



Council Minutes

(Inaugural Meeting)

December 1, 2014, 7:00 PM

Flato Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd.

Meeting No. 1

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Regional Councillor Joe Li, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Karen Rea, Councillor Colin Campbell, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Councillor Alex Chiu.

STAFF

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Bill Snowball, Fire Chief
Phil Alexander, Deputy Fire Chief
Dave Decker, Deputy Fire Chief
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk

The Inaugural Meeting of Council convened at 7:10 PM on December 1, 2014 in the Flato Markham Theatre.

SUBJECT MATTER

(1) CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER (16.23)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, called the meeting to order.

(2) CANADA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM O CANADA (16.23)

Shaina Sammone sang Canada's National Anthem O Canada.

(3) INAUGURAL PRAYER (16.23)

Father Marcos delivered the inaugural prayer.

(4) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (16.23)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, introduced the various guests in attendance including:

Consul Generals

- Consul General Alexandros Ioannidis of Greece
- Consul General Lukman Hakim Siregar of Indonesia
- Consul General Vidhya Gyan Tota-Maharaj Trinidad and Tobago
- Consul General Asgha Ali Golo of Pakistan
- Consul General Junever Mahilum-West of Philippines
- Deputy Consul General Xu Wei and Vice Consul General Xu Si of China
- Consul General Akhilesh Mishra of India

Member of Parliament (MP)

- Owen Macri, on behalf of Paul Calandra.

William Berczy Public School

- Don Picktall, Grade 8 Teacher
- Grade 5 students for the 270th Anniversary Birthday of William Berczy Planning Committee.

Governor General's Lancers

- Corporal Fondeur Cruz
- Corporal Paremeswaran
- Trooper Rei
- Trooper Pazwak

York Regional Police Ceremonial Mounted Unit

- Constable Andrew Cook
- Constable Trevor Morrison
- Civilian Melanie Wynn

City of Markham Firefighter Honour Guard

- David Asals
- Alex Chan
- Colin Francis
- Jason Scovell
- Dan Makort

Piper

- Grant Rutherford

City of Markham Senior Staff

- Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
- Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
- Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services
- Joel Lustig, Treasurer
- Bill Snowball, Fire Chief
- Phil Alexander, Deputy Fire Chief
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(5) OATH OF OFFICE (16.23)

The Honourable Alan Diner administered the Oath of Office to the Mayor and Members of Council.

(6) PRESENTATION OF CHAIN OF OFFICE (16.23)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, presented the Chain of Office to Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair.

(7) 220TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARKHAM (16.23)

Mayor Frank Scarpitti introduced Lorne Smith, City of Markham's Official Historian. Mr. Smith provided a historical perspective on the 220th Anniversary of Markham. David Burkholder, Vice-President for the Reesor Family in Canada, presented a genealogy book to Council titled "Reesor Family in Canada".

(8) INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (16.23)

Mayor Frank Scarpitti introduced Members of Council and extended congratulations on their recent election.

Each Ward Councillor and Regional Councillor introduced and thanked their family members and special guests, including their election teams.

(9) PERFORMANCE BY PHIL AND DEBBIE HOWES (16.23)

Phil and Debbie Howes provided a musical performance.

(10) MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS (16.23)

[Appendix A](#)

Mayor Frank Scarpitti welcomed all assembled guests to the Inaugural Meeting of Council and acknowledged the dignitaries and former Members of Council of the City of Markham that were in attendance.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti gave his Inaugural Address, attached as Appendix "A". Mayor Scarpitti introduced his family members and special guests, and thanked them for their ongoing support. He thanked Members of the City of Markham Senior Management Team and highlighted some of the many achievements during the 2010 - 2014 term of Council.

A Markham historical video was shown.

(11) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR – JACK HEATH (16.23)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That Regional Councillor Jack Heath be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a term of office to expire November 30, 2018.

Carried unanimously

Shaina Sammone performed a musical piece.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti thanked Shaina Sammone, Father Marcos, the Honourable Alan Diner, Lorne Smith, David Burkeholder, Phil and Debbie Howes and all assembled guest in attendance for their participation at the Inaugural Council Meeting.

Mayor Scarpitti thanked Lorraine Li, Special Assistant to the Mayor for planning and organizing a memorable Inaugural Council Meeting.

The Mayor also thanked Kimberley Kitteringham, Clerk for the City of Markham and staff from the Clerks Department, Diane Samek, Senior Advisor Marketing & Communications and staff from Corporate Communications & Community Relations Department and Michelle Gibbons from the Mayor's Office for their contribution to the Inaugural Council Meeting.

(12) CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That By-law 2015-1 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2015-1 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
 INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2014.

Carried

(13) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the Inaugural Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Carried

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

(Signed)



“Foundation for Our Future – Celebrating
Markham’s 220th Anniversary”

Inaugural Address by

Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Inaugural Meeting of the

2014 - 2018

Council of the

City of Markham

Monday, December 1, 2014 ♦ 7:00 p.m.

