



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee  
Meeting held on March 21, 2018**

**City of Markham  
Canada Room – Markham Civic Centre**

**Members**

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair  
Siobhan Covington  
John Himanen  
Phil Howes  
Gunter Langhorst  
Jason McCauley  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Harvey Thomson  
Tanya-Kay Melbourne  
Peter Ross

**Staff**

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage  
Planning  
Vanessa Rhodes, Acting Manager, Access &  
Privacy; Committee Clerk

**Regrets**

Councillor Colin Campbell, Co-Chair  
Paul Cicchini  
Graham Dewar  
Ardy Reid

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:50 p.m. with Councillor Rea presiding as Chair.

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- New business – 407 ETR

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Dianne More

Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on November 15, 2017 be adopted with minor amendments.

CARRIED

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **a) Main Street Markham Road Re-construction**

Mr. Peter Ross provided an update on Main Street Markham Road re-construction project. The information was provided to him by Dereje Tafesse, Engineering Department.

After the contractor Dagmar advised that all of the structural deficiencies concerning reconstruction of Main Street South had been rectified, the City hired a consultant to verify that the work had indeed been completed. The consultant confirmed that Dagmar had rectified all the deficiencies and the final warranty holdback was subsequently released in January, 2018.

The landscaping work will be done this spring and will involve the replacement of dead shrubs with different species as specified by the City as the replacement value is minimal, a holdback may not be required. The work will be carried out by Dagmar Construction Ltd. starting this spring and the cost paid for by the City. The Committee inquired as to why the City would be paying for this.

There were areas of contaminated soil such as where the construction trailer was parked at Princess St. and Main St. and near 88 Main St South, where very few plantings have survived. This first location has been replaced with top soil and grass seed. The soil near 88 Main Street South may also need to be replaced when Dagmar carries out the landscaping. The landscaping work will begin this spring and Engineering will advise further on timing and duration.

The only other work planned for Main St North and South is that the City will be constructing trail / pedestrian bridge just east of the bridge over the Rouge up to Tuclor Lane year. As part of the work, the City will be installing an entry feature, including lighting right at the bridge access path. The City will tender this work which will be visible from the road and sidewalk on the east side of Main St South.

Councillor Rea also noted that Operations staff was still examining the west side sidewalk and kill strip north of the railway tracks.

**ACTION:** Councillor Karen Rea will look into the contaminated soil and provide the committee with an update.

##### **b) Artistic Feature at Hwy 7 and Main Street South**

Mr. Regan Hutcheson noted that the Committee asked that the matter of having an artistic feature at Hwy 7 and Main Street South be put on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Peter Ross provided an update from the vision plan that this is one of the final items from the original Vision. Mr. Gunter Langhorst advised that the Markham Museum might have some items that may be of interest for this project. Mr. Hutcheson advised that depending on the project there may be budget requirements which need to be submitted to the Budget committee for consideration. The committee inquired as to ~~on~~ the possibility of having the Streetscape Co-ordinator provide some options for the committee to consider and outline the process. It was suggested that art piece should be a historic feature rather than a public art to showcase the historic importance of the area. It was noted that for this year, there will likely just be a planter box in this area.

**ACTION:** Mr. Hutcheson to look into having staff attend a future meeting to discuss the process for the committee.

It was suggested to discuss budget requirements at the next meeting.

## **5. New Business**

### **a) Veterans Square and Cenotaph**

Mr. Hutcheson provided an update on the Veteran Square and Cenotaph. It was noted that the names of soldiers will not be placed on the cenotaph. Their names will be placed on a wall that way more names could be added as required. The old cenotaph is being cleaned and the Fire Memorial is still to come. A report will be going to General Committee meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> recommending that the area be officially named "Veterans Square".

### **b) Linear Park**

Peter Ross provided an update on the status of Linear Park based the information provided by Linda Irvine. The contractor has completed all the work, so the project is substantially complete. However the issue of fixing the decorative fence and alignment is still outstanding. Mr. Hutcheson advised that there will not be a park opening this year due to these outstanding issues with the fence and that the name of the park has already been approved by Council to be Vinegar Hill Parkette.

### **c) Capital Budget 2019**

The committee suggested it may wish to apply for funds to support the proposed artistic feature at Hwy 7 and Main Street South.

**ACTION:** Discuss possible budget requests at the next meeting.

### **d) Incoming Planning Applications**

See Attachment A

### **e) Vision Plan**

Mr. Hutcheson advised that the Vision Plan is outdated and proposed that the Committee review and update the Plan at future meetings. The Committee asked that the current vision plan be circulated to the committee members for review.

