



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee meeting  
held on June 15, 2016**

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair  
Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair  
Jason Bebee  
Paul Cicchini  
Siobhán Covington  
Graham Dewar  
Phil Howes  
Gunter Langhorst  
Christine Matthews  
Jason McCauley  
Tanya-Kay Melbourne  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Ardy Reid  
Peter Ross  
Harvey Thomson

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning  
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Christina Lee, Committee Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:54 PM with Councillor Karen Rea in the Chair.

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the May 18, 2016, Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee**

Moved by            Jason Bebee  
Seconded by       Peter Ross

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on May 18, 2016 be

adopted as distributed.

Carried

**4. Main Street Markham North Revitalization  
Proposed Changes to Robinson/Main Street N Intersection Paving Material Festival  
Square**

The Committee received a presentation made by Mr. Alan Brown, Director of Engineering. The presentation was titled Main Street Markham Streetscaping, Robinson Street (June 8 and 15, 2016) and concerned options to remediate the failing pavers installed at the intersection at Robinson/Main Street N.

Mr. Brown advised that, following extensive research by staff, six restoration options were developed. There was discussion regarding features associated with each option, capital and operating costs, construction times and construction disruption to the area, as well as options from previous studies which supported special treatment for intersections. The Committee reviewed the six restoration options for Festival Square and noted they generally prefer Restoration Option 5, but recognize that the cost for this option may be prohibitive.

In recognition of the importance of honouring the Vision Plan for Main Street Markham and the creation of a special intersection treatment for “Festival Square”, and the need for the mitigation of ongoing capital/operating costs of non-permanent remediation and disruptions to business owners/motorists while being fiscally responsible, the Committee requested a motion for Council’s consideration in the 2017 municipal budget.

Moved by           Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by       Harvey Thompson

1. That the Main Street Markham Committee recommends to Council for their consideration during the 2017 Budget process, support for the staff recommendation of Restoration Option 4 for the Robinson/Main Street N Intersection Restoration otherwise known as Festival Square, wherein:
  - All the pavers will be removed;
  - The area will be reinstated with asphalt;
  - Impressed asphalt will be installed at the crosswalks only (similar to Centre Street and mid-block north of Wilson Street);
  - Estimated construction will be 14 days;
  - Capital Cost of \$351,000, and
  - Annual Maintenance of \$5,000; and
2. That upon budget approval, the restoration begin at the earliest opportunity in order to minimize the ongoing capital/operating costs of non-permanent remediation, and the disruptions to business owners/motorists; and further,
3. That consideration be given to adding impressed asphalt of a different pattern and colour within the intersection, as described in Restoration Option 5, at the nearest future date in

order to best honour and realize the Vision Plan for Main Street Markham as endorsed by Council.

Carried

The Committee thanked Mr. Brown for the presentation and his staff for their efforts in bringing forward the options. The Committee informed Mr. Brown of its support for Option 4 on the understanding that Option 5 would be preferable if possible now or in the nearest future as budget constraints permits.

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

Peter Ross provided an update to the construction on Main Street Markham. The information is from discussions he has had with Mr. Dereje Tafesse of the Engineering Department.

### **a) Deficiency List Main Street Markham South**

Mr. Tafesse met with the Contractor, Dagmar Construction on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the deficiencies which have been identified. This week, they have been scheduling and started making remedies. There are a number of areas such as the former worksite office that are to be remediated. Smaller items to be addressed include an additional yellow line that needs to be ground off; a loose and noisy sewer valve opening cover and a protruding iron bar related to a Power Stream pole support, all issues identified during a warranty inspection on April 22, 2016 and further reinforced during a walk through inspection on May 25 with Shirley Marsh, of Urban Design, Mr. Tafesse and with area residents to consider landscaping. All deficiencies have been itemized on the list provided to Dagmar Construction.

Dagmar Construction has already begun by removing the weeds and replacing the landscape at the entrance traffic islands just south of the intersection of Highway 7 and Main Street Markham. Very few health and safety issues were identified - the issue with a protruding guy-wire stake at Main Street South and James Scott is an issue to be addressed with Power Stream. Most of the deficiencies were cosmetic such as weeds in the planters at Highway 7. Remedial work is underway or will be started soon.

## **6. Alternate Parking Signs**

The Committee advised that signs illustrating alternate parking lots in the area had been taken down as they were out of date. New signage is being requested in the proposed 2017 Capital Budget. There will be three new signs at the estimated cost of \$10,000.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she would add this item to her requests for the budget.

Councillor Rea advised that the Royal Bank has issued letters regarding towing of vehicles improperly using its parking lot.

The Committee concluded that parking continues to be an issue in the area as was discussed at

the meeting on May 18, 2016. Mr. Churchill Piggott suggested that this item be brought back at the September meeting for an update.

#### **7. Tender for Island at 16th and Main Street North**

Mr. Hutcheson advised that the tender documents for an island with landscaping will be released in July. If the tender is within budget, work will begin this fall.

Councillor Rea informed Mr. Hutcheson that she saw a planting idea and will provide Mr. Hutcheson with a photograph.

#### **8. Cigarette Disposal Waste Container**

Councillor Rea informed the Committee that she has learned that there can be no cigarette disposal containers permitted within 9 metres of any building entrance/exit. This item will be added to the September agenda to allow for more time to research alternatives.

#### **9. Incoming Planning Applications**

Mr. Hutcheson provided an update on the following incoming planning applications:

Site Plan Applications:	4 Peter Street
Condo Applications:	23 Water Street
Heritage Permits:	21 Franklin Street and 24 Church Street
Building Permits:	49 Church Street, 98 Main Street, 24 Church Street and 14 Alexander Hunter

#### **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2016 in the Canada Room.

Items for discussion at future meetings:

- Status Update of Tender for Island at 16th and Main Street North
- Removal of Old Power Poles
- Cigarette Disposal Waste Containers
- Parking in Markham Village
- Donald Cousens Parkway extension (September 2016)

#### **13. 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 and Parking Lot 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 to Hwy 48
- 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)

#### **14. Adjournment**

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 7:02 PM.

Carried