



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

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair
Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair
Siobhán Covington
Graham Dewar
Phil Howes
Christine Matthews
Jason McCauley
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross

Regrets

Paul Cicchini
Dianne More

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
David Plant, Manager of Parks Operations
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting Secretary

Guests

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Gunter Langhorst

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:57 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was disclosed.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Committee consented to move agenda item 7 “Cigarette Disposal Containers Update” to item 4 on the agenda.

Moved by Graham Dewar
Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the March 16, 2016 agenda item 7 be amended to item 4 on the Main Street Markham Committee agenda.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the January 20, 2016 and February 17, 2016 Meetings of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Jason McCauley
Seconded by Jennifer Peters-Morales

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meetings held on January 20, 2016 and February 17, 2016 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Cigarette Disposal Containers Update

David Plant, Manager of Parks Operation was in attendance and proposed purchasing two units (complete with installation and maintenance). He suggested that the Committee provide input into where these units should be placed on Main Street Markham. David Plant showed the Committee two different designs: 1) a cylindrical tube; and 2) a Rubbermaid container (similar to the unit currently located at the Dutchess of Markham Pub).

David Plant advised that the installation of the two units on Main Street Markham would be considered a pilot project, and if successful, it may be brought forward for other areas within the City as part of the next budget planning process.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that the Markham Village Business Improvement Area Board should be consulted for the placement of the two units.

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the Main Street Markham Committee endorse Operations purchasing 2 cigarette waste container units, with the exact model and location to be determined.

Carried

5. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

a) Main Street Markham North

Peter Ross advised that this matter is still with the City's Legal Department. The City has released the holdback for the 4 Seasons contractor regarding the construction on Main Street North.

The City is currently investigating options with respect to the brick pavers at Robinson Street.

b) Main Street Markham South

Peter Ross advised that the status of Main Street Markham South has not changed with the current 2 year warranty with Dagmar currently in place.

There was discussion regarding the deficiency list. It was noted that Councillor Karen Rea and Christine Matthews would review the list in the spring together.

Peter Ross advised that he would follow up with Dan Foong from Engineering and report back to the Committee in April with an update.

It was requested that the Deficiency List be added to the Committee's April agenda.

c) Bullock to 16th Avenue Construction

There was brief discussion regarding any future construction on Main Street Markham between Bullock and 16th Avenue. It was noted that due to budgetary constraints, it would be at least 6 to 7 years before this area would be revitalized.

d) Median at 16th Avenue

It was also noted that the median location and design has been determined and a Request for Proposal for the construction of this median will be issued in the spring of this year.

6. Linear Park Plan

The Committee reviewed an update memo from the Planning and Urban Design Department on the fence issue around the drainage culvert.

Moved by Jason McCauley
Seconded by Peter Ross

Given the proposed Linear Park's anticipated function as a gateway feature to Markham Village, the area's overall village/heritage character, a desire to enhance the pedestrian realm experience, and the site's visibility and prominence, the Main Street Markham Committee recommends that the City consider replacing the existing chain link fence treatment around the drainage culvert with a more appropriate fence treatment similar to the fence treatment used at the Raymerville culvert rehabilitation project.

Carried

It was requested that the Linear Park Design fence around the culvert be added to the Committee's April agenda.

Name of Linear Park

The Manager of Parks and Open Space Planning requested the Committee provide feedback on the potential name "Vinegar Hill Parkette" for the official name of Linear Park.

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Main Street Markham Committee support the name Vinegar Hill Parkette.

Carried

7. Update of Markham Village Interpretive Plaque Project

Regan Hutcheson provided a summary of the Markham Village Interpretive Project including the three phases of the project: 1) Research; 2) Development of Interpretive Messages and Technology; and 3) Detailed Design, Production and Installation. The project is currently in the third phase.

The committee reviewed the proposed interpretive panel design including colour, shape, size and mounting post as well as the typical content layout of the interpretive panel (logo, name of project, QR code, Markham Remembered logo and City of Markham logo), and had no objection.

The committee discussed possible options for the name of the interpretive panel project which included: 1) Markham Village Interpretive Project; 2) Markham Village Remembered; 3) Remember Markham Village; 4) Markham Village Memories; and 5) Markham Village Heritage. The committee recommended the interpretive panels use the name “Markham Village Heritage” above the logo in the half-circle top bump out.

