



SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES (Community Recognition)

September 30, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre

Meeting No. 20

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Regional Councillor Joe Li, Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Howard Shore, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Carolina Moretti, Councillor Colin Campbell, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Councillor Alex Chiu.

REGRETS

Regional Councillor Jim Jones.

STAFF

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services
John Wong, Technology Support Specialist
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Martha Pettit, Acting City Clerk
Carlie Turpin, Legislative Coordinator

The Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition convened at 7:00 p.m. on September 30, 2013 in the Council Chamber. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Frank Scarpitti welcomed members of the public to the Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition. He noted the purpose of the meeting is to recognize and celebrate individuals who have made contributions to the community of Markham.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

(1) None declared.

Katherine Reyes sang Canada's National Anthem "O Canada" prior to the presentations.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That Council hear Presentation Item No. 13 before Presentation Item No. 1.
(See Presentation Item No. 13 below)

CARRIED

(1) RECOGNITION OF KATHERINE REYES (12.2.6)

Council recognized Katherine Reyes for her outstanding accomplishments including:

- 2013 World Championships of Performing Arts, Los Angeles, California (Ages 8 to 10 Group)
 - Gold Medal - Female Dance Song&Dance
 - Gold Medal - Female Dance Tap
 - Gold Medal - Female Vocal R&B/Soul/Jazz.
- 2013 York Region Celebration of the Arts - Bursary Award.
- 2013 CNE Rising Star Junior Grand Champion.

(2) RECOGNITION OF ALYSSA DATU (12.2.6)

Council recognized Alyssa Datu for winning the following awards at the 2013 World Championships of Performing Arts, Los Angeles, California:

Ages 13 to 15 Group

- Silver Medal - Female Vocal Rock.
- Bronze Medal - Female Vocal Pop.

(3) RECOGNITION OF EMMA LI (12.2.6)

Council recognized Emma Li for winning the 1st Place in Women's Under-18 Pole Vault at the 2013 Canadian Youth Championships in Langley, B.C.

(4) RECOGNITION OF EBHANI BLACKWOOD (12.2.6)

Council recognized Ebhani Blackwood for winning the 1st Place in Women's Under-16 Triple Jump at the 2013 Canadian Youth Championships in Langley, B.C.

(5) RECOGNITION OF REX LAM (12.2.6)

Council recognized Rex Lam for winning the Silver Medal in Men's Group C Staff at the 2012 World Junior Wushu Championships in Macau, China.

(6) RECOGNITION OF ERICA LI (12.2.6)

Council recognized Erica Li for finishing in the 5th Place in Woman's Group C Staff at the 2012 World Junior Wushu Championships in Macau, China.

(7) RECOGNITION OF CREATORS OF
2015 PAN AM GAMES OFFICIAL MASCOT
- PACHI THE PORCUPINE (12.2.6)

Council recognized the creators of the 2015 Pan Am Games Official Mascot - Pachi the Porcupine:

Creators – Buttonville Public School

Mari Ellery, Teacher
Fiona Hong, Student
Michelle Ing, Student
Paige Kunihiro, Student
Jenny Lee, Student

Carlene Siopis, Pan Am Mascot Team Liaison, and Pachi, 2015 Pan Am Games Official Mascot, were in attendance.

(8) RECOGNITION OF REBECCA GIBLON (12.2.6)

Council recognized Rebecca Giblon for her chess accomplishments including:

Girls under 16 Champions

- 2013 Canadian Youth Chess Champion.
- 2013 Ontario Youth Chess Champion.
- Selected to represent Canada at the World Youth Chess Championships in December 2013.

(9) RECOGNITION OF ALYSSA TANG (12.2.6)

Council recognized Alyssa Tang for winning the "So You Want To Be an Artist" Award presented by the National Gallery of Canada.

(10) RECOGNITION OF FAISAL ISSAH (12.2.6)

Council recognized Faisal Issah for his leadership in youth activities and outstanding contributions in the Milliken Mills Community.

(11) RECOGNITION OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CANADA
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY (12.2.6)

Council recognized the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada - 100th Anniversary.

Representatives from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of York were in attendance including:

- Sarah Dame, President and CEO
- Theresa Scullion, Board Chairperson
- Margaret Sharp, Board Director
- Steve, Big Brother
- Cowin, Little Brother

(12) RECOGNITION OF ROTARY CLUB OF MARKHAM SUNRISE
- MARKHAM RIBFEST 10TH ANNIVERSARY (12.2.6)

Council recognized the Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise - Markham Ribfest 10th Anniversary. Members of the Club were in attendance including:

President

Ruth Lenz

2014 Ribfest Incoming Chair

Mike Zenteno

Rotarians

Roger Bynoe

Dorothy Evans

Jason Kwiatkowski

Lise Lauzon

Darlene McLeod

Susan Peterson

Jim Sandiford

Linda Schell

(13) RECOGNITION OF HILTON SUITES HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE (12.2.6)

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That Council hear this Presentation Item No. 13 before Presentation Item No. 1.

CARRIED

Council presented, on behalf of the City of Markham, FLAP Canada and Convenience Group Inc., a Certificate of Recognition to the Hilton Suites Hotel & Conference Centre for their outstanding environmental leadership and contribution to urban wildlife sustainability.

Hilton Suites Hotel & Conference Centre is the first local business in Markham to volunteer to install bird deterrent technology to their Tranquility Garden windows; this technology is designed to alert birds to the presence of windows, effectively reducing bird collisions with buildings.

Herman Grad, Owner and Operator, Hilton Suites Hotel and Conference Centre, Michael Hayden, Facility Manager, Hilton Suites Hotel and Conference Centre, Michael Mesure, FLAP and Darin Martin, Convenience Group Inc. were in attendance.

(14) MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE AND
THORNHILL SENIORS CENTRE CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS (12.2.6)

Peter Cannon, President, Older Adults in Action (OAIA), presented a cheque in the amount of \$23,425.00 to Council to be applied against the operating costs of the Markham Seniors Activity Centre.

Wilf Shub, President, Thornhill Seniors Club, presented a cheque in the amount of \$34,625.00 to Council to be applied against the operating costs of the Thornhill Seniors Centre.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That Council receive Presentation Nos. 1 to 14 and express commendation to all individuals recognized at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

That By-law 2013-157 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2013-157 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

[By-law](#)

CARRIED

Alyssa Datu sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" prior to adjournment.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

MARTHA PETTIT
DEPUTY CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR

(Signed)