



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee Meeting
held on January 18, 2017**

Main Street Markham Committee

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair
Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair
Paul Cicchini
Siobhán Covington
Graham Dewar
Gunter Langhorst
Tanya-Kay Melbourne
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross
Harvey Thomson

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Vanessa Rhodes, Legislative Coordinator

Regrets

Jason Bebee
Phil Howes
Dianne More
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Christine Matthews
Jason McCauley

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:50 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Tremont Hotel/ Vacant Buildings
- Heritage/ Commercial Area Grant Programs
- Consolidated Zoning Bylaw Project

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 16, 2016 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

That the following change be made to the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes:

- That the email attachment of thanks be distributed to the Committee

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Gunter Langhorst

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on November 16, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Carried

4. Resignation of Member

Recommendation:

That the resignation of Jason Bebee be received as information and that he be thanked for his service to the Main Street Markham Committee.

Carried

5. 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. He advised that activity on Main Street South will be reduced until August 2017, when the final inspection will occur. Mr. Ross advised that the City of Markham has a 5% holdback of the contract with Dagmar, and therefore Dagmar will work to address the outstanding issues.

Mr. Ross advised that the work to improve conditions for the driveway south of the Rouge on the west side (70-72 Main Street South) is now complete. Dagmar widened the lane by one and a half metres and addressed the drainage issue at the front of the driveway. To address the drainage issue, a catch basin and weeping tiles were installed, and the pedestrian crosswalk sign was moved closer to the bridge.

An email was sent to Mr. Ross from Jennifer Morales in November 2016, which identified the location of the hydro poles that should be removed on the west side of Main Street, as new poles had already been installed. The poles cannot be removed until Bell and Rogers wires have been removed. Mr. Ross advised that the City's Engineering Department will follow up with Powerstream to remove the poles.

6. Veteran's Square and Cenotaph Update

As requested, Mr. Regan Hutcheson provided the Committee with an update on the War Memorial (Cenotaph) project and redevelopment of Veteran's Square (area in front of the Library).

The War Memorial project is a competition with a jury being administered by the City's Public Art Coordinator, and there is also a Steering Committee that is planning the project. The Committee has narrowed down the submissions to two final designs, and the final selection design is still confidential. The recommended submission is currently under review by the Canada 150 Committee, which is comprised of Councillors and Senior Staff. After the final design has been selected, it will be brought forward to the Public Art Committee, and then input from veterans will be obtained. Once there has been a decision made, the final design will be brought to Council for approval. The target for completion is October 2017.

Mr. Hutcheson advised the Committee that the bore holes and soil testing have been completed at Veteran's Square. Trees around the area have been analyzed, and the plans will require the removal of 18 trees, with 19 remaining. The preliminary layout and grading plan is underway for the project, and the site has been fully surveyed. The components of the site include: the War Memorial and hard surface plaza, a firefighter's memorial area, and the existing cenotaph will remain as further consultation takes place. A large portion of the site will remain in grass, and a public information meeting will be scheduled to display the final plans.

Mr. Peter Ross requested that this item be placed on the next agenda.

7. Capital Budget Approval Update – Markham Village Projects

The committee was advised that funding for the update to the Heritage Conservation District Plan and Secondary Plan was approved by Council. The Secondary Plan focuses on a detailed perspective of where and how the village will evolve and develop in the future. The target date for completion of the Secondary Plan is the end of 2017. Mr. Hutcheson advised the committee that they, along with the BIA, will have a role in reviewing the Secondary Plan, and that there may be a Steering Committee established to assist in the creation of the Plan.

Mr. Ross requested that the Heritage Conservation District Plan and Markham Village Secondary Plan be added to the parked items on the agenda.

8. Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning provided the following updates:

Address	Application	Comments
Site Plan Applications		
32 Washington Street	Proposed Addition to Dwelling	
9 Rouge Street	Proposed new Infill House	
175 Main Street North	Proposed 2 storey addition	
Committee of Adjustment		
1 Station Street	Severance and Variances proposed 2 dwellings	
23 Water Street	Lot creation for townhouses (8)	
32 Washington Street	Variances for addition to dwelling	
175 Main Street North	Variances for addition to dwelling	
Heritage Permits		
40 Peter Street	Modern siding removal in preparation for repair and painting of underlying old wood siding	
123 Main Street North	Remove facing material to examine condition of front foundation wall under modern extension.	
2 Fisher Court	Replace asphalt shingles with new asphalt shingles	
8 Water Street	Furnace and exterior venting	
10 Heritage Corners Lane	Cedar roof shingles	
Building Permits		
329 Main Street North	Detached garage relating to a Site Plan Control application	
55 Rouge Street	Modification of new dwelling relating to a Site Plan Control application	
36 Peter Street	Addition to a dwelling relating to a Site Plan Control application	
20 Main Street North	Interior alterations to a commercial building	
41 Church Street	New front porch and siding on an existing dwelling.	
162 Main Street North	Ground sign for a business (subject to By-law compliance).	
7 Joseph Street	Proposed carport/covered balcony	
214 Main Street North	Interior alterations – furnace room	

15 Peter Street	Basement washroom	
40 Peter Street	Addition to dwelling	
91 Main Street North	Wall sign	
Demolition Permits		
27 Church Street	Demolition of Class B dwelling	Not supported by Heritage Markham – Decision deferred by Council – seeking more information
30 B Rouge Street	Demolition of Class C dwelling	Supported by Heritage Markham subject to Site Plan Approval and comply with Infill By-law.
Plan of Subdivision		
9900 Markham Road	William Clarry House	To be retained as opposed to demolished

Graham Dewar raised his conflict of interest as he is the contractor on site for 30 B Rouge Street.

9. Review of Parked Items (all)

The following items will be removed from the parked items as they are outdated:

- Master Plan Environmental Subcommittee
- Promotion of Main Street Sub-Committee
- 5 Year Pathway Implementation Program
- Main Street Markham Streetscape Implementation/Funding Strategy
- Metal Barrier Covers

The Official Plan and Zoning Review Sub-Committee will be reworded to “Markham Village Secondary Plan”. Also to be added to the list is “Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan Update”.

Mr. Ross would like to add Markham Village Interpretive Plan to the agenda.

10. New Business

a) Vacancy Tax

Mr. Ross advised the committee that the City of Toronto is requesting that the Province allow them to implement a Vacancy Tax on properties/businesses that are left vacant. It was

requested that Council look to the City of Toronto, and whether something similar can be implemented in the City of Markham.

b) Heritage/ Commercial Area Grant Programs

Mr. Hutcheson advised that Council approved the Capital Budget for the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant program and the Designated Heritage Property Grant program, and provided the committee with an information handout. Grant funding will support the restoration and repair of heritage buildings and commercial storefronts. The deadline for grant applications is March 24, 2017. Electronic copies of the flyer will be distributed to the Committee by Mr. Hutcheson.

c) Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project

Mr. Hutcheson advised that City Staff are working on consolidating the City's major zoning by-laws into one Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Mr. Ross asked how this new by-law will affect the existing zoning exemptions. Mr. Hutcheson advised that he understands that exemptions will be grandfathered.

11. Next Meeting

Councillor Rea advised that the next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017, which is March Break. It was agreed that the meeting ~~is~~ should be moved to April 19th, 2017.

Items noted for next agenda:

- Veteran's Square and Cenotaph Update
- Markham Village Interpretive Plan

12. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Carried