**ACTION:** Staff to send out the Vision Plan with next agenda

### **f) Hwy 407 ETR Signage**

The status remains as the Meeting #7 Minutes. It was noted that after a number attempts to contact 407 ETR, David Porretta, Supervisor of Traffic Operations only received word that these issues are still under review. The Committee decided to add this item to the list of parked items.

## **6. Updates/ news from Committee Representatives**

### **a) Councillors**

#### **By Law Sign Enforcement Update**

Councillor Rea announced that By-law Enforcement has identified 186 infractions. The BIA wants to be able to use A-frames.

Councillor Rea advised that there will be community information meeting on April 26, 2018, 7:00 PM at the Markham Village Community Centre to discuss the Flood Issue.

**b) Markham Village Conservancy**

Dianne More advised that 10 new interpretive plaques for private properties are almost complete and ready to be installed in the Markham Village. The Conservancy is also working with the Unionville Historic Society to potentially expand the program into that area. It was mentioned that the Conservancy has partnered with TRCA. They are looking into refurbishing the Locust Hill School House.

**c) Vinegar Hill Ratepayers Association**

Mr. Peter Ross advised that the Vinegar Hill Ratepayers newsletter will be published this Spring, as every year. He noted that last July, the City has a grant program which provided up to \$500 to ratepayer groups to plant trees to Celebrate Canada 150. Vinegar Hill planted a red oak and red maple to also celebrate its 32<sup>nd</sup> year.

**d) Markham BIA**

No updates

**e) Old Markham Village Ratepayers Association**

No updates

**f) Wismer Ratepayer Association**

No updates

**g) Heritage Markham Committee**

No updates

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2018 in the Canada Room.

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by Jennifer Peters-Morales

Seconded by John Himanen

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 7:08 PM.

CARRIED.

## ATTACHMENT A

### Summary of Planning/Development Applications

Month: Mid Nov 2017 to Mid March 2018

Address	Application	Comments
<b>Site Plan Applications</b>		
171 Main St North	New garage, relocation of heritage house, revised addition	Supported by Heritage Markham
14 George St	New garage, revised addition reflective of OMB decision	Supported by Heritage Markham
14 David St	Addition to exiting dwelling	
27 Church St	New Infill Building	Supported by Heritage Markham subject to minor changes Existing house to be demolished
20 Water St	Affordable rental building for senior 4 storeys, 32 units (2 for 360 Kids)	Supported by Heritage Markham subject to removal of stucco and use of brick
1 Markham St	Demolition of existing house; replacement with new house	Heritage Markham had no objection to demo; new house requires some additional design changes
340 Main St N	Addition to existing heritage dwelling	Heritage Markham generally supportive
73 Main St South	Proposed townhouses	In camera session with Heritage Markham as the applications have been appealed to OMB
<b>Other Planning Applications</b>		
7 Town Crier Lane	Applications for new infill housing were supported by Council including removal of the former dairy building	The applications have been appealed to the OMB by OMVRA
269 Main St N	Proposed triplex building	Heritage Markham had no objection to conversion but had design issues with addition and requested further info
<b>Committee of Adjustment Applications</b>		
20 Water St	Affordable rental building for senior 4 storeys, 32 units (2 for 360 Kids) Variance for unit size	Approved
14 David St	Variance for development standards	Heritage Markham had issue with net floor area Deferred at Committee of Adjustment
1 Markham St	New house design required variances	Unique lot triggers variances; supported
11 Albert St	Second dwelling unit in garage	No comment by Heritage Markham

<b>Heritage Permits</b>		
76 Main St N	Brick restoration	
50 Peter St	Wooden skirting to match veranda and paint to match garage	
<b>Building Permits</b>		
60 Main St N	Revised location for ecology unit discharge for restaurant	
28 Markham St	Addition to SD dwelling related to SP application	
6041 Hwy 7	Temporary step for commercial building	
29 Albert St	Repair fire damage to roof and chimney	
201 Main St N	Revision to elevator lobby- place of worship	
10 Beech St	Detached garage (SP)	
23 Washington St	Utility room addition (SP)	
10 Albert St	New demi-detached dwelling (SP)	
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10 Albert S	Demolition of existing non-heritage dwelling relating to SP approval	
44 Church St	Detached garage with loft (SP)	
144 Main St N	Kitchen fire suppression system	
10 Dryden Court	Demolition of Type B building	Supported by Heritage Markham and Council
26 Station Street	Proposed demolition of Heritage Building- Peter and Lily Reesor House	Not supported by Heritage Markham and not supported by Council
7 Town Crier Lane	Demolition of former dairy/house	Under review

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## Other

310 Main St North – City has appealed the variances to the OMB