



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee meeting  
held on May 18, 2016**

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair  
Jason Bebee  
Siobhán Covington  
Graham Dewar  
Gunter Langhorst  
Christine Matthews  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Ardy Reid  
Peter Ross  
Harvey Thomson

Regrets

Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair  
Paul Cicchini  
Phil Howes  
Jason McCauley  
Tanya-Kay Melbourne  
Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage  
Planning

Staff

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner  
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator  
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**

Items 10 and 11 were added to the agenda for this meeting.

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the April 20, 2016 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee**

Peter Ross requested that the Minutes of April 20, 2016 be amended, to provide clarification, Items 5, Item 7 and to Parked Items “n”. He also requested the addition of items “o”, “p” and “q” to the list of Parked Items.

Moved by           Diane More  
Seconded by       Gunter Langhorst

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on April 20, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Carried

### **4. Administrative Matters:**

- a) Christina Lee was welcomed as the new Committee Clerk.
- b) Kiran Saini provided a presentation to review Committee Procedures and Orientation

The Committee thanked Ms. Saini for all her work supporting the Committee.

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

Peter Ross provided an update to the construction on Main Street Markham. He advised that Dereje Tafesse has replaced Dan Fong in the Engineering Department.

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

Mr. Ross learned from Mr. Tafesse that staff had conducted a warranty inspection of on April 22, 2016. The resulting deficiency list has been provided to Dagmar Construction. 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 either underway or will be started soon.

A walk through inspection is scheduled for May 25 with Shirley Marsh, Senior Urban Planner, and Mr. Tafesse to consider landscaping.

#### **b) Linear Park – Vinegar Hill Parkette**

Mr. Ross advised that he was contacted by Linda Irvine, Manager – Parks and Open Space Development. She anticipates releasing a Request for Tender in May for the construction of the construction of the Vinegar Hill Parkette this summer.

- c) **Deficiency List Main Street North** – Mr. Ross advised that Dan Foong had completed a review of the issues with the pavers on Main Street North and that Alan Brown, Director of Engineering has since referred this issue to Alain Cachola. Mr. Brown and Mr. Cachola will be meeting with Senior Management within the next week or two to determine best options.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she would be meeting with staff on May 21 regarding the cobblestones on Robinson Street.

There was discussion regarding alternative paving materials, concern regarding ease of use for wheelchair users.

Councillor Rea also advised that weeding is scheduled for this week.

**6. Cigarette Disposal Waste Containers**

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she is researching the provincial legislation as to where the containers can be placed and will provide an update as soon as she can.

**7. Traffic Signals at Main Street Markham and Bullock Drive**

Councillor Karen Rea informed the Committee that an advanced green signal has been installed and that there is to be a study of the need for the lights to be coordinated with those at Snider Drive.

**8. Public Parking Signage in Markham Village**

On behalf of Regan Hutcheson, George Duncan reviewed Mr. Hutcheson's memorandum of May 13 with the Committee. The memorandum detailed the location of the 477 public parking spaces in Markham Village. A large portion of the spaces are held in association with the Community Centre and Library, with some (16) leased to the Markham Craft Guild. Mr. Duncan advised that one sign directing drivers to the spaces behind the shops on the west of Main and one sign directing drivers to parking within the Royal Bank's lot are now installed or will be installed shortly. As the 24 City-owned spaces behind the Royal Bank building are within the Bank's parking lot and require use of the private drive aisles for access, there is confusion as to which spaces are for public parking and which are for Bank patrons.

Mr. Ross advised that before construction there had been signs in each lot, directing cars to other lots, if full. These were taken down during construction and were "lost". At the next meeting Mr. Hutcheson can be asked if he has made any progress in his tracking of the missing signs.

There was discussion regarding the limited availability of parking, and any remedial steps that might yield some relief for all stakeholders.

## 9. Incoming Planning Applications

On behalf of Regan Hutcheson, George Duncan provided an update on the following incoming planning applications:

Site Plan Applications: 42 George Street

Request for Pre-consultation: 40 Main Street North

Heritage Permits: 5 Eby Way, 276 Main Street North, 12 Wismer Place,  
14 Alexander Hunter, 4 Wismer Place, Markham Village  
locations

Building Permits: 143 Main Street North, 4 Dryden Court, 4 Peter Street,  
5990 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 369 Main Street North,  
7 Heritage Corners Lane, 24 Church Street,  
14 Alexander Hunter, 10 Heritage Corners Lane

## 10. Road Signage Issues

Peter Ross provided an update regarding signage issues.

- a. **Heavy Truck Signage** – He advised that there is now heavy truck prohibition signage along Main Street Markham at James Scott, Princess Streets and at each corner at Highway 7 and Main Street Markham.

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Ross will send a note of thanks and appreciation to Dave Poretta, Traffic Operations for the signage.

- b. **407 ETR Signage for Donald Cousens Parkway (DCP) and Highway 48** – He informed the Committee that there has been progress on signage from the 407 ETR through to the DCP to Highway 48. There is a new sign on the 407 ETR westbound showing directions to Highway 48 via DCP. He advised that York Region has just approved a Strategic Goods Movement Network as a part of their Transportation Master Plan. That plan proposes the exact route (DCP to Highway 48) this Committee proposed to staff at the Committee's meeting on April 20, 2016. He also indicated that more signage proposals are forthcoming in the next few months.

There was discussion on the complexity of coordinating the installation of signage as multiple levels of government are concerned.

Updates were requested for the next meeting as to whether the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the island at Highway 48 has been issued, and as to the status of the issue of the old power poles which have not been removed.

### **11. Interpretive Plaque Program – Markham Village**

George Duncan informed the Committee that Corporate Communications is working on the design of the plaques. Mockups are being prepared. Once a design has been approved an RFP will be issued. It is expected that the program will begin later this year.

### **12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2016 in the Canada Room.

Items for discussion at future meetings:

- RFP for Island at Highway 48
- Removal of Old Power Poles
- Cigarette Disposal Waste Containers
- Parking in Markham Village (including the missing Parking Lot directional signs)
- 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
- 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**

Moved by     Graham Dewar  
Seconded by   Gunter Langhorst

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 6:59 PM.

Carried