



**Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee
January 16, 2019 Meeting Notes**

**City of Markham
Location: Canada Room**

Members:

**Rod Kadlovski, Chair
Reid McAlpine, Ward 3 Councillor
Wes Rowe, UVA
Geoff Pyne, URA
Kimberley Kwan, UHS
Joseph Cimer, Community Rep
Ken Davis, Heritage Markham**

Regrets:

**Jim Jones, Regional Councillor
Stanley Wu, UVC
Tony Lamanna, UBIA
Sylvia Morris, UBIA
Bill Bilkas, Community Rep
Harry Eaglesham, Community Rep
Scott Harper, Community Rep**

Guests:

**Mark Warden, Unionville Curling Club
Peter Miasek, URA Alternate**

Staff:

**Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage
Planning
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation
Services
Sandra Tam, Senior Business Dev Officer
Alex Sepe, Committee Clerk**

The meeting of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee convened at 7:10 pm without a quorum with Rob Kadlovski presiding as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Item added: 5.C – Committee memberships

The committee could not approve the agenda as quorum was not present.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 21st, 2018 meeting

The committee could not approve the minutes of November 21st, 2018 as quorum was not present.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Main Street Unionville Streetscape Master Plan Study

An update on the Study was provided by Regan Hutcheson: City has retained a private consultant (Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects) to complete the final phases of the streetscape. Andrew Johnston formerly with the City will be the lead consultant.

- An update on the Master Plan was presented to Development Services Committee of Council on November 19, 2018.
- Council subsequently approved staff to undertake further community and stakeholder consultation on Concepts 1 and 2.

Mr. Hutcheson asked the Committee to provide input on the most appropriate form of engagement and possible locations for a community meeting.

- Committee members suggested Crosby Arena (Lamplight Room), Varley Art Gallery Community Room, Stiver Mill/Train Station (considered too small) or local churches. Either Crosby Arena or the Gallery were fine with the members.
- Most appropriate date for the community meeting would be the end of February to allow the HUCVC to review materials and approach prior to going to the public.
- Some members thought it may be valuable to have display boards available from 6:30-7:00 pm and a short formal presentation around 7:00 pm followed by informal discussions at various subject board areas. The remainder of the public consultation would allow for residents to discuss the plan with city staff.
- Potential feedback approaches include: allowing people to put Post-It Notes on illustrations with their comments, using flip charts to record input at specific stations, and perhaps a survey form for those who like to write out their own comments.
- A discussion occurred regarding the use of social media to advertise the event and allow community members an opportunity to provide commentary if they are unable to attend the consultation. Use of the City website and notice in the Economist and Sun was also noted as well as contacting all Unionville community groups by email and asking that their members be informed of the consultations.
- Councillor Reid McAlpine indicated he has an extensive mailing list that is used to send out a newsletter on the first of every month. He offered to

provide an update regarding the streetscape consultation however, he would need to receive a date/location prior to the first of the month.

- Staff was to secure a venue and date/time near the end of February at their earliest opportunity.

b) **Toogood Pond Pavilion Area – Land Lease concept**

Mary Creighton provided information on the use and leasing arrangement associated with the building in Toogood Pond area

- A private company has a lease for the building. Food services and washrooms are offered.
- The term of the land lease still needs to be confirmed. The Lease will be looked into by Mary Creighton and an update will be provided at the next committee.
- Concerns was expressed that the building is often not open and times are not consistent from one week to the next. City is losing an opportunity at this location. Is there the opportunity to rehabilitate the property to obtain its highest and best use.
- At the request of the Committee, Ms. Creighton will return back with terms and conditions of the current lease details for the parcel as well as a drawing of the interior features.
- Councillor McAlpine mentioned the possibility of landscaping the area to mirror the other side of the pond

5. **New Business/ Other Matters**

a) **School/City Gate Proposal – Update from Council (Dec 12th)**

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on activity associated with this project:

- This issue was brought to Council by staff seeking authority to enter into an agreement with the school board to allow a gate feature for occasional use during street closures. Some members of the local community requested additional projects be linked to support for the gate proposal. Council did not wish to link the gate project to other projects in the area.
- Councillor McAlpine is hosting a meeting with reps from the school board, local school stakeholders, and City Staff to address this issue. He noted his goal is to see the gate project proceed immediately with the City agreeing to explore the other projects such as using the Park Renaissance Program related to improvements at Crosby Park (i.e. the construction of a playground at Crosby park).
- The Councillor indicated that the goal is to have the gate completed by the spring. Gate will be 16ft wide, functioning as a 2-way access driveway.
- The Councillor further indicated that the current concern is where to construct a playground at Crosby park, a key factor is limited space. In addition, the placement of the playground must be in close proximity to Parkview Public school.

- The Councillor noted that the proposed funding for the gate project is split amongst three projects. He indicated that the two other projects are a shade structure/gazebo near the Bandstand and an upgrading of landscaping near the cenotaph.

b) **Planning Applications Summary**

Regan Hutcheson noted the following:

- 3 Building Permit Applications – 206 Main Street: Multi residential building, addition to an existing commercial building and an extension to underground parking structure.

A committee member noted that the S/E corner of Main Street /Hwy 7 (old gas station property) is for sale. Land is certainly contaminated and within TRCA regulation. The Committee questioned whether the property could be redeveloped into a public parkette.

c) **Committee Membership**

Regan Hutcheson advised that 2 committee member terms (Scott Harper and Harry Eaglesham) were completed as of November 2018, and that Council is responsible for appointing new representatives or reappointing past members (if they choose to re-apply). The members can remain on the committee until new appointments are made. Clerks Department is hosting a board and committee information night on January 31, 2019.

The Committee asked if a representative from the Art Gallery was to be a staff liaison to the Committee (in addition to Mr. Hutcheson and Ms. Creighton). Mr. Hutcheson noted that Sandra Tam was currently representing the Culture & Economic Development Department which is responsible for the Art Gallery. Staff will consult with Director Stephen Chait on this issue.

Regan Hutcheson also introduced Mark Warden from the Unionville Curling Club who was visiting. Mr. Warden noted the Curling Club is very interested in what transpires in this area specifically when it involves their property. He added that the Club has 475 members with 80% living in Ward 3. The Committee had previously recommended that the Curling Club be officially represented on the HUCVC and the Club has agreed to be a member, if Council is supportive.

d) **Flag Pole at Bandstand**

A member raised a question regarding installing a flag pole at the bandstand. It was indicated that the UVA were prepared to pay for the flag and maintain it. Mary Creighton advised that there were new policies on civic flag poles and where they will be located. She will look into the flag pole policies (where to be located, when flags must be taken down etc.) and will report back to the committee.

e) **Crosby Arena Exterior Washroom Awning**

Mary Creighton advised that the installation had been delayed, but was expected to be installed this spring.

f) **Property Standard Issues**

It was noted that the BIA is attempting to address a variety of these infractions in an informal manner.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair or held on Wednesday February 20th, 2019.

PARKED ITEMS

- Section 37 Funding
- Metrolinx Train Service Implications
- Capital Budget 2019 Input
- Paid Parking
- Curling Club Parking Structure
- By-law Enforcement Issues
- Unionville Heritage Centre Secondary Plan
- School Board Consultation (Gate at Parkview PS)
- ESSO Site (Highway 7 and Main St)
- Public Washrooms