



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES
LANE NAMING EAST OF MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath	Robert Tadmire, Coordinator of Geomatics
Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Bill Snowball, Fire Chief
Regional Councillor Gord Landon	Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator
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	

The Public Information Meeting regarding the Lane Naming east of Main Street Unionville convened at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None Declared

1. LANE NAMING EAST OF MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE (10.14)
Robert Tadmire

The Committee was advised that 64 notices were mailed on September 20, 2012, and Notice was posted in the September 27 and October 4, 2012 editions of the local paper. Eighteen written submissions and a petition with 163 signatures were received regarding this proposal.

Staff gave a presentation regarding the background for the name change, the location, public and agency input received, and outstanding issues.

The following people spoke in opposition to the name change on the basis of historic value, retaining the prestige address of existing homes/businesses, and financial hardship:

- Ann Laxton, President of the Unionville Historic Society
- Jeanne Ker-Hornell
- Doug Worsley
- Ron Minken
- Nehad Jug
- Chris Hluchan
- Dr. Imve Feter
- Kyle Burgis
- Sara Kauder
- Wes Rowe, representing the Unionville Villagers Association
- Nirmala Armstrong
- Sylvia Houghton
- Doug Denby

Comments included the options of historically significant names such as Eakin, Ira White, or Harrington. Reference was made to the discovery of a grave site in the vicinity of 145 Main Street.

The Committee explained that the name change had been requested by a member of the community, and this Public Information Meeting is being held as part of the process. It was noted that the request to rename the road has been withdrawn. Discussions included name options, regional mapping discrepancies, emergency response issues, and improved signage. It was suggested that a sign be placed at the north end of Main Street, at Carlton Road, to indicate access to the rear of the stores and parking.

The Committee suggested staff consult with community associations and emergency services regarding the naming of the lane and to report on emergency safety issues.

Bill Snowball, Markham Fire Chief, advised that 141, 143 and 145 Main Street are well identified for Markham purposes, and did not want the land divided by two road names as it would cause confusion. The Chief indicated that he has no concern with the existing dwellings continuing to be addressed off Main Street with the portion of the Lane to the north being renamed. Chief Snowball also indicated that there is no objection to leaving 141, 143 and 145 Main Street as they are. It was suggested that well-lit numbers be placed on the rear of the stores for identification from the subject Lane.

Andrew Liski, Superintendent, York Region EMS, concurred with Chief Snowball and spoke of the need to be clear in identifying properties

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the eighteen written submissions and a petition with 163 signatures regarding the Lane Naming East of Main Street Unionville, be received; and,

- 2) That the depositions by Ann Laxton, President of the Unionville Historic Society; Jeanne Ker-Hornell; Doug Worsley; Ron Minken; Nehad Jug; Chris Hluchan; Dr. Imve Feter; Kyle Burgis; Sara Kauder; Wes Rowe, representing the Unionville Villagers Association; Nirmala Armstrong; Sylvia Houghton; Doug Denby; Bill Snowball, Markham Fire Chief; and Andrew Liski, Superintendent, York Region EMS, regarding the Lane Naming East of Main Street Unionville, be received; and further,
- 3) That the proposed Lane Naming East of Main Street Unionville, be referred to Council.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed Lane Naming East of Main Street Unionville adjourned at 8:18 p.m.