



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee  
Meeting held on November 15, 2017**

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

**Members**

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair  
Paul Cicchini  
Siobhan Covington  
Graham Dewar  
John Himanen  
Phil Howes  
Gunter Langhorst  
Jason McCauley  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Harvey Thomson  
Tanya-Kay Melbourne  
Ardy Reid

**Staff**

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

**Regrets**

Councillor Colin Campbell, Co-Chair  
Peter Ross

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:56 PM with Councillor Rea presiding as Chair.

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None were disclosed.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- New business – Markham Village Conservancy Plaque Program

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Gunter Langhorst  
Seconded Dianne More

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on September 20, 2017 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

#### **4. Main Street Markham Road Re-construction**

On behalf of Mr. Peter Ross, Mr. Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the Main Street Markham Road re-construction project. The information was provided by Dereje Tafesse, Engineering Department.

A warranty inspection of the work carried out by the contractor for Main Street South, Dagmar Construction, was undertaken on June 27<sup>th</sup> and deficiencies were identified (some of those deficiencies were noted in the September Main Street Markham Committee minutes). The contractor advises that all of the structural deficiencies noted have now been repaired. The City has retained a consultant to verify that this work has been completed, and the City has not yet received a report on the confirmation of this work.

The landscaping work undertaken in the area, including replanting, replacement with different species and reseeding, is on hold until next year. The dead shrubs will be replaced with different types of species as per the City's latest requirement. The City has agreed to cover the cost for the replacement. All other deficiencies will be rectified this year. The City anticipates a final warranty inspection in November, followed by the release of the construction holdback to Dagmar.

#### **5. Median at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street**

Mr. Hutcheson provided the Committee with an update on this project, as requested during the last meeting. According to Mr. Alain Cochola, staff conducted a site visit and confirmed that the wall is structurally sound and the work was completed in accordance with the approved plans. The wall was constructed using heavy duty adhesive and the core was filled with grout.

#### **6. Donald Cousens Parkway Extension**

Mr. Hutcheson advised that the Committee's annual request to have Regional Council support the extension to Major Mackenzie Drive (as part of the Region's capital budget) was approved at the last meeting, and the Clerk's Department will forward the motion to the Mayor and Regional Councillors. Ms. Vanessa Rhodes will ensure the motion is circulated.

#### **7. Highway 407 ETR Signage**

There are two signage requests that are outstanding with the 407 ETR.

One request was an update on the additional Donald Cousens Parkway signage before the off-ramps going east on the 407, advising to take the "Donald Cousens Parkway to get to Hwy 48" before Main Street, Ninth Line, and before the Donald Cousens Parkway exit itself. 407 ETR staff have already installed the sign before McCowan exit going east and before the Donald Cousens Parkway Exit itself going west.

The second item was pertaining to the request to have ETR allow truck prohibition advisory signage in the Markham Village area at the two off-ramps to Markham Road. Currently, trucks are not aware of the prohibition before they have already entered either off ramp to turn north instead of south.

Mr. David Poretta, Supervisor of Traffic Operations advises that he followed up with 407 ETR last month of the status of their review of the above two noted items, however he has not yet received a response.

#### **8. Veterans Square Cenotaph**

Mr. Hutcheson provided a chronology of work undertaken on the Veterans Square and Cenotaph. All major milestones have been met. It was noted that the old cenotaph will remain in place, and it will be cleaned. Also, the delivery and installation of the obelisk plinth and spire were expected by the end of November.

#### **9. Reversible Lane Concept for Main Street South**

This item was on the November 13<sup>th</sup> Development Services Committee agenda. The concept includes two lanes going south in the morning and two lanes going north in the afternoon. A study was undertaken by the City's Engineering Department, who reviewed traffic patterns, demand, and capacity. Staff did not recommend reversible lanes at this location as implementation would have significant cost, construction and operating impacts. Council did not support the concept and instead directed staff to investigate the traffic signalization at the Hwy 7 intersection.

#### **10. Artistic Feature at Hwy 7 and Main Street South**

Mr. Hutcheson provided an update on behalf of Peter Ross. This item will be placed on the January agenda. Councillor Rea requested Mr. Hutcheson to ask for public art to be donated to the area. This is one of the final items from the original Vision and the Committee would request staff to prepare a request for the 2019 budget to fund the project

#### **11. Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence**

Mr. Hutcheson informed the committee of award recipients in the Markham Village Area. The award presentation will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

- 79 Main Street North
- 226 Edward Jefferies
- 2 Wismer Place (relocated house from Albert Street)
- 4 Peter Street
- 30 Peter Street
- 40 Peter Street
- 303 Main Street North
- Dianne More – award for special individual effort in the field of cultural heritage conservation
- Donna Wigmore - award for special individual effort in the field of cultural heritage conservation

#### **12. Incoming Planning Applications**

**Month:** Mid Sept to Mid Nov 2017

Address	Application	Comments
<b>Site Plan Applications</b>		
44 Church St	Proposed garage with loft	
28 Markham St	Alterations to Non Heritage House	
1 Markham St	New Single Detached house	Demolition of existing dwelling

31 Peter St	Proposed Rear Addition to Heritage House	
16 Church St	Proposed addition to Heritage Dwelling	David Cash Worker's Cottage c. 1860
<b>Other Planning Applications</b>		
<b>Committee of Adjustment Applications</b>		
20 Water St	Consent – ground lease for new building	assisted supportive housing
1 Markham St	Variances associated with new house	Not supported by Heritage Markham
31 Peter St	Variances associated with proposed addition	
<b>Heritage Permits</b>		
10 Rouge St	Driveway Paving, walkway and planter	
50 Peter St	Privacy Fence	
115 and 117 Main St N	New Storm Windows	
<b>Building Permits</b>		
4 Peter Street	Residential Addition to Heritage Building	
5 Washington St	Interior renovations	Lynde Clinic
11 Albert St	Board and Batten Siding Replacement, repairs to windows and porch	
20 Main St N	Interior alterations	Spa

### 13. New Business

#### a) Markham Village Conservancy – Interpretive Property Plaque Program

Ms. More discussed the Plaque Program. It was noted that the first phase of the project began on Peter Street. The plaques were designed to be viewed from the street rather than having the public approach the property. The second phase of the project will be focused on Markham Main Street. The project committee members will be applying for grants to conduct research on the history of buildings in the area.

Currently, there are eight plaques that will be completed on Peter street. Ms. More will send information to MBIA and Councillor Rea so that they can publicize the program and inform individuals located on Main Street Markham who may want to have the plaques on their buildings.

#### b) Civic Centre Christmas Event

Councillor Rea advised the Committee that on December 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Christmas party at the Civic Centre, where the public can have photos taken with Santa, Christmas movies in the Council Chamber, Christmas Bazaar. This event is a partnership with the City, Lions Club, and the Rotary Club and will be held from noon – 5PM.

#### c) Linear Park Main Street South

Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks and Open Space Development, advises that the Vinegar Hill Parkette is now substantially complete. There are a few deficiencies that the contractor will fix before the Parkette is officially opened. There are some alignment issues with the new decorative fence on the side panels of the storm outlet. This City is currently working with the contractor to resolve the issue. Corporate Communication does not have the date for the official opening, however it is presumed to be in Spring 2018.

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by Siobhan Covington

Seconded by Paul Cicchini

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 6:46 PM.

CARRIED.