



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee meeting  
held on November 16, 2016**

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

**Members**

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair  
Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair  
Paul Cicchini  
Graham Dewar  
Gunter Langhorst  
Jason McCauley  
Tanya-Kay Melbourne  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Ardy Reid  
Peter Ross

**Staff**

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Jason Bebee  
Siobhán Covington  
Phil Howes  
Churchill Piggott  
Harvey Thomson  
Christine Matthews

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:52 PM with Councillor Karen Rea in the Chair. Councillor Colin Campbell assumed the Chair at 6:15 PM.

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Update on signage
- Widening of Steeles Avenue and Linear Park

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the September 21, 2016, Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee**

The following changes were made to the September 21, 2016 meeting minutes:

- Tanya-Kay Melbourne was present
- Page 2 under item 4 (a) second last paragraph remove the words "more smoothly and"

Moved by           Graham Dewar  
Seconded by       Jennifer Peters-Morales

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on September 21, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Carried

The Committee inquired as to whether the April 20, 2016 motion regarding the Donald Cousens Parkway Extension had been sent to the Regional Councillors as recommended in the September minutes. It was noted that that this had not occurred, but that it would be undertaken immediately.

### **4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction**

Peter Ross provided an update regarding the outstanding deficiencies on Main Street Markham based on information he received from Mr. Tafesse of the City's Engineering Department. He advised that very little has been accomplished since the last meeting in September. Mr. Ross advised that the attempt by Dagmar Construction to improve the former construction site at the southwest corner of Princess Street and Main Street South by spraying a mixture of soil and grass was not very successful and Mr. Tafesse has contacted Dagmar Construction to have them add top soil. The Engineering department will be contacting MMM Group and PowerStream to remove the protruding metal stake at James Scott and Main Street South.

Dagmar is to improve conditions for the driveway just south of the bridge over the Rouge on the west side (70-72 Main Street South) to address site lines and additional features such as the centre line, reducing a lane from 4 metres to 3.5 metres. There is also a drainage issue with the front of the driveway icing. This was not identified prior to construction. Markham has hired Dagmar to carry out the construction part, however Dagmar is not anticipated to do any further work this year. The two year warranty period appears to extend to August 2017, as a result, the major review of deficiencies will occur next spring.

It was noted that the Urban Design Section indicated that when the inspection occurs, all plantings will be checked for survival and that those that have not survived will be identified for replacement as part of the contract warranty.

The plantings at the entrance of Highway 7 and Markham Road that have been overgrown with weeds will remain under Dagmar's care until the warranty period is over, after that the City will take over the maintenance and may reconsider the design and determine whether a different planting layout would be better.

The two outstanding issues on Main Street North were as follows: the removal of old hydro poles (the City Engineering department has contacted PowerStream), and the replacement of the Festival Square road pavers and this work is dependent on the approval of the City's budget.

A member noted that on Main Street South, north of the bridge some of the trees appear to be planted too close to the light poles.

## 5. Parking Issue in Markham Village

Councillor Karen Read advised that she is still working on the parking issues and suggested that this item be added to the "Parked Items."

## 6. Incoming Planning Applications

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

Address	Application	Comments
<b>Site Plan Applications</b>		
9900 Markham Road	Plan of Subdivision	
9 Rouge Street	Proposed New Dwelling	
42 George Street	Revised Site Plan and Elevation for dwelling	
29 Jerman Street	Change to Approved Elevation	
180 Main Street N	Rear Addition and Parking Lot	
<b>Committee of Adjustment</b>		
9 Rouge Street	Variance for new dwelling	
80 Main Street N	Variance for parking	
248 Main Street N	Varian to increase size of home occupation	
<b>Heritage Permits</b>		
30 Washington Street	Siding repair and painting	
<b>Building Permits</b>		
4 Dryden Court		
24 Rouge Street		
16 Maple Street		
370 Main Street N	New Addition to Dwelling	
24 Church Street	New Addition to Dwelling	
56 Main Street N	New Fire Hydrant on Private Property	
9900 Markham Road		
9 Rouge Street	Demolition application of C Building	Supported by Heritage Markham
27 Church Street	Demolition application of B Building	Not supported by Heritage Markham

## **7. Park Development Status**

### Morgan Park

Councillor Karen Rea advised that the funds for Morgan Park that were originally on hold are now available for a consultant report to continue the examination of options for park upgrades/redevelopment.

