



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

November 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre

Meeting No. 18

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ROLL CALL

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

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Councillor Don Hamilton.

STAFF

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services

Martha Pettit, Acting City Clerk

Stephen Huycke, Acting Deputy Clerk

John Wong, Technology Support Specialist

The Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition convened at 7:17 p.m. on November 8, 2012 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 MENAKA THAKKAR
- WINNER OF THE 2012 WALTER CARSEN PRIZE
FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS (12.2.6)

Council recognized Ms. Menaka Thakkar on winning the 2012 Walter Carsen Prize for Excellence in the Performing Arts, awarded by the Canada Council of Arts.

The prize recognizes artistic excellence and distinguished career achievement by Canadian artists who have spent the major part of their career in Canada in dance, theatre or music.

- (2) MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE
AND THORNHILL SENIORS CENTRE
CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS (12.2.6)

Ms. Aileen Gibbons, President, Markham Seniors Activity Club, presented a cheque in the amount of \$26,850 to Council to be applied against the operating costs of the Markham Seniors Activity Centre.

Mr. Wilf Shub, President, Thornhill Seniors Club, presented a cheque in the amount of \$30,025.00 to Council to be applied against the operating costs of the Thornhill Seniors Centre.

On behalf of Council and residents of the City of Markham, Mayor Frank Scarpitti thanked the Markham Seniors Activity Club and Thornhill Seniors Club for their generous donation.

- (3) RECOGNITION OF MARKHAM FIRE-FIGHTERS
- WINNER OF 2012 ALS ONTARIO PLANE PULL
(AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)
– LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE) (12.2.6)

Council recognized members of the Markham Fire-Fighters Team on winning the 2012 ALS Ontario Plane Pull Competition held on May 27, 2012, including:

Benny Loughin
Roman Moser
Cameron Hodge
Colin Francis
Kristiann Engel
Joe Hill
Daniel Allen
Rocky Mino

Mr. Ron Martin, dedicated member of the ALS Ontario team, was in attendance to commemorate this recognition. Since diagnosed with ALS, Mr Martin has been committed to raising awareness of the illness in the community.

Council also thanked Markham fire-fighters for their commitment to protecting the safety of residents.

- (4) U11 MARKHAM LIGHTNING 2001 GIRLS PREMIERE TEAM
- 2012 YORK REGIONAL SOCCER ASSOCIATION
MCGARRIGLE CUP CHAMPIONSHIP (12.2.6)

Council recognized members of the U11 Markham Lightning 2001 Girls Premiere Team on winning the 2012 York Regional Soccer Association McGarrigle Cup Championship, including:

Team Members

Natasha Filntissis
Vanessa Pasqualitto
Melissa Lamanna
Katherine Goldfried
Faith Simiana
Faith Windebank
Ariana Anastasiadis
Elaina Anastasiadis
Taylor Watson
Hannah McKenna
Eliana Borg
Rylee Traicoff
Angelina Leventis
Stacey Speranza

Coaches

George Filntissis
Angelo Pasqualitto

Team Managers

Patsy Simiana
Alex Leventis

(5) CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS
- RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAFF (12.2.6)

Council acknowledged community members and staff for their dedicated contributions towards the planning and execution of the 2012 Canada Day celebrations, including:

Crystal Blair
Perry Chan
Rocky Chen
Andrea Conlon
Dennis Flaherty
Laura Gold
Enzo Greco
Rob Hincks
Morgan Jones
June Lee
Lauren Matunin
Steve Matunin
Joanne Olsen
Mandy Ou
Gillian Shaw
Bev Shugg Barbeito
Peter Still
Jon Styles
Cynthia Taylor-Huff
Irene Tse
Matt Vetere
John Vipond
Bob Walter

Councillor Carolina Moretti and Councillor Alex Chiu, Co-Chairs, 2012 Canada Day Committee, extended congratulations to the members of committee for their outstanding efforts in organizing such a successful event.

(6) RECOGNITION OF THE FEDERATION OF
CHINESE CANADIANS IN MARKHAM (F.C.C.M.) AND
TASTE OF ASIA (12.2.6)

Council commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the Federation of Chinese Canadians in Markham (F.C.C.M.) and 10th Anniversary of Taste of Asia (TOA).

Members of the F.C.C.M and TOA were recognized, including:

Dr. Ken Ng, Chairman & Committee Members, F.C.C.M. and Taste of Asia
Emily Ng
Ed Joaquin
Gilbert Ng
Peter Chan
Maggie Cheung
Ben Cheung
Newton Wong
Dr. Lap Cheung Lee
Joseph Ng
Wai Fong Ng
Susan Yao-Arkilander
Wilfred Lam
Kenny Chum
Richard Yiu
Joyce Wong
Fung Lim
Thomas Shi
Roberto Wu
James Li
Mobeen Khaja, TOA Co-Chair
Anees Khaja

(7) RECOGNITION OF JOHN WEBSTER
- WINNER OF ONTARIO CHAMPION TOWN CRIERS AWARD (12.2.6)

Council recognized Mr. John Webster on winning the Ontario Champion Town Criers Award presented by the Ontario Guild of Town Criers. The competition was held in conjunction with the Oktoberfest in Kitchener, Ontario, on October 7, 2012.

(8) RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SCARBOROUGH YORK REGION CHINESE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (12.2.6)

Council commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the Scarborough York Region Chinese Business Association (SYRCBA).

Members of the Association were recognized, including:

Carson Ho, Vice President (Co-Chair, 30th Anniversary Gala)
Tim Gu, Vice President
Annie Chan, Vice President (Co-Chair, 30th Anniversary Gala)
Alpha Lai, Past President
Stanley Yau, Past President
Dan Yiu, Director
Vivian Suen, Director (Co-Chair, 30th Anniversary Gala)
Yingxin Zhang, Director
Martin Chan, Office Manager (Youth Professional Group President)
Allen Leung, Office Manager

(9) CANADIAN ROYAL HERITAGE AWARD
- RECOGNITION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE
OF MARKHAM (12.2.6)

Council recognized Members of the Diamond Jubilee Committee of Markham for winning the Canadian Royal Heritage Award, presented by the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust. The Trust is a national educational charity dedicated to preserving, presenting and enhancing the royal heritage of Canada.

The Canadian Royal Heritage Award was presented to the Diamond Jubilee Committee of Markham for its outstanding contribution to Canada's royal heritage. Members of the Committee included:

Eardley Adams
Randy Barber
Warren Carroll
Cindy Clements
Roger Clements
Sharona Clements
Cam Durham
Councillor Don Hamilton
Vivienne and Robert Hansford
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Alan Ho
Ed Joaquin
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Stu Kellock

Bonnie Leonard
Kwan Ho Leung
Daniela Magarelli
Denis Pritchard
Councillor Howard Shore
Beverley Stewart
Colonel Hugh Stewart
Khalid Usman
John Webster
Mary Webster

(10) MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS (12.2.6)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That Council express its sincerest congratulations to all individuals and organizations for their outstanding contribution to the community of Markham and for making a difference.

CARRIED

Mayor Frank Scarpitti advised the audience that photos from the meeting would be available at the following weblink:

www.anilmungal.com/markhamawards2012

3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That By-law 2012-230 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2012-230 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2012.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

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

CARRIED

MARTHA PETTIT
ACTING CITY CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR

(Signed)