



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

**Minutes**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT**

Members

Stephen Lusk, Chair  
Taleen Der Haroutiounian  
Frankie Ip  
Adam Keung  
Rahul Shastri  
Alina Tarbhai  
Julie Tiefenbach  
Jenny Tung  
Ken Wightman

Staff

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

**REGRETS**

Paul Cosburn  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth,  
Culture and Entrepreneurship

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 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. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC ART COORDINATOR**

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery introduced Yan Wu as the new Public Art Coordinator. Ms. Wu has a wealth of education and experience in visual arts, urban design and curatorial efforts, which will serve her well in this role.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

The Committee requested that the draft minutes be amended to reflect the discussion relating to the 2017 budget allocation of \$150,000 for public art projects, which was not subscribed for, and which has been reported as no longer available.

It was

Moved by           Rahul Shastri  
Seconded by       Ken Wightman

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on September 14, 2017, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None was reported.

**7. PUBLIC ART UPDATES**

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

Charity sculpture

Markham Council has voted to accept the donation of the Charity sculpture and to relocate the sculpture. It will be kept in place until Markham staff are able to determine an appropriate location. In response to questions, the Committee was advised that it will likely be consulted about the new location and that the agreement with the donor is still being negotiated.

The Committee discussed the importance of having the Public Art Plan to outline a process to be followed, in order to better manage donations and prevent similar situations from happening in the future.

Downtown Markham Public Art Installation

The geotechnical survey of the site for Jill Anholt’s statue called “Living Light” revealed that it is located on the site of a sanitary sewer and that York Region has an easement on the site. Markham and York Region staff are discussing the matter; it is hoped that it will not be necessary to find a new site for the statue.

Benjamin Thorne

This project is proceeding as planned. The sculpture is cast and the millstones are in the process of curing. It is expected that the opening will be scheduled for spring 2018.

Berczy Statue

This project has been completed; the unveiling of the statue occurred on September 9, 2017.

Southeast Community Centre

Yan Wu plans to once again involve the Public Art Advisory Committee with this project. The landscaping has begun and the large top is under construction. It is expected that installation will take place in summer 2018.

Rizal Statue

Markham staff and the Filipino Canadian community, represented by Councillor Alex Chiu, are pleased with the design of the monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal. Linda Irvine, Manager Parks and Open Space Development, will advise when the Boxgrove Community Park would be ready for installation of the statue.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Public Art Plan and Budget

It was reported that funding was secured to commission a consultant to develop a Public Art Master Plan with recommendations for Council on policies, locations and the types of art to inspire Markham residents. Yan Wu plans to develop the scope of work by the end of year so that the project may be tendered early in the new year and a consultant hired in spring 2018. It is hoped that the completed plan would be presented to Council in September 2018.

Committee members felt that having updated Terms of Reference and Mandate will allow them to better focus on their roles. In response to Committee questions, it was advised that the Public Art Policy may need to be modified to reflect the new plan, and there should be clarity as to how the Public Art Plan, Policy and Terms of Reference work together.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on January 31, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by           Alina Tarbhai  
Seconded by       Taleen Der Haroutiounian

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

CARRIED