### Linear Park

Peter Ross advised that work at Linear Park began this summer and is still on-going, but they are behind schedule. The foundation work for the two stone walls is almost completed, and the underground work is anticipated to be completed on November 17, 2016. Planting is scheduled for Spring 2017 and the construction fencing will be removed when construction wraps up for the winter in order to make the site presentable over the season.

## **8. New Business**

### Signage

Peter Ross read an email from Brian Lee, Director of Engineering thanking the Committee for our motion which acknowledged the work of the City & the Region to implement our request for directional signage on Highway 48, Major Mackenzie Dr. & the Donald Cousens Parkway (DCP) to connect the 3 roads.

The Committee also requested new signage at the 407/ETR exit ramps to the DCP. It was noted that unfortunately, while this was also completed, these latter signs did not contain an arrow indicating the direction to Highway 48.

The email from the Director named the numerous staff members involved at both the City and Regional level. He stressed the partnership and teamwork that was involved in implementing our request.

Peter Ross requested that it be verified that the Committee's motion of thanks did get sent to the Director, and that a copy of his email response be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

### Widening of Steeles

Peter Ross advised that the tender for the Detailed Design of the widening of Steeles Ave. east of Markham Rd. has been awarded and is currently underway. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

As a consequence, the Box Grove Collector is to be renamed the DCP by YorkRegion, which will also have to widen the south end of Ninth Line (now DCP).

### Director of Operations

Councillor Colin Campbell advised the Committee that Barb Rabicki, Director of Operations has resigned from the City. The Committee would like to thank Barb Rabicki for all her work.

### Suggestions from local resident

Graham Dewar advised that a local resident of Markham Village send him an e-mail with some comments and suggestions for the Committee to consider. They are as follows:

- Improve traffic bottle-neck north into Markham Village - consider reversible middle lane
- Having "fundamental services" to the Markham Main Street - such as year round farmers market and an anchor food store to encourage people to walk the street
- Ensure compliance with Heritage Sign By-law is enforced
- Improve accessibility

### Festival of Lights and Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Colin Campbell advised that the annual Festival of Lights is taking place on Friday November 25 and the annual Santa Claus Parade is taking place on Saturday November 26 and encouraged anyone available to attend.

### Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village

There was brief discussion regarding the timeline of the new cenotaph project. It was suggested that Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks and Open Space Development come to a future meeting to provide an update.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2017 in the Canada Room.

Items for discussion at future meetings:

- Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village

## **11. Parked Items**

- a) Master Plan Environmental Sub-Committee
- b) Promotion of Main Street Sub-Committee
- c) Official Plan and Zoning Review Sub-Committee
- d) Parking Authority, Parking Lot Issues and Parking Issues
- e) Status of Town Square Feasibility Study
- f) Five-Year Pathway Implementation Program
- g) Main Street Markham Streetscape Implementation/Funding Strategy
- h) Linear Park Main Street South

- i) Morgan Park
- j) Library Square
- k) Metal Barrier Covers
- l) Bullock Drive to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension
- m) Donald Cousens Parkway Extension
- n) Steeles Widening Markham Road to Bypass
- o) Heavy Truck Signage (MTO) at 407 & Main Street South
- p) Markham Bypass Highway 48 Signage on Don Cousens Parkway (DCP)
- q) DCP Extension to Highway 48

#### **14. Adjournment**

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Carried