



Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee

May 15, 2019 Minutes

City of Markham

Location: Canada Room

Attendance

Members:

Harry Eaglesham, Community Rep, Vice Chair

Jim Jones, Regional Councillor

Don Hamilton, Deputy Mayor

Wes Rowe, UVA

Tony Lamanna, UBIA

Stanley Wu, MVC

Reid McAlpine, Ward 3 Councillor

Kimberley Kwan, UHS

Joseph Cimer, Community Rep

Bill Bilkas, Community Rep

Josze Zerczi, URA

Alex Sepe, Committee Clerk

Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery

Guest:

Peter Miasek

Regrets:

Rob Kadlovski, UBIA, Chair

Sylvia Morris, UBIA

Ken Davis, Heritage Markham

Mark Warden, Unionville Curling Club

Scott Harper, Community Rep

Staff:

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The meeting of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee convened at 7:10 pm with Harry Eaglesham presiding as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed

2. Confirmation of Agenda

That the following items were proposed as new business items for the May 15th meeting:

- 1) Regan Hutcheson added the Capital Budget 2020.
- 2) Kimberley Kwan requested an update on the School Gateway Project.

- 3) Harry Eaglesham asked for an update on the Secondary Plan.

Moved by: Joseph Cimer
Seconded: Kimberley Kwan

That the Agenda be amended with the addition of the identified items.

Carried.

3. Adoption of the amended Minutes of the April 17th and March 27th, 2019 meeting of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee

Moved By: Wes Rowe
Seconded By: Joseph Cimer

That the Minutes of the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee meeting held on April 17th be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Update on Selection of Provincial Grant Funding Projects for Unionville

- Councillor McAlpine provided an update on the three proposed projects:
 - Unionville Bandstand - construction and extension of the hard surface area to the north of the bandstand. Will include the removal of one tree and the installation of a flag pole. This project is projected to be completed in fall 2019.
 - Gate Project between Parkview Public School lands and the City owned lane. It was reported that the project is underway.
 - Landscape improvements and removal of driveway access south of 142 Main St just north of the bridge providing a Main Street connection into the park.
- Regan Hutcheson informed the committee that any project proposed to be funded under the Provincial Grant will require Council approval.

b) Crosby Arena Area Concept Review

- Mary Creighton asked that this item be deferred to the June 2017 meeting.
- She noted that staff was consulting other departments about this space and will also be meeting with the Curling Club before the next meeting. It was suggested that this needs to be considered holistically (transportation issues, fire access issues, etc.)

c) Main Street/Hwy 7 Gateway Improvements

- Mary Creighton stated that ~~program~~ the Director of Operations, Morgan Jones will attend the June meeting to discuss the gateway. It was noted that we need to wait for the Gateway Master Plan to be completed. The Committee identified other areas that have gateway features (Greektown in Toronto, Newmarket's Main Street).
- Councillor McAlpine encouraged the committee to go to YourVoice Markham to provide feedback on the Gateway Master Plan.

Crosby Arena Historic Plaques – Potential Relocation

- Mary Creighton informed the committee that the plaques at Crosby Arena will be relocated internally within the arena.

- Committee members requested that the Crosby Washroom Façade be added to Parked Items, with an update to be provided soon. Mary Creighton noted that there has been delays due to manufacturing issues.

5. New Business/ Other Matters

a) Status of Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee

- Councillor McAlpine informed the committee that Markham Council is currently consolidating committees throughout the City. The Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee will now be classified as a meeting of the Unionville Subcommittee.
- As of now Harry and Rob will continue to Chair the committee.
- Harry Eaglesham asked if the terms of reference will change for the committee?
 - The Committee Clerk will check in with the Clerks Department and relay information back to the committee.
Regan Hutcheson noted that staff is still seeking clarity on how Vision Committee items will get on the Unionville Sub-Committee agenda, if community re-appointments to the Vision Committee will occur and if the Vision Committee is considered a sub-committee of the Unionville Sub-Committee.
- Councillor McAlpine encouraged the committee to make an annual deputation to City Council, outlining the work completed by the committee.

b) Transit Infrastructure Improvements on Highway 7

- Regan Hutcheson provided information on a plan to install a larger bus shelter along Highway 7 (northeast corner). This project will result in the temporary removal and relocation of Unionville Heritage Conservation District Entry Sign. The new shelter is proposed to be complementary to the heritage area.
- Don Hamilton highlighted that City of Markham staff will store the sign at the City's yard, and this will allow staff to do maintenance work on the sign.

c) Unionville Festival Update

- Councillor McAlpine said this is the 50th anniversary of the festival, and it will last four days (Thursday to Sunday).
- Peter Miasek asked if there will be a festival next year?
 - Councillor McAlpine indicated there appears to be volunteer and organizational fatigue, but that he will advocate for a festival next year, perhaps smaller in scale.

d) Farmers Market Update for 2019 & Art Gallery Update

- Kimberley Kwan informed the committee that the Farmers Market begins June 9, opening at 9am and closing at 2pm. She noted that these are new climate-friendly hours. The parking lot will be used for parking with vendors inside the Stiver Mill and outside on the limestone screen area. New vendors are expected.
- Tony Lamanna asked if the barn from Main Street will-be moved to the Stiver Mill site?
 - Don Hamilton said the barn will not be moved due to its size.

