

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## (Community Recognition)

May 22, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre Meeting No. 12

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#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, 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.

#### REGRETS

Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Gord Landon Councillor Alex Chiu

#### **STAFF**

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
John Wong, Technology Support Specialist
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations
Don Taylor, Manager of Executive Operations
Stephen M.A. Huycke, Deputy Clerk
Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition convened at 6:12 p.m. on May 22, 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.

#### 2. PRESENTATIONS

#### (1) RECOGNITION OF MARY CREIGHTON

- RECIPIENT OF 2013 HIGH FIVE CHAMPION AWARD (12.2.6)

Council recognized Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation, for receiving the 2013 HIGH FIVE Champion Award.

The Award is presented by Parks and Recreation Ontario and recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations that have enhanced the quality of life for Ontario's citizens. Mayor Frank Scarpitti acknowledged that the award recognizes the benefits of recreation to a vibrant community.

(2) CITY OF MARKHAM – WINNER OF 2012 COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AWARD PRESENTED BY THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY (OPA) (150,000 – 500,000 POPULATION CATEGORY) (12.2.6)

Council received the 2012 Community Conservation Award (150,000 – 500,000 population category), presented to the City of Markham by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

Two milestones laid the groundwork for this award: the creation of the Markham Energy Conservation Office (MECO) in 2005, and the publication of the Greenprint in 2011. MECO pioneered energy policy in Markham, establishing a commitment to bold projects and sustained effort. The Greenprint, Markham's community sustainability plan, codified energy and climate as a strategic priority within the City's sustainability vision and integrated energy conservation with system-level thinking.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti noted the City of Markham's roof top solar panels for the Civic Centre and 8100 Warden Avenue are the first municipal projects to be included in the Ontario Power Authority's Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) Program.

Staff were in attendance including:

#### Asset Management:

Gary Adamkowski, Phoebe Fu, Atiq Rahman, Soran Sito, Rob Muir.

#### **Recreation Services:**

Mary Creighton, Dave Merriman, various facility managers.

#### Corporate Communications and Community Relations:

Dennis Flaherty, Diane Samek.

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#### **Sustainability Office:**

Graham Seaman, Amanda Martin, Jennifer Wong, Sarah Ko.

#### Culture Services:

Cathy Malloy, Katie Epp.

## (3) ASPHALT RECYCLING & RECLAIMING ASSOCIATION'S (ARRA) 2013 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FULL-DEPTH RECLAMATION (12.2.6)

Council recognized Mr. Paul Ingham, Director of Operations, City of Markham, for receiving the Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association's (ARRA) 2013 Award for Excellence in Full-Depth Reclamation.

The award is given in tribute to Mr. Ingham's unprecedented vision, development, and commitment to the Full Depth Reclamation with Formed Asphalt stabilization program in the City of Markham.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That Council recess at 6:33 p.m. and reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

Council reconvened at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

# (4) PRESENTATION OF DIVERSITY CARVING TO THE CITY OF MARKHAM (12.2.6)

Patrick Shaw, Executive Director, York Technology Alliance, on behalf of the artist Harry Beauchamp, presented the diversity carving to Council. He noted the York Technology Alliance is pleased to have an opportunity to recognize the City of Markham for its commitment to diversity. He also provided a brief background on the artist and carving.

On behalf of Members of Council, Mayor Frank Scarpitti thanked Partrick Shaw and noted the carving reflects the many faces of Markham. He also noted the 2011 census demonstrated that Markham is the most diverse City in Canada, a community that is welcoming and engaging to all.

#### (5) RECOGNITION OF MENAKA THAKKAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS (12.2.6)

Council recognized Dr. Menaka Thakkar for receiving the 2013 Laureate for Dance of the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards (GGPAA) for Lifetime Artistic Achievement.

Created in 1992 under the distinguished patronage of the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hntyshyn, the GGPAA are presented annually to Canadians whose accomplishments have inspired and enriched the cultural life of our country.

## (6) 2013 MARKHAM DISTRICT ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY BURSARY AWARDS CEREMONY (12.2.6)

Mr. Bruce Ander, President and CEO, Markham District Energy Inc., provided background information on the Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary.

In celebration of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010, Markham District Energy (MDE) established the Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary to help cultivate and nurture this environmental leadership. The Bursary encourages and rewards graduating Markham high school students who have distinguished themselves through academic excellence and participation in environmental extracurricular, volunteer and community service activities; and who intend to study sciences related to the environment full-time at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Council extended congratulations to the recipients of the 2013 Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary. The recipients are:

#### York Region Catholic District School Board:

- Eleanor Kuan, Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy
- Anthony Wong, St. Augustine Catholic High School
- Daniel Kassee, St. Brother Andre Catholic High School
- Dickson Chen, St. Robert Catholic High School

#### York Region Public District School Board:

- Dana Fairbarn, Bill Crothers Secondary School
- Majura Perapakaran, Bur Oak Secondary School
- Vithusha Ganesh, Markham District High School
- Oscar Lam, Markville Secondary School
- Arlin Cherian, Middlefield Collegiate Institute
- Monica Kwong, Milliken Mills High School
- Emily Lau, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School
- Sandra Sinayuk, Thornhill Secondary School
- Emily Amon, Thornlea Secondary School
- Nathaniel Kwok, Unionville High School

# (7) RECOGNITION OF YORK SOUTH SILVER KNIGHTS U12 MAJOR ATOM GIRLS (GOLD MEDAL WINNER AT ONTARIO CUP PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP) (12.2.6)

Council recognized the Under 12 Major Atom Girls of the York South Silver Knights for capturing the Gold Medal at the Ontario Cup Provincial Championship held on March 24, 2013, presented by the Ontario Basketball Association. Members of the team included:

