

## Unionville Sub-Committee Minutes

January 23, 2020, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Canada Room

Committee Members	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Amanda Collucci	Regional Councillor Jim Jones (Ex-Officio) Councillor Keith Irish (Ex-Officio)
Regrets	Councillor Alan Ho	
Staff/Guests	<u>Staff</u> Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Scott Chapman, Election and Committee Coordinator  <u>Guests</u> Andrew Johnson, Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects	<u>Historic Unionville Community Vision Representatives</u> Harry Eaglesham Rob Kadlovski Kimberley Kwan Sylvia Morris Wes Rowe Joska Zerci

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Unionville Sub-Committee meeting convened at the hour of 7:04 PM in the Canada Room with Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton presiding as Chair.

At the request of the Chair, the committee clerk provided an overview of the modifications to Markham City Council's committee governance structure made by Council at its February 26, 2019 meeting. It was noted that planning and development matters previously under the mandate of the former Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee will be considered by the Unionville Sub-Committee. The Terms of Reference for the Unionville Sub-Committee was discussed, including the Sub-Committee composition and rules regarding quorum and voting procedure. It was noted that community representatives of the former Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee may vote on items listed under the "Historic Unionville Community Vision" section of the agenda during meetings where such matters are under consideration, but do not count towards quorum.

## **2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None disclosed.

## **3. HISTORIC UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY VISION**

### **3.1 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF THE FORMER HISTORIC UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY VISION COMMITTEE**

Moved by Rob Kadlovski  
Seconded by Sylvia Morris

That the minutes of the former Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee meeting held June 19, 2019, be approved.

**Carried**

### **3.2 MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE COMMERCIAL CORE STREETScape MASTER PLAN 2020 DRAFT FINAL STUDY REPORT**

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, addressed the Sub-Committee and introduced the 2020 Draft Final Study Report for the Main Street Unionville Core Streetscape Master Plan. Mr. Hutcheson reviewed the key findings of the consultation process and case study analyses undertaken in 2019, and outlined the next steps in the study process.

Andrew Johnson, Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, consultant for the City of Markham, addressed the Sub-Committee and delivered a presentation on the Main Street Unionville Core Streetscape Master Plan Study, including an overview of the study context, existing street conditions, preferred streetscape concept and design details, and a capital cost summary of the various streetscape treatment options identified in the staff report.

Members of the Unionville Sub-Committee and community representatives for the Historic Unionville Community Vision discussed the following relative to the Draft Final Study Report:

- Minimizing potential impacts and disruptions of design implementation construction on Main Street businesses and emergency service vehicle access;
- Exploring the feasibility of incorporating infrastructure for an automatic waste collection system as part of the streetscape design implementation process;

- Relative lifecycle replacement and operational maintenance costs of the various streetscape concepts, including the additional costs associated enhanced treatments amortized over 20-40 years;
- Ensuring use of treatment materials resilient to winter maintenance operations;
- Configuration and need for on-street parking, and potential strategies for ensuring continuous circulation of on-street parking;
- Confirming the status of any pending development applications that could adversely impact streetscape enhancements and potential opportunities to coordinate the timing of design implementation to mitigate risks;
- Anticipated timetable for initiation and completion of the detailed design phase;
- Securing upgrades to electrical transformers and any other public utilities as necessary through the detailed design phase;
- Ensuring sufficient protective sidewalk buffering between pedestrians and motorists through street trees, light standards, and other design conditions, as appropriate;
- Confirming the value of additional tree canopy and ensuring appropriate placement and species selection of street trees to provide appropriate buffering and shading while mitigating potential vulnerability to urban conditions and obstructed visibility of storefronts;
- Ensuring consistent and appropriate design, spacing, and serviceability of street light standards, including the need for design coordination regarding potential lifecycle replacements of existing light standards along Main Street between Highway 7 and the rail tracks;
- Continuing to explore the feasibility of cross-street string lighting for winter theming;
- Potential extension of the design treatments to include the areas immediately adjacent to the intersection of Main Street and Carleton Road, including the Varley Art Gallery of Markham;
- Investigating potential engineering and traffic control improvements at the intersection of Main Street/Victoria Avenue/concession laneway
- Considering consistent design treatment of parking lay-bys immediately adjacent to the design area on Station Lane and Victoria Avenue;

- Considering the application of consistent wayfinding standards with local and regional parks and trail network through coordination with York Region and Parks Canada;
- Potential opportunities to incorporate infrastructure for future Smart City pilot initiatives, including WiFi and 5G;
- Potential reconfiguration and resurfacing of stairway area on the east side of Main Street, including wayfinding and signage for integrating the stairway with the entrance to the Rouge Valley trail; and,
- Potential use of alternative street furniture, such as wooden antique benches.

The Sub-Committee and Historic Unionville Community Vision community representatives consented to endorse Enhanced Treatment Option #6 as outlined in the draft study report and incorporating the feedback provided, where feasible, and recommended that the report and recommendation be referred back to staff for further consideration. It was suggested that staff present members of Development Services Committee with additional information, including enhanced visual renderings and specific budgetary figures regarding the relative lifecycle replacement and operational maintenance costs associated with the recommended treatment concept.

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine  
Seconded by Rob Kadlovski

1. That the Unionville Sub-Committee recommends the endorsement of Modified Concept #2 and Enhanced Treatment Option #6 as outlined in the Main Street Unionville Commercial Core Streetscape Master Plan 2020 Draft Final Study Report; and,
2. That the Sub-Committee's recommendation be referred back to Development Services Commission staff for further consideration and a future recommendation report to Development Services Committee.

**Carried**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The Unionville Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.