Flato Markham Theatre

Anthony Roman Centre



Introduction

Thank you.

Good evening Justice Diner, Consuls General, Father Marcos, Members of Council, former Members of Council, special guests, friends and family. And when I speak of family, I want introduce those who have both supported and inspired me – my wife Nancy, my three children Alessandra, Michael and Daniel, and my brother Paul.

I want to thank Del Silvestri, my Campaign Chair, for his dedication and commitment along with my entire campaign team.

Tonight, we celebrate the 220th anniversary of the founding of Markham. This is a celebration of our rich past, our vibrant present, and our dynamic future.

I believe, and have always believed, that the support of the people is the foundation of public service. I stand before you tonight honoured and humbled by your overwhelming support for my leadership. You have given your help. You have given your hearts. And, I thank you for both.

In political life, one has opponents, one has detractors, one has non-believers. Not to mention the whims of the media. Some of them would have you believe the odds are against you. However, they really don't know Markham. They don't know us, they don't know you. And they most certainly don't know me.

Together, we stayed positive. We remained strong. We kept the faith. We won the day.

My inspiration to stay the course and keep the faith came from my parents, Antonio and Lucia. I thank them for the strong foundation they provided for me and for my brother Paul.

Earlier this year, we lost our mother, Lucia. I want to dedicate this victory to her. She was, and remains, an inspiration to all of us. She is a shining example.

Never give up. See things through with determination, courage and a positive attitude.

Markham Then and Now

My other source of inspiration is William Berczy and his group of settlers. They embarked on a journey to make a new home. In a place called Markham.

With voices telling them to turn back, to give in, to give up, they persevered. Berczy never gave in, never gave up.

They faced adversity, they faced hardship. They faced disappointment.

They saw MANY dark nights, before they saw a bright day. They didn't give up. They tried hard, did their best, and eventually succeeded.

This positive attitude sets the foundation for Markham today.

That's the Markham spirit. That's the Markham way.

Berczy Square

Tonight, I am pleased to announce I have secured a generous donation for a bronze statue of William Berczy.

It will be a monument to Markham's living history. It will commemorate Markham's 220th Anniversary and the 270th Anniversary of William Berczy's birth.

Located at the northeast corner of Kennedy Road and 16th Avenue, the area will be named Berczy Square.

As the sculptor Marlene Hilton Moore notes, Berczy was a protector and mentor to his fellow pioneers. He was also recognized, in his own time, as one of Canada's finest painters.

The bronze of William Berczy stands with authority, on a seven-foot high cantilevered bronze base, overlooking the place he founded.

The bronze base, and two separate bronze columns, will feature etched replicas of Berczy's most famous paintings.

In Berczy Square, Markham history comes alive.

In Berczy Square, people will walk with the man who started it all, right here in Markham.

Objectives

Just as William Berczy came to Markham to realize the dream of a better life, together we will continue to unleash the extraordinary potential of Markham.

I will ask the new Council to update our Strategic Plan – Building Markham's Future Together.

I want Markham Council to build on our strong foundations:

Together, we will continue to strengthen fiscal stewardship. We will maintain competitive tax rates. We will continue to run an effective and efficient administration. We will continue to make sure you get value for your tax dollars.

Together, we will champion environmental sustainability.

Climate change is a reality. We must face it. We will continue to be leaders in energy and water conservation. We will protect our heritage, wetlands, and urban forest. We will help make the Rouge Urban National Park a reality.

Together, we will create liveable neighbourhoods and vibrant urban centres encompassing high quality design.

Together, we will build on our leadership enhancing community engagement and our customer experience through our improvements in technology and service delivery.

The economic success of the Greater Toronto Area has created an infrastructure deficit.

Together, we will work with our neighbouring municipalities, and all levels of government, to integrate rapid transit and improve our road network.

Together, we will continue to be an inclusive community – a community for everyone, of all ages and all abilities. A community that we just don't call home, but is home; Home to peace, order and good government.

Together, we will welcome the world into our homes during the Pan Am Games. The Pan Am/Para Pan Games will create lasting sports and cultural legacies.

Together, we will bring York University to Markham Centre.

Closing

In closing, I would like to thank the staff of Markham for your passion and dedication to public service.

Your professionalism will guide this community for many years to come.

Thank you all for being here to celebrate our history and our future.

William Berczy came to Markham with hope and optimism. He had a vision. He had a plan. We each come to Markham with our own hopes and dreams; for ourselves and for our children.

We are all connected to Berczy's original journey. We all have our own journey in this wonderful place we call Markham. We seek a brighter future, as Berczy did – one of prosperity, one of harmony, one of hope, one of belonging to something bigger than ourselves.

We need everyone here tonight . . . every child, every adult, and every senior in every neighbourhood to help create the Markham of the future. Let's continue our journey together.

William Berczy could not imagine what Markham would look like in 200 years.

Like Berczy, we are on a journey.

Like Berczy, we are on a mission.

Let's have passion.

Let's have energy.

Let's have courage.

Together, let's make Markham happen.