#### Players:

- Elaina Anastasiadis
- Carina Sinevici
- Olivia Wong
- Kaitlyn Moore
- Frances Ng
- Emma Sneek
- Bridget Zeppieri
- Luana Struyven
- Therese Lam
- Adriana Lauber
- Natascha Lam
- Ariana Anastasiadis
- Elysia Wong
- Alex Pon
- Saga Sigfusdottir

#### Coach:

- Mihai Sinevici

#### **Assistant Coaches:**

- Elwin Lauber
- Yves Struyven

#### (8) RECOGNITION OF MALLARDS SWIM TEAM'S ACHIEVEMENTS (12.2.6)

Council recognized Mallards Swim Team's achievements including:

#### Canadian Eastern Championships - Montreal

1. Athletes nationally qualified and attended:

Cynthia Yang, Madison De Jesus-Walker, Janice Lau, Michelle Cheng, Aidan Chow, Andrew Lau

2. Silver Medal (50 Breaststroke):

Michelle Cheng

3. In Top 8:

Michelle Cheng (100 Breaststroke), Aidan Chow (50, 100 Fly), Andrew Lau (50 Breaststroke)

#### Ontario Age Group Provincials - Ottawa

1. Bronze Medal (100 Breaststroke):

Michelle Cheng

2. Bronze Medal (100 Fly):

Aidan Chow

Winter Festival 2013 held at University of Toronto. The meet runs by Swim Ontario and Invites 39 Teams. Mallards Swim Team on the 5<sup>th</sup> place

1. Gold Medal on 100 Fly:

Madison De Jesus-Walker

2. Gold Medal on 200 Individual Medley; Silver Medal on 200 Fly; Silver Medal on 400 Individual Medley; Silver Medal on 100 Backstroke; Bronze Medal on 100 Fly:

Alvin Lau

3. Silver Medal on 100 Breaststroke

Justin Lee

4. Gold Medal on 100 Backstroke; Silver Medal on 200 Backstroke

Vivian Li

5. Bronze Medal on 100 Breaststroke

Emma Myburgh

- 6. Silver Medal on 100 Breaststroke; Bronze Medal on 200 Breaststroke Hanshen Wang
- 7. Gold Medal on 50 Backstroke, Top 5 Ranked in Canada in respective age group Bryan Yang
- 7. Silver Medal on 200 Breaststroke; Silver Medal on 100 Breaststroke Anthony Zhang

#### Medal recipients in Relays

1. Silver Medal on 4x50 Free Relay; Silver Medal on 4x50 Medley Relay; Bronze Medal on 4x100 Free Relay; Bronze Medal on 4x100 Medley Relay:

Anthony Zhang, Daniel Sklyarman, Jordan Lee, Alvin Lau

2. Gold Medal on 4x50 Medley Relay; Silver Medal on 4x50 Free Relay; Bronze Medal on 4x100 Medley Relay:

Vivian Li, Estelle Suen, Madison De Jesus-Walker, Gloria Lo

#### (9) RECOGNITION OF MARKHAM LITTLE THEATRE'S ACHIEVEMENTS (12.2.6)

Council recognized Markham Little Theatre's (MLT) achievements including:

- 1. Theatre Ontario Festival Awards and Nominations
  - Best Male in a Supporting Role Nomination Steve Birtles
  - Best Female in a Supporting Role Ann Maria Hurle
  - Best Female in a Leading Role Michele Browne
- 2. MLT was successful in receiving 12 nominations for excellence in community theatre. Of these, five were given THEAS for being the best in Central Ontario:

#### **Nominations**

- Best Director of a Drama Michele Browne Gaslight
- Best Set Design of a Drama Will Pialagitis Gaslight
- Best Director of a Comedy Kathryn Delory Mending Fences
- Best Stage Manager of a Comedy Julia Guthrie Mending Fences
- Best Lighting Design of a Comedy John Sellens Mending Fences
- Best Costume Design of a Comedy Maria Cerone Mending Fences

#### **THEAS**

- Best Production of a Comedy Christie Bartram Charron & Kate O'Hearn Mending Fences
- Best Performance by a Female in a Leading Role in a Comedy Michele Browne Mending Fences
- Best Performance by a Male in a Leading Role in a Comedy Terry Browne
   Mending Fence
- Best Performance by a Female in a Leading Role Julia Guthrie Gaslight
- Best Costume Design in a Drama Ivete Matricardi Phillips Gaslight.

#### (10) CITY OF MARKHAM - WINNER OF 2012-2013 GOLD SMART COMMUTE WORKPLACE AWARD (12.2.6)

Council received the 2012-2013 Gold Smart Commute Workplace Award, presented to the City of Markham by Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill. Flo McLellan, Program Director, Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill, presented the award.

By achieving a Gold Workplace designation from its previous Silver status, the City of Markham has demonstrated outstanding commitment through leadership, innovation and a focus on measuring success and achieving significant positive outcomes.

#### (11) TED SCAYSBROOK MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT (12.2.6)

Council presented the Friends of the Markham Museum Board Ted Scaysbrook Memorial Award to Gunter Langhorst for his outstanding volunteer service to the Markham Museum.

Bill Crothers, Chair, and John Buie, Past Chair, Friends of the Markham Museum Board, were in attendance with respect to this award presentation. Council acknowledged Jean Scaysbrook, wife of the late Ted Scaysbrook, who was in attendance.

#### 3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That By-law 2013-68 be given three readings and enacted.

#### **Three Readings**

BY-LAW 2013-68 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 22, 2013.

By-law

**CARRIED** 

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Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

STEPHEN M.A. HUYCKE FRANK SCARPITTI

DEPUTY CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI MAYOR