



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

Minutes

Meeting No. 1.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members

Stephen Lusk (Chair)

Paul Cosburn

Taleen Der Haroutiounian

Adam Keung

Rahul Shastri

Alina Tarbhai

Jenny Tung

Julie Tiefenbach

Ken Wightman

Council

Councillor Alan Ho

Staff

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator

Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

REGRETS

Frankie Ip

Stephen Chait, Director Culture and Economic
Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00 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 with the following addition to New Business:

- Plaque signage

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

It was

Moved by Adam Keung
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on September 21, 2016, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Public Art Plan

Committee members have been encouraged to offer suggestions of where art might be placed that makes sense conceptually and aesthetically. Ken Wightman suggested that consideration be given to placing art in the traffic circle on Village Parkway north of Highway 7.

6. WAR MEMORIAL

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator, reported that the City of Markham obtained a grant from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, part of the Government of Canada's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. The grant is being used to revitalize the cenotaph located at the corner of Highway 48 and Highway 7 and to create a gateway to Markham. At its meeting on October 11, 2016, the Markham Public Art Selection Committee selected a proposal submitted by Linda Covit. It is expected that the project would be installed before Remembrance Day 2017.

It was also reported that Markham staff are working with the Veterans Association and the Canada 150 Steering Committee to finalize the project design. Corinna Ghaznavi displayed the original design – two open arches demarcating a circular piazza, with a large round limestone bench in the centre. The artist has been asked to add an additional element: a sculpture representing a flame that would be placed in the centre of the bench. The artist is working on a proposal for the sculpture and also working with a lighting technician to best show off the flame. The words of the poem "In Flanders Fields" will be engraved around the base.

It was

Moved by Alina Tarbhai
Seconded by Ken Wightman

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee approve in principle the war memorial design by Linda Covit with site design specifics to be addressed by the steering committee

CARRIED

7. CIVIC CENTRE COLLECTION

Chair Steven Lusk suggested that works of Fei Lu, an artist and promoter of art, be considered for the Civic Centre collection. Corinna Ghaznavi reported that in previous years funds had been allocated for the purchase of art pieces by local artists to form the Civic Centre collection; all pieces have been documented and recorded in inventory. Funds have not been allocated this year. To fund the acquisition of local art for the Civic Centre collection, it may be possible to hold an “art in the park” contest, where artists pay to enter the contest.

8. OTHER PUBLIC ART UPDATES

Corinna Ghaznavi reported that Markham plans to introduce plaques that will identify public art pieces. She displayed the proposed design to be used on all plaques. Committee members discussed the design and liked its whimsicality.

9. YORK UNIVERSITY PUBLIC ART SYMPOSIUM

Stephen Lusk advised that there may be an opportunity for the Committee to partner with the City of Markham and York University for the Going Public art symposium on May 18-20, 2017. He noted that this could be an excellent forum for dialogue and panel discussions and to showcase public art programs. Corinna Ghaznavi reported on behalf of Stephen Chait, Director Culture and Economic Development, that Markham would like to be involved. She will discuss possible roles for committee members with symposium organizers.

10. DOWNTOWN MARKHAM PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

Corinna Ghaznavi reported that Remington Group provided funding for a public art piece to be located on a slip of land near the Remington Group carousel at Birchmount Rd. and Enterprise Blvd. The art installation will be an iconic, prominent artwork announcing downtown Markham. The largest number of submissions in response to the call for proposals was received for this competition. The Markham Public Art Selection Committee has reviewed the submissions and created a short list of five proposals. A site meeting has been held to verify where the art will be placed. March 20, 2017 is the deadline for the shortlisted artists to submit drawings, renderings, proposed timelines and budgets. Going forward, public art contributions from the Remington Group will be negotiated through Section 37.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on April 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Adam Keung
Seconded by Paul Cosburn

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:45 pm.

CARRIED