



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee
Meeting held on September 20, 2017**

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair
Councillor Colin Campbell, Co-Chair
Jason McCauley
Churchill Piggott
Dianne More
Graham Dewar
Gunter Langhorst
John Himanen
Peter Ross
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Siobhan Covington

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage
Planning
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk,
Recording Secretary

Regrets

Phil Howes
Harvey Thomson
Paul Cicchini
Tanya-Kay Melbourne
Ardy Reid
Christine Matthews

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:56 PM with Councillor Karen Rea presiding as Chair. Staff were requested to follow up on the absence of refreshments usually provided to the committee.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was disclosed.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Review of Parked Items
- Artistic Feature for Island (Hwy 7 and Main Street South)
- Wall Feature (Main Street North and 16th Avenue)

3. Adoption of the minutes

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Churchill Piggott

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meetings held on April 19, 2017 and June 21, 2017 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

Mr. Peter Ross provided an update regarding Markham Main Street based on information received from Mr. Tafesse of the City's Engineering Department.

A warranty inspection of the work carried out by the contractor, Dagmar, was to be undertaken over the summer before the warranty expired. The warranty inspection for the construction was already carried out by the City's Engineering staff and Dagmar on June 27, 2017. Deficiencies were identified and the contractor is currently working on such things as erosion replacement, setback creek repair, reseeding the trailer compound at corner of Prince Street, resetting pole bases, etc. Once the deficiencies are corrected to the City's satisfaction the hold back will be released to Dagmar.

The hand-out attached to the agenda regarding the treatment of the island south of Highway 7 explains how the City's Operations Department removed the river stone landscaping fabric and replaced it with a geo-textile landscape fabric covered with brown rubber landscape mulch. Operations staff will be reseeding the north island to encourage better quality turf.

It was suggested that once the project was completed that a note of thanks be sent to Operations staff to thank them for their work on the gateway entrances.

Linear Park Work – Culvert Fencing Issue

Mr. Hutcheson provided an update and noted that some deficiencies have been identified by City staff and that these are scheduled to be addressed in the near future. Members made suggestions on design amendments for the drains/sewer grates and the Chair asked that these be emailed to

her attention so that she may discuss them in detail with Operations staff. Once this work has been completed an official opening will likely be planned but no set date has been confirmed as yet.

5. Markham Village Interpretive Project

Mr. Hutcheson provided an update on the project and advised that plaque installations are currently underway at the 17 locations. It is unclear if there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony conducted for the unveiling of the plaques but Regan will enquire and determine if this can be combined with the Linear Park project. Regan will contact Corporate Communications staff and will update the Committee accordingly.

Committee Members extended congratulations and gratitude to Heritage Section staff for their dedication and commitment over the last two decades in getting the interpretive signage installed.

6. Morgan Park Pool

Councillor Rea, Chair, advised that the future plans for the Morgan Park Pool will not include a kiddie splash pool, but will include a larger pool and change rooms. She advised that funds have been requested in next year's budget.

7. Donald Cousens Parkway Extension

Committee Members discussed the need to have the completion of the final piece of the parkway extension located between Major Mackenzie Drive and Highway 48. The plan for completion of this section was cut from the Regional budget during last year's budget discussions. In order to ensure this gets the attention of Regional Council, Committee Members indicated they would pass an identical motion as last year.

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Graham Dewar

Whereas the extension of the Donald Cousens Parkway to Highway 48 has been deferred by the Region of York to begin in 2026; and

Whereas the Donald Cousens Parkway extension is one of the Regional priorities for Markham Council; and

Whereas there may be an opportunity to reinstate earlier dates due to the delay or reduction in costs of other capital projects when the 10 year capital plan is revised annually during budget planning in the fall.

That the Main Street Markham Committee requests that the Regional Councillors of Markham review the material related to any opportunity to reinstate earlier dates for the Donald Cousens Parkway extension and raise the issue during budget discussion for 2018 when the 10 year capital projects are reviewed during the regional budget discussion in October and November, 2017.

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8. Incoming Planning Applications

Mr. Hutcheson provided an overview of the planning applications received during the months of June, July, August and September to date.

Site Plan Applications: 31 Wales Ave., 30B Rouge St, 7 Town Crier Lane, 28 Wales Ave., 16 George St., 15 George St., 31 Peter St., and 44 Church St.

Committee of Adjustments Applications: 31 Peter St., 31 Wales Ave., and 310 Main St. N.

Heritage Permits: 4 Peter St., 25 Wales Ave., 6031 Highway 7, 2 George St., 47 Washington St., 17 Mill St., 329 Main St. N., 48 Main St. N. and 44 Church St.

Demolition Permit Application: 30 Washington St.

Building Permit Applications: 7 Joseph St., 80 Main St N., 175 Main St. N., 1 Thompson Ct., 128 Main St. N., 32 Washington St., 59 Main St. N., 9 David St., 107 Main St. N., 6031 Hwy 7, 9 Rouge St., 12 David St., 23 Washington St., and 80 Main St. N.