- Niamh O’Laoghaire from the Varley Art Gallery informed the committee that a total of three new exhibits have opened, including a photography and conceptual show which will continue until Labour Day.
- The art gallery will be involved in the Unionville festival, conducting different workshops and shows. Summer camps will also be available at the Varley Art Gallery after July 1.
- Reid McAlpine stated that George LeDonne donated \$ 5,000 to the Unionville Highschool Art School to design a wrap for the construction hoarding at 206 Main Street.

e) Planning Applications

- Regan Hutcheson gave update on the following development applications
 - 197 Main Street: Application for a sign at McKay Art Centre. New sign location, traditional style.
 - 216 Main Street: Application for ground sign for Varley Art Gallery. Located in courtyard addressing intersection, modern but complementary.
 - 27 Victoria Avenue: Rear yard privacy fence.
 - 15 Union Street: Exterior painting of porches.
- Toogood Pond Park: Interpretive and Directional signage in park (10 panels) as part of a forest therapy trail. Shrinrin-Yoku ‘taking in the forest atmosphere’ or ‘forest bathing’ is the concept.

f) Capital Budget 2020

- Regan Hutcheson, informed the Committee that staff has been asked to identify potential capital budget projects for 2020. Regan indicated that that committee members may wish to propose potential projects at the June meeting.
- The Committee asked about the Streetscape Master Plan project. Funding at this point is for the master plan, next phase is detailed design but it is currently unfunded.
- Bill Bilkas questioned if the project cost for the Markham Main Street project could be used to provide an approximate cost estimate for the Unionville Main Street project?
 - Regan Hutcheson noted that the Markham Main Street Project is different in scope than the Unionville project, in addition, the Markham project was funded through a gas tax.
- Peter Miasek stated that the Main Street Unionville project should be a line item in the next capital budget.
- Tony Lamanna stated that he would like Main Street to look ‘worn in’, meaning he does not want the new portions of Main Street to look different than the existing built form.
- Councillor McAlpine mentioned that the proponent of the potential redevelopment of the west side of Main Street is willing to provide feedback on the streetscape concepts.

g) School Gate Update

- Kimberley Kwan asked for an update. Regan Hutcheson indicated that work is proceeding with the intention to have gate completed by June.
- Wes Rowe questioned if the City of Markham owns the property within the schoolyard where the gateway is?

Regan Hutcheson informed that the City only owns the property east of the gate feature and the gate will be on City property.

h) Update on the Unionville Secondary Plan

- Regan Hutcheson informed the Committee that a draft has been prepared, it is being reviewed internally and once work is completed on the secondary plan it will be presented to Council and released for public consultation.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Kimberley Kwan

Seconded by: Wes Rowe

The Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Carried.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair or held on Wednesday June 19th, 2019.

PARKED ITEMS

- Section 37 Funding
- Metrolinx Train Service Implications
- Capital Budget 2020 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)
- Crosby Washroom Façade
- Highway 7 Gateway

Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee Terms of Reference

Mandate

To provide advice and assistance to Council on the implementation of the Main Street Unionville Community Vision Plan (2014) and on related local matters affecting the Historic Unionville area by providing a community perspective.

Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of no less than seven (7) members and no more than fifteen (15) members in total including:

- Representatives of the public from the Unionville community; and

- Three representatives to be appointed by the Unionville Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board; and
- One representative to be appointed by each of the following organizations to represent the organization on this Committee:
 - Unionville Villagers Association Representative (1)
 - Unionville Historical Society Representative (1)
 - Unionville Ratepayers Association Representative (1)
 - Unionville Village Conservancy Representative (1)
 - Heritage Markham Committee (1); and
- Local Councillor (Ward 3); and
- One additional Member of Markham Council

Duties and Function:

- To assist with the implementation of the Main Street Unionville Community Vision Plan, as endorsed by Council;
- To monitor, update and recommend revisions to the Community Vision Plan and other related document, as necessary, to ensure these plans and documents reflect the community's desired objectives;
- To recommend to Council a plan or a series of plans, projects and/or activities that would enable the Community Vision Plan to be achieved;
- To provide input on issues, projects, policy documents and studies, and advise on local matters affecting the Historic Unionville area by providing a community perspective;
- To recommend to Council improvements to the Historic Unionville area that complement and support the Community Vision Plan;
- To encourage interested parties to make improvements to the Historic Unionville area that complements and supports the Community Vision Plan.

Area of Interest

The Committee's primary area of interest to undertake its duties and functions is within the boundaries of the Unionville Heritage Conservation District. However, on occasion there may be policies/programs or development on adjacent or nearby properties that may also impact the Committee's area of interest.

Chair of Committee

The Chair and Vice-Chair will be determined by the Committee.

Sub-Committees

Sub-committees may be formed, if necessary, for specific matters of interest. Sub-committees will report to the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee.

Reporting

To report through the Development Services Committee through its minutes and staff reports as necessary, and through the assigned Council representatives.

Remuneration

None

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be monthly or at the call of the Chair, in the evening.

Staff Resources

Staff from the Planning and Urban Design Department (Heritage Section) and Clerks Department