



**MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
YORK ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

Minutes

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members

Stephen Lusk, Chair
Taleen Der Haroutiounian
Dawn Kay
Adam Keung
Bill Pickering
Ardy Reid
Julie Tiefenbach
Councillor Reid McAlpine

Guest

Helena Grdadolnik, Consultant

Staff

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery
Yan Wu, Public Art Coordinator
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

REGRETS

Angelo Serrentino
Rahul Shastri
Alina Tarbhai
Jenny Tung
Ken Wightman
Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth,
Culture and Entrepreneurship

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:03 pm with Stephen Lusk presiding as Chair. He welcomed Dawn Kay as a new member to the Committee and introductions were made.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 11, 2019 AND ON AUGUST 20, 2019

It was

Moved by Bill Pickering
Seconded by Ardy Reid

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meetings held on April 11, 2019 and on August 25, 2019, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None was reported.

6. PUBLIC ART UPDATES

Niamh O’Laoghaire and Yan Wu reported on the following public art projects:

Aaniin Community Centre

Yan Wu briefly reviewed the history of the project to date. Production of the large top garden is on schedule; installation is anticipated for late fall 2019.

Berczy Statue

The unveiling of the statue occurred on September 9, 2017. It was reported that cracks, which have occurred due to the settling of the ground where the statue is installed, will be repaired. Public Art Coordinator Yan Wu will contract with a supplier to execute this work, paid for out of Public Art funds as the one-year warranty on the work has expired.

Downtown Markham Public Art Installation

It was reported that the project is currently on hold due to negotiations relating to the transfer of the additional piece of land the City requires from the developer to install the work. Markham has approved the fabrication of the work and its storage for up to two years, pending installation.

7. PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN

Helena Grdadolnik, the consultant selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to develop a Public Art Master Plan, presented updates to the draft public art master plan which had been presented to the Committee at the August 20, 2019 meeting. Committee members provided feedback at that meeting and additional input could be provided until the end of August 2019.

Ms. Grdadolnik also received feedback from Markham departments, such as Urban Design, Engineering, Corporate Services, Community Services and Development Services. She reviewed the revisions which were made to incorporate feedback received, ensure clarity of intent, dovetail provisions in the plan with the existing public art policy, provide connections to Destination Markham initiatives, incorporate wording to accurately reflect Markham's processes, clarify roles of staff and the process of public art acquisition.

Ms. Grdadolnik reviewed the Implementation Plan indicating proposed sites for the Public Art Plan period of 2020-24, including:

- Pan Am Center Plaza (2020)
- Main Street Unionville Streetscape (2020) – temporary project while the streetscape master plan progresses;
- Digital Art (2022) – site(s) to be determined; Digital Art would identify Markham as the High Tech Capital of Canada and for public art to be a gateway marker on or near transportation corridors;
- Seasonal Artwork in Trails and City Parks across all Wards (2021 and every second year afterward)
- Varley Art Gallery Courtyard (2022) likely a sculpture work; there may be potential for future fundraising through a combination of partnerships, sponsorships and government programs; this may also be a corridor for tourism.
- Walking Routes (2022-2024) two or three projects to provide local artists with mentorship opportunities to enhance skills and increase experience;
- Rouge River Trails/Markham Centre (2022-2024) likely a combination of longer term and seasonal artwork.

The Committee expressed interest in immediately moving with the Pan Am Centre Plaza project to be funded from the Public Art Reserve Fund. It was advised that the Main Street Markham Village Gateway project was removed from the Implementation Plan because work is already underway. Committee members discussed the site categories and recommended that projects for Seasonal Artwork in Trails and City Parks and for Walking Routes be evenly distributed among all Markham Wards.

It was reported that, because of uncertainty related to implementation of Bill 108, the proposed Markham Public Art Master Plan may not be presented to Markham Council in October 2019 as originally planned.

Committee members expressed support for the proposed final draft, as presented.

It was

Moved by Taleen Der Haroutiounian
Seconded by Julie Tiefenbach

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee endorse to Markham Council the proposed public art master plan entitled "Making Our Mark: Public Art Master Plan 2020-2024, Final Draft September 2019", as presented.

CARRIED

It was

Moved by Julie Tiefenbach
Seconded by Dana Kay

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee endorse to Markham Council the proposed Implementation Plan for the plan entitled “Making Our Mark: Public Art Implementation Plan 2020-24, Final Draft September 2019”, as presented.

CARRIED

It was

Moved by Bill Pickering
Seconded by Taleen Der Haroutiounian

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee recommend to Markham Council the immediate implementation of the Pan Am Centre Plaza plan to be funded from the current Public Art Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Niamh O’Laoghaire thanked Helena Grdadolnik for her dedication and efforts in drafting the proposed public art master plan entitled “Making Our Mark: Public Art Master Plan 2020-24, Final Draft September 2019”.

8. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The Committee discussed ways to engage Corporate Communications to develop a sustainable communications plan to inform Markham residents about public art initiatives. Councillor McAlpine offered to discuss potential strategies with Corporate Communications.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee was tentatively set for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Taleen Der Haroutiounian
Seconded by Adam Keung

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:59 pm.

CARRIED