Members enquired about the status of the 73 Main Street South/Mill Street property and were advised that a new application has been received from new owners and it is currently in the process of being circulated to staff and reviewed by Heritage Markham.

9. New Business

a) Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence

Mr. Hutcheson advised that there is an opportunity to put forward nominations for the Awards of Excellence for individuals or businesses to honour and recognize excellent work undertaken in the preservation and restoration of the community's cultural heritage resources in the following award categories – Heritage Preservation, Restoration – Corporate, Restoration – Private Residential, Complementary New Construction, Complementary New Addition, Heritage Education, Individual Effort and Outstanding Achievement Award.

The deadline for entries is October 13, 2017. Entries are to be sent to: heritage@markham.ca

All nominations will be reviewed by an Awards Sub-Committee of Heritage Markham comprised of the Chair of Heritage Markham and at least 2 additional members as well as Heritage Section staff. This opportunity is open to all areas of Markham.

Mr. Hutcheson will follow up with Corporate Communications staff to enquire if there is an opportunity to promote the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence via City page and/or the City's social media outlets.

b) Wall Feature at 16th and Main Street

Members discussed the northern gateway into Main Street and noted concerns with the design. The materials that were picked for the small wall features were not felt to be in keeping with heritage and the material appears to be dry-stacked with no mortar joints which raises concerns about their structural integrity, particularly during inclement weather.

Councillor Rea, Chair, advised that Operations staff are currently reviewing the area and are planning to make substitutions of some materials specifically replacing the wood chips due to fire hazard and replacing the trees which are dying, however this will not be done until the spring. Councillor Rea advised that she would include the design of the wall features to the discussion with Operations staff to determine if these can be altered in any way. This item will be added to Parked Items for further discussion at a future meeting.

Members discussed the north east corner and south west corner of the Main St N and 16th Avenue intersection, and noted that the area close to the sidewalk looks jagged and rough due to damage from snow clearing equipment. This matter was also referred to Councillor Rea for follow up when she meets with Operations staff.

There was also discussion about the signage that states "Village of Markham" instead of the more appropriate "Markham Village". Mr. Hutcheson offered some background information on this matter and advised that the sign was directly funded through the Esso station many years ago and that they are not prepared to make any changes.

c) Review of Parked Items

The following items were requested to be added to Parked Items for future discussion –

- i) Artistic Feature at Highway 7 and Main Street South – to ensure this is captured for the 2019 budget
- ii) Signage on Highway 407 ETR – advising travelers to take Donald Cousens Parkway to access Highway 48 and to include signage on the off ramps from 407 to Markham Road advising that trucks are prohibited on Main Street Markham.

Mr. Hutcheson provided a brief overview of each of the Parked Items (see below #11). He also advised Members that they can notify him prior to the agenda production (approximately one week before the meeting date) to advise what matters they would like to have brought forward from Parked Items (or any other subject matter or new business that members wish to discuss). This would allow all members to be aware of what will be discussed at the meeting.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2017 in the Canada Room.

Items to be included in the next agenda:

- Median at 16th Avenue and Main Street
- Artistic Feature at Highway 7 and Main Street South
- Signage on Highway 407 ETR
- Veteran's Square and Cenotaph

11. Parked Items

- a) **Markham Village Secondary Plan and b) Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan Update** – Committee was advised that Council confirmed funding of \$50,000 for each project which includes finding a consultant. The Terms of Reference are being prepared for both plans and it is anticipated the process will begin in the next couple of months. Community outreach will be sought for both plans.
- b) **Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan Update** – see a) above.
- c) **Markham Village Interpretive Project**- the interpretive panels are being installed. This item will remain on the list as a launch/unveiling needs to be considered.
- d) **Parking Authority and Parking Lot Issues** – Councillor Rea, Chair, advised that she has sent a letter to Dr. Lynde asking to contact her but has yet to receive a response.
- e) **Status of Town Square Feasibility Study** – no change in status, but this item remains on the list should an opportunity be presented.
- f) **Linear Park Main Street South** – already discussed, see section 4 of the minutes.
- g) **Morgan Park Pool** - already discussed, see section 6 of the minutes.
- h) **Veteran's Square and Cenotaph** (formerly Library Square) – it was noted that this should be completed by March 2018. This item will be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.
- i) **Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue Extension** – this item is currently under a moratorium for the next 6-8 years. Members determined that this area needs to be revisited earlier than this in order to address issues with the signalization in the area. Councillor Rea noted that there may be sidewalk replacement/improvements in 2018.
- j) **Donald Cousens Parkway Extension** - already discussed, see section 7 of the minutes.

k) **Steeles and Markham Road Extension** – no update.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer Peters-Morales
Seconded by Graham Dewar

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 7:01 PM.

CARRIED