



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

Minutes

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, September 14, 2017

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members

Stephen Lusk, Chair
Paul Cosburn
Taleen Der Haroutiounian
Frankie Ip
Adam Keung
Rahul Shastri
Alina Tarbhai
Julie Tiefenbach

Guests

Tammy Armes, Resident
Shanta Sundarson, Resident

Staff

Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth,
Culture and Entrepreneurship
Niamh O'Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

REGRETS

Jenny Tung
Ken Wightman
Councillor Alan Ho

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:07 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

Niamh O’Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery was introduced to the Committee. Markham has created a department that marries culture and entrepreneurial spirit; Niamh’s experience and expertise will serve well in her role working with the Committee.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 7, 2017

It was

Moved by Taleen Der Haroutiounian
Seconded by Alina Tarbhai

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on June 7, 2017, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None was reported.

7. STATUS OF PUBLIC ART COORDINATOR SEARCH

Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship, reported that Corinna Ghaznavi has resigned as Public Art Coordinator. The position has been posted; Niamh O’Laoghaire, Manager, Varley Art Gallery will interview a short list of candidates within the next week.

8. PUBLIC ART UPDATES

Stephen Chait reported on the following public art projects:

Charity sculpture

The donation of the Charity sculpture will be included as an agenda item for the September 25, 2017 Development and Services Committee meeting. Minutes of all Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meetings, where the charity sculpture was discussed, will be given to Council members; the record will show that this Committee did not recommend accepting the donation.

The installation is not completed, due to concerns that have been raised. When completed, Markham staff will inspect the sculpture to ensure safety and environmental issues have been addressed. The agreement with the donor would allow the City following final acceptance to relocate the sculpture.

Downtown Markham Public Art Installation

Markham Council has approved Jill Anholt’s public art proposal called “Living Light”. It is expected that installation of the statue will be completed by spring 2017, weather permitting.

Benjamin Thorne

This project is proceeding as planned.

Berczy Statue

The statue has been installed and the unveiling occurred on September 9, 2017. It was reported that Parks Canada representatives thought this was an auspicious unveiling to celebrate the founder of Markham.

War Memorial Cenotaph

The Public Realm department has assumed management of the project.

Southeast Community Centre

It is expected that installation will take place in summer 2018.

Rizal Statue

Markham Council has endorsed accepting the donation and installation of the Rizal statue.

Adam Keung left the meeting at 7:00 pm.

9. PUBLIC ART PLAN AND BUDGET

Stephen Chait reported that a meeting will be held with Markham finance officials to secure funding to commission a Public Art Master Plan. A consultant would be hired in spring 2018 to create a public art master plan with recommendations for Council on policies, locations and the types of art to inspire Markham residents. The terms of reference may be ready for review at a meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee early in 2018. It is hoped that the completed plan would be presented to Council in September 2018.

10. NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that there may be a new art project sponsored by the Remington Group. Rather than hold a new competition, it is possible that Remington may award the project to one of the shortlisted competitors for the Downtown Markham Public Art Installation project.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on October 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Alina Tarbhai
Seconded by Taleen Der Haroutiounian

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:50 pm.

CARRIED