



**MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ONTARIO ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

**Minutes**

**Meeting No. 2**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT**

Members

Stephen Lusk, Chair  
Taleen Der Haroutiounian  
Frankie Ip  
Adam Keung  
Bill Pickering  
Ardy Reid  
Jenny Tung  
Ken Wightman

Council

Councillor Alan Ho

Staff

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery  
Yan Wu, Public Art Coordinator  
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

**REGRETS**

Paul Cosburn  
Rahul Shastri  
Alina Tarbhai  
Julie Tiefenbach  
Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth,  
Culture and Entrepreneurship

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:58 pm with Stephen Lusk presiding as Chair.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None was declared.

**3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2017 AND ON FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

It was

Moved by            Frankie Ip  
Seconded by        Taleen Der Haroutiounian

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meetings held on October 25, 2017, and on February 28, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None was reported.

**6. PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN**

Niamh O’Laoghaire advised that Yan Wu, Public Art Coordinator, drafted the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to develop a Public Art Master Plan, and that it has been approved by the Development Services Committee and by Markham Council. The RFP should be posted within two to three weeks with applications received in July 2018. It is expected that the consultant would start in September 2018 and the Public Art Master Plan would be delivered approximately eight months later. It was noted that the Public Art Master Plan will serve as a guideline for Markham Council, including public art projects and ways to fund them. A steering committee will be composed of Niamh O’Laoghaire, Yan Wu, and a representative from Markham’s Purchasing Department. Niamh O’Laoghaire invited Councillor Ho and one member of the Committee to participate. In response to Committee questions, it was advised that there will be flexibility in the selection process so that consideration may be given to factors such as background and experience.

**7. PUBLIC ART UPDATES**

Niamh O’Laoghaire reported on the following public art projects:

Charity sculpture

The sculpture was removed on May 16, 2018 and ownership has reverted to the donor. In response to questions, the Committee was advised that most costs to install the sculpture were assumed by the donor and the costs to de-install the sculpture were reasonable. The Committee advised that transparency in how such decisions are made by Markham Council is important and that it is appreciated that the Public Art Master Plan will include a protocol for advising Markham Council of Committee decisions.

Benjamin Thorne

This project has been completed; the unveiling has been scheduled for August 19, 2018.

Plaques

Yan Wu, Public Art Coordinator, reported that plaques to identify public art pieces are in production and will be installed in July 2018.

Aaniin Community Centre

Construction of the large top has stalled due to problems in sourcing a manufacturer for a light fixture required for the project. It was advised that this will be resolved as part of the community centre construction project.

Downtown Markham Public Art Installation

It was reported that Remington and the City of Markham have negotiated an agreement for a small piece of land so that the proposed placement for Jill Anholt's statue called "Living Light" might be repositioned slightly. The geotechnical survey has been completed and the fabricator is still able to work on the project. It is hoped that the installation might be scheduled for fall 2018.

The City's Public Art Collection (2-dimensional works)

Yan Wu reported that she has selected quality artwork from the existing public art collection and, in April, had some pieces installed along the main halls of the Civic Centre. Other installations will take place at the end of June and again in August. She will arrange a tour for Committee members, possibly at the beginning of the fall 2018 meeting.

Cenotaph

It was reported that this project has been completed.

Rizal Statue

It was reported that June 10 is Filipino Independence Day; there will be a flag-raising at the Markham Civic Centre and there will be a sod turning ceremony at Boxgrove Community Park, the site for the statue of Dr. Jose P. Rizal. Niamh O'Laoghaire agreed to send details to Committee members.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

It was reported that the Markham Public Realm Advisory Committee has issued a RFP to produce a Gateway Master Plan. The Committee then discussed the interrelationship between Public Realm and Public Art projects.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on October 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by            Taleen Der Haroutiounian  
Seconded by        Jenny Tung

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:15 pm.

CARRIED