



Main Street Markham Committee June 19, 2019 Minutes
City of Markham
Location: Canada Room

Attendance

Members:

Councillor Karen Rea
Jason McCauley
Dianne More
Peter Ross
Graham Dewar
Paul Cicchini
Gunter Langhorst
Harvey Thomson
Ardy Reid
John Himanen
Jennifer Peter-Morales

Siobhan Covington

Staff:

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage
Planning
Alex Sepe, Committee Clerk

Regrets:

Tanya-Kay Melbourne

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:45 pm with Karen Rea presiding as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Peter Ross and Dianne More indicated they wished to add to New Business – Motions of Appreciation. Regan Hutcheson noted he had a Brief History of the Main Street Markham Committee to share with the members.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 28th, 2018 meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee.

Moved By: Jason McCauley
Seconded By: Graham Dewar

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on November 28th 2018 be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Morgan Park Pool Building Update

- Councillor Rea informed the committee that the new building is still being costed. The main outstanding issue is whether the pool fencing should be chain-link fencing or a traditional metal fence which is substantially more money.
- Councillor Rea said that due to the project being over-budget Council may have to allocate additional funding.
- She also noted there is the matter of installing a chain-link fence surrounding the baseball diamond and the implications associated with this.

b) Main Street Markham Vision Plan (2019)

- Councillor Rea reported she met with Morgan Jones, Director of Operations and Brian Lee, Director of Engineering to discuss improvements to the sidewalk/boulevard north of Bullock Drive and to better understand when the new road ROW was to be implemented. Staff indicated that no sidewalk improvements should occur here until the City locates and evaluates the underground infrastructure and determines when it is scheduled to be replaced (preliminary info indicates that the sanitary and storm system may need to be replaced within 10 years, but a more comprehensive review was needed). Staff are not recommending any work at this time. It was also noted that the original streetscape proposal for this part of Main Street may need to change. This could require a revised EA.
- Councillor Rea stated that new developments along Main Street will increase traffic, and she encouraged the committee members to attend the public consultation for the future Markham Village Secondary Plan.

5. New Business/ Other Matters

a) Status of Main Street Markham Committee

- Council determined that the Main Street Markham Committee has completed its mandate and the Committee would end as of June 30th. It was noted that for future major issues pertaining to Main Street, task-forces may be created (such as the future ROW for the roadway north of Bullock Drive).
- Regan Hutcheson stated that City Council determined that matters of Main Street Markham can be discussed through the Markham Sub-committee.
- Councillor Rea announced that a charrette would be held for the upcoming secondary plan north of 16th Avenue and that she had asked that the terms of reference for the study include an examination of how Markham's Main Street south of 16th Avenue would be protected from new development and traffic. Already, there is traffic infiltration on side streets in the village area.

b) Main Street Provincial Funding Projects

- Regan Hutcheson informed the committee that the City of Markham received \$140,000 from the province for improvements to the Main Street, Markham Village area. The funding will be used on the following 3 projects:
 - Improvements to the civic gathering space at Robinson and Main Street;
 - Entry feature on Main Street south of Hwy 7 - the plan is to install a historical looking solar powered clock;
 - Self-watering planters for Main Street.
- Committee members questioned if the clock will be large enough for the existing space and also mentioned that existing lighting and signage infrastructure may result in the clock becoming less visible.
- A member also mentioned that the Linear Park at the bottom of Vinegar Hill requires some repairs (fencing is losing its paint and not lined up). Councillor Rea noted she was aware of the issue.

c) Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson reviewed incoming applications impacting Markham Village over the last few months.

Site Plan Application:

- 73 Main Street South: New Dwellings. Revised Application, community information meeting to be held July 2019.

Committee of Adjustment

- 40 Albert Street: Variances and Semi-detached construction.
- 11 Princess Street: Variances.
- 1 Beech Street: Basement Second Suite.

Heritage Permits

- 115-117 Main Street North: Brick Repairs.
- 4 Peter Street: Wood screen door.
- Main Street South Traffic Island: Clock Project.
- 98 Main Street North: Civic Square landscape.
- 19 Parkway Ave: Book Exchange.
- 24 Church Street: Front/Rear yard fencing.
- 48 Church Street: Front and Side Exterior Doors.

Building Permits

- 340 Main Street North: Basement window changes.
- 33 Joseph Street: Residential addition.
- 14 Wales Ave: Demolition request.
- 328 Main Street North: Bar Sink
- 175 Main Street North: Wall Sign - ReMax.
- 106 Main Street North: Wall Sign – “The Ten Spot”.

Financial Assistance:

- 32 Washington Street: Designated Heritage Property Grant Program.
- 16 George Street: Designated Heritage Property Grant Program.
- 180 Main Street North: Designated Heritage Property Grant Program.
- 40-44 Main Street North: Commercial Façade Grant Program.

