



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

**Minutes**

**Meeting No. 2.**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT**

Members

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

Council

None

Staff

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator  
Laura Gold, Committee Coordinator

**REGRETS**

Councillor Alan Ho  
Stephen Chait, Director Culture and Economic  
Development  
Stephen Lusk (Chair)  
Paul Cosburn

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:04 pm with Taleen Der Haroutiounian presiding as Chair.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None was declared.

**3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2017**

Moved by           Ken Wightman  
Seconded by       Alina Tarbhai

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on January 11, 2017, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was discussion on business arising from the minutes.

**6. WAR MEMORIAL**

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator, reported that the City will be re-tendering the memorial project, under the management of Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development.

**7. YORK UNIVERSITY PUBLIC ART SYMPOSIUM**

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator, reported that the City will be participating in the York University Public Art Symposium being held on May 18-20, 2017.

**8. DOWNTOWN MARKHAM PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION**

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator, reported that the competition for a downtown Markham public art installation was held. Jill Anholt's public art design was the winning submission. She has created public art works for cities across North America and has received many awards for her works. Many of her pieces have a focus on environmental sustainability.

Her public art proposal for downtown Markham is called "Living Light". The concept for Living Light was based on resilience and innovation of plants, Markham's history of using natural resources to produce usable energy, and Markham's commitment to innovation and technology. The proposed public art work is of a Blue Lupin, an endangered plant that grows in the Rouge Valley that survives primarily due to its ability to reach and grow in a direction and angle that lead to the strongest light source. In the daytime the metal sculpture will create dancing shadow patterns and in the nighttime it will glow. The outside of the sculpture will be painted a purple /blue colour and the inside will be painted white to resemble the Blue Lupin. The project will cost approximately \$500K and is being funded by the Remington Group. Once the project is complete, the City will be responsible for the maintenance of the project.

Moved by Jenny Tung  
Seconded by Alina Tarbhai

That the Public Art Advisory Committee recommend that Council endorse the commissioning of Jill Anholt's "Living Light" public art work for downtown Markham.

CARRIED

## **9. OTHER PUBLIC ART UPDATES**

### Benjamin Moore Sculpture Thornhill

Renderings of the Benjamin Moore Sculpture to be installed at the Thornhill Community Centre were displayed to the Committee. The bronze sculpture will be standing on granite plates made to look like mill stones. The sculpture is targeted to be completed this summer.

### Berczy Sculpture

Pictures of the Berczy public art work was displayed to the Committee. This public art work will be unveiled as part of the Canada 150 festivities. Markham's German partner city is planning on participating in the unveiling in September.

### South East Community Centre

The public art work to be installed at the new South East Community Centre will be smaller in scale than initially planned to reduce the cost of the project.

### York Downs Development

The Committee inquired if the proposed York Downs development will include public art. Corinna Ghaznavi advised that if the development proceeds there will be section 37 funds available for public art.

### Videos of Artist Discussing Markham's Public Art Projects

Videos of the artists describing their Markham public art works were displayed to the Committee. The videos will be uploaded to the new website once it is complete.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

Corinna Ghaznavi reported that City has budgeted funds for public art in 2017. These funds will be allocated towards a few smaller public art projects.

The Committee discussed where the public art should be located.

## **11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Committee discussed meeting in late May or early June. The Chair and Vice-Chair will email staff the next meeting date.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by           Ken Wightman  
Seconded by       Jennifer Tung

That the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:10 pm.

**CARRIED**