Staff provided an overview of the 16 theme interpretive stations and the recommended locations for each. The feedback provided by the committee is as follows:

Title of Panel	Preferred Location
Orientation Panel	Town Square Parkette 98 Main St. N. (this area may be redeveloped in future due to tree replacement and poor condition of wooden timbers)
1. Aboriginal Presence in the Rouge Valley	East side of Main St. S., edge of Markham Village Library property or Bridge – east side
2. Rouge Valley Mills & Vinegar Hill	In the new Linear Park – “Vinegar Hill Parkette”
3. Markham Agricultural Fair	In front of community centre, east of pathway to west entrance, 6031 Highway 7 – keep away from walkway which may be redeveloped as part of Veteran Park plans
4. Highway 7	Next to walkway to Starbucks, 5695 Highway 7
5. Stonehouse Robbery	Grass boulevard in front of community centre (across Hwy 7 on south side)
6. Markham Village Churches	Berm in front of 32 Main Street (St. Andrew’s United Church) Alternate Site: paver “bump out” in front of site
7. Speight Wagon Company	Berm in front of 1 Thompson Court Apartments Alternate Site: paver “bump out” in front of site
8. Main Street	Decorate paver area at NE corner of Main Street North and Robinson Street

9. Markham Village & Old Town Hall	Old Town Hall 96 Main Street North (not on north side of stairs as this would interfere with Festival stage)
10. Morgan Park	Morgan Park, Southeast corner of Parkway Ave. & George Street (keep off to side to avoid potential future walkway as part of park redevelopment)
11. Robinson Farm	Public Boulevard, south side of Parkway Ave, west of Grace Anglican Church
12. Franklin Street Public School	Green space east of tennis court Committee did not support on chain link fence or school wall
13. Henry R. Wales Dwelling & Carriage Works	East side of Main Street North, within road allowance in front of St. Andrew's Church vacant lot
14. The Railway in Markham	Landscape strip at NW corner of Main Street North and Station Street (south of concrete walk into station property)
15. The History of Mount Joy	266 Main Street North – Dentist Office in old Mount Joy Post Office and General Store
16. Health Care in Mount Joy	South end of 300 Main Street North

Staff also requested feedback on the introduction of an orientation panel. After some discussion, the consensus was that an orientation panel was desirable and that the small parkette (on private property) at the southwest corner of Main Street Markham North and Robinson Street was the appropriate location.

8. Heavy Trucks signage

Peter Ross provided an update on the existing heavy truck signage. He noted that there are currently heavy truck prohibition regulatory signs posted by the City in the following locations:

- Northbound Main Street Markham at Princess Street
- Northbound Main Street Markham at Highway 7
- Southbound Main Street Markham at 16th Avenue
- Southbound Main Street Markham at Highway 7

The Region has more recently installed larger and more readable signs advising of the prohibition of trucks between the 407 ETR and 16th Avenue at the following locations:

- Northbound Markham Road, South of 14th Avenue
- Southbound Markham Road, South of Edward Jeffreys Avenue
- Eastbound Highway 7, West of Main Street Markham
- Westbound Highway 7, East of Markham Street Markham

Peter Ross showed a map illustrating these locations. It was noted that both the northbound and southbound signs at Highway 7 posted by the City, no longer appear to be there.

Similarly, a sign shown on the 407 ETR does not exist. Peter Ross advised he would follow up with staff.

There was discussion regarding trucks exiting off the 407ETR onto Markham Road & turning north to the Village not having sufficient signage relating to the truck prohibition.

Moved by Phil Howes
Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the Main Street Markham Committee request that City staff contact 407ETR and York Region regarding installing signage at the east and west ramp terminals of the 407ETR on Markham Road advising of the truck prohibition on Main Street Markham.

Carried

Peter Ross advised that he would forward a copy of this motion to Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong for follow up.

9. Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the following incoming planning applications:

Site Plan Applications: 36 Peter Street; 22 George Street; 29 Jerman Street.

Committee of Adjustment: 48 Main Street North; 5990 16th Avenue.

Heritage Permits: 4 Peter Street

Building Permits: 10 Centre Street; 9899 Markham Road.

Regan Hutcheson also provided updates on 73 Main Street South and the Esso Gas Station redevelopment.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 in the Canada Room.

Items for April Agenda:

- Donald Cousens Parkway Extension (Peter Ross)
- Steeles Avenue Widening (Peter Ross)
- Deficiency List (Peter Ross)
- Linear Park fence design (Regan Hutcheson)
- Cigarette Disposal Container Update (Councillor Karen Rea)

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 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) Main Street Markham Preliminary Deficiency List
- l) Metal Barrier Covers
- m) Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue extension

It was suggested that item k “Main Street Markham Preliminary Deficiency List” from the parked items be removed and the Donald Cousens Parkway Extension be added.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Graham Dewar

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Carried