Dianne More mentioned her concerns regarding the introduction of ‘gaming places’ on Main Street - she thinks that they do not offer anything for the local community.

- Jason McCauley informed the committee that gaming is quite popular amongst younger demographics.
- Paul Cicchini said that the existing gaming store helps the street as patrons visit restaurants and business along Main Street.

d) End of the Committee/ Motions of Appreciation

- Regan Hutcheson provided each Committee member with a document entitled “A Brief History of Main Street Markham Committee” which highlighted how the committee was created, its first members, the major projects sponsored by the committee over the years, studies undertaken involving the Committee and a listing of the final members of the Committee.
- Members joined together for a group photograph around a celebration/ thank you cake marking two decades of service. Original and longest serving committee member Peter Ross cut the cake. Councillor Rea then presented Peter with a City of Markham Appreciation Plaque for his 21 years of service on the Committee.
- Peter Ross spoke of the Committee’s work and accomplishments since 1988. He then presented a motion of thanks to acknowledge the many committee members, City staff and members of Council who had contributed to the committee’s success.

Moved by: Peter Ross

Seconded by: Dianne More

Motion

On the final meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee (June 19, 2019) after its creation 21 years ago by Markham Council to create a Vision for Main Street Markham and to help guide its implementation, the Committee wishes to thank:

- The Ward 4 and 5 City Councillors who have chaired the Committee over the years, beginning with then Councillors Jack Heath & George McKelvey who championed the Vision in 1999, continuing to more recently under the leadership of Councillor Colin Campbell and finally that of our current Ward 4 Councillor Karen Rea who has brought our mandate to its current and proud conclusion. We wish to express our appreciation for their leadership, guidance and support in the

realization of this important initiative to revitalize the Main Street of Markham Village;

- All of the many volunteer members who have served on the Committee over the years, representing area residents, ratepayer and heritage associations, businesses and the BIA, for their dedication to the Committee's work in realizing its many projects and serving on the many studies that have been undertaken by the City;
- The many dedicated professional City staff who have guided and supported the Committee in its work, including the research for and realization of countless projects, as well as our patient secretarial staff; in particular the outstanding contribution of Regan Hutcheson, currently Manager, Heritage Planning Development Services Commission, whose expertise, wisdom & good humour over the last 20 years has been indispensable to the success of this Committee; and finally
- Mayor Frank Scarpitti and the Council of the City of Markham who have provided crucial and continuing support of this Committee over two decades and whose decisions made the vision for Main Street Markham real for future generations to enjoy.

Carried

Dianne More presented a motion of thanks to Peter Ross.

Moved by: Dianne More

Seconded by: Siobhan Covington

Motion

That the Main Street Markham Committee officially recognize and sincerely thank Peter Ross for his 21 years of dedicated volunteer service provided to the committee, the City of Markham and to City staff, including of special note, his active leadership and guidance during all phases of the planning and re-construction and streetscape improvements related to Main Street Markham from Bullock Drive to Highway 407.

Carried

6. Updates/News from Committee Members

a) Markham BIA

- Paul Cicchini thanked the Committee for all the hard work that was contributed by the members over the years to help transform Main Street and Markham Village into the vibrant and attractive community it is today.

b) Markham Village Conservancy

- Dianne More said the Conservancy is continuing the Markham Village Conservancy Plaque Project for heritage homes - the plaques identify the original owner, occupation and the year the home was built. Dianne further stated that the

Train Station is turning 150 years old in 2020 and the floors are being refurbished and a new heritage kitchen installed.

- The Conservancy will participate in Doors Open in September with a model railway display at the Train Station.
- The Conservancy is also exploring sponsorship of the artwork project for the foyer wall in the new Morgan Pool building.

c) Councillor/ Other Members

- John Himanen thanked the committee for all the great work they have done and has enjoyed being a part of the team.
- Councillor Rea thanked Regan Hutcheson for his continuous support throughout the years.
- Councillor Rea informed the committee that the City did a snow removal survey using YourVoiceMarkham.ca. She encouraged the members to visit the site and participate in other feedback opportunities.

7. Next Meeting

- a) This is the last meeting of this Committee.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Graham Dewar

Seconded by: Dianne More

Carried.

9. Parked Items

- Markham Village Secondary Plan
- Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan Update
- Markham Village Interpretive Project
- Parking Authority and Parking Lot Issues
- Status of Town Square Feasibility Study
- Linear Park Main Street South
- Morgan Park
- Veteran's Square and Cenotaph
- Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue Extension
- Donald Cousens Parkway Extension
- Steeles and Markham Road Extension