

**Rob Kadlovski, UBIA, Chair
Harry Eaglesham, Community Rep, Vice Chair
Wes Rowe, UVA
Stanley Wu , MVC
Tony Lamanna, UBIA
Geoff Pyne, URA
Reid McAlpine, Ward 3 Councillor (till 7:40pm)
Kimberley Kwan, UHS
Sylvia Morris, UBIA**

Regrets:

**Jim Jones, Regional Councillor
Scott Harper, Community Rep
Joseph Cimer, Community Rep
Ken Davis, Heritage Markham
Bill Bilkas, Community Rep**

Guests:

**Andrew Johnson, Consultant
Mark Warden, Unionville Curling Club
Bishoi Shinoda, York Region School Board**

Staff:

**Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Stephen Chait, Chair, Director, Economic Growth,
Culture & Entrepreneurship
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Brian Lee, Director of Engineering (till 7:30pm)
Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery
Anna Lee, Committee Clerk**

The meeting of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee convened at 7:13 pm with Rob Kadlovski presiding as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved by Geoff Pyne
Seconded by Wes Rowe

That the Agenda for the February 20, 2019 meeting be confirmed as amended with the addition of the Gazebo Proposal as the first order of business followed by the Main Street Unionville Streetscape Master Plan Study.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of November 21st, 2018 and Notes of January 16, 2019

Moved by Harry Eaglesham
Seconded by Wes Rowe

That the Minutes of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee meeting held on November 21, 2018 be adopted, as distributed.

Carried

Moved by Geoff Pyne
Seconded by Reid McAlpine

That the Meeting Notes of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee meeting held on January 16, 2019 (held without quorum) be received as information.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Main Street Unionville Streetscape Master Plan Study

- Andrew Johnson, consultant, provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation that will be given at the open house on February 27, 2019.
- Regan Hutcheson advised that staff had reached out to the community to attend the open house through newspaper notices and contacting local organizations through email.
- Concepts 1 and 2 will be presented at the public community open house with the PowerPoint slides and presentation boards.
- There will also be a survey given to all those at the open house. The members of the committee received a copy of the survey for any commentary and feedback.
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will also be distributed to all members of the committee by Regan Hutcheson.
- The Engineering Department is still investigating if an Environmental Assessment will be required for concept 2.
- The open house will allow the public to give their feedback on the concepts and any ideas for what they would like to see in the new concept. The difference of the sidewalk and boulevard sections of each concept will be detailed during the open house.
- Heritage Markham Committee and the UBIA will also be consulted, March 13 and 20, respectively.
- Feedback from members included a caution regarding adding too much clutter back on the street in the form of furnishings (some of which are now on private property) and a concern about the dangerous aspects related to parking on the boulevard on the west side of Main Street.

b) Toogood Pond Pavilion Area Update (lease arrangement)

- Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services, went through the lease arrangements of the Toogood Pond Pavilion area. The lease was re-signed in 2018 for another 5 years, until 2023. The lease agreement entitles the tenant to general vending in the area. Members of

the committee voiced their opinion and ideas on having the area utilized more by the public such as canoes and paddleboat rentals or other means to animate the area. Ms. Creighton noted that the City has not been approached by vendors wanting to undertake these type of activities to date. In response to a comment about the area being neglected, it was noted that the city has made positive improvements to the shoreline of the pond and the pathway to improve and naturalize it.

c) Art Gallery Rep on Committee Update

- Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship, was present to give an update on having an art gallery rep on the committee. The Varley Art Gallery is happy to contribute to any projects pertaining to Unionville. The Art Gallery would like to work collaboratively with the committee so that people can experience the area. Mr. Chait advised that there is value in having someone at the committee meetings, when required, and the person attending will also depend on the matter at hand. Up to this point, Sandra Tam had been attending because of her economic portfolio, but she will be replaced by Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery who will attend when items on the agenda warrant her participation and contribution. The Art Gallery would like to be utilized and play a bigger part in the experience of Unionville.
- Niamh O’Laoghaire, gave an update on the new signage proposed for the Varley Art Gallery including consultation with Heritage Section staff and Heritage Markham Committee. Once the new logo is reviewed and approved by the Development Services Committee work on the new sign can proceed. The Art Gallery is open to ideas and suggestions of ways to partner with businesses and the committee to package a greater experience for all those that visit Unionville. Members discussed food opportunities within the gallery or in the front courtyard and how best the gallery can partner with local businesses.

d) Flag Pole Issue Update

- Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services updated the committee on the flag pole that has been removed from the Varley Art Gallery. There has not been any decision made on where to relocate the flag pole and it is not in this year’s work plan. The Bandstand at Millennium Park is not recommended as the flag pole must be located where there are facilities staff to follow city protocol on flags. Wes Rowe and Mary Creighton will have follow-up discussions on this issue.

4. New Business/Other Matters

a) Planning Applications

- No new formal applications.

b) Gazebo Proposal

- Councillor McAlpine informed the committee members that the City is considering a number of improvement projects using funding from the province which is to be used to improve Main Streets.
 - He noted that some of the money is proposed to be used to install the gate feature next to Parkview Public School.
 - He informed the committee that the Parks Department is proposing a gazebo in Millennium Square park towards the west end corner. The proposal is for a gazebo that is an all black metal structure, which was presented to the Heritage Markham Committee. He noted that the proposal has been deferred by the Heritage Markham Committee and Councillor McAlpine wanted to give this committee a chance to review it.
 - Member feedback included that playground equipment is preferred, questioned why metal was being considered and not wood and that there is likely a better use of the funding. Members also discussed some connectivity linkages that could be considered.
 - It was suggested that the committee review the approved Vision Plan document and have further discussions on potential projects that could be suggested for consideration. It was pointed out that any project using this funding must be completed by March 2020.
- c) All other New Business/Other Matters on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting as they were to be discussed by Bill Bilkas, who was not able to attend this meeting.

5. Adjournment

Moved by Tony Lamanna
Seconded by Sylvia Morris

The Committee adjourned at 8:47 pm.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.