



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee meeting
held on January 20, 2016**

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair
Graham Dewar
Phil Howes
Jason McCauley
Dianne More
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross
Siobhán Covington
Paul Cicchini

Regrets

Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice-Chair
Christine Matthews
Ibrahim Ali

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting Secretary
Mathieu Alain, Parks Development Coordinator

Guests

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened with quorum at 5:56 PM with Councillor Karen Rea presiding as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was disclosed

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Peter Ross requested that the agenda be amended to include truck signage as part of the agenda. The Committee approved the amended agenda.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Jason McCauley
Seconded by Dianne More

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on November 18, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Linear Park Update

Mathieu Alain delivered a presentation to the Main Street Markham Committee. He provided background information on the site, indicating that it is 15 metres in depth and 183 metres in width. The existing vegetated buffer will remain and will be improved over the course of the project. It was noted that at Parks Staff have used recommendations from meetings with the public, including the Main Street Markham Committee and Markham's Heritage Committee to assist with the design aspect of the park. Mathieu Alain indicated that a Heritage Committee Meeting was held in July 2015 and that committee members expressed interest in heritage styles benches to be consistent with the other benches along Main Street Markham.

It was further noted that a mix of coniferous, shrubs and deciduous trees will be planted to provide a diverse mix of vegetation. Perennials will likely not be planted because this area is intended to be low maintenance.

There was discussion regarding the decorative stone wall, which is approximately 2 feet high (600 millimetres) and 1 foot wide. This ornamental wall has been recommended based on discussions with Operations staff and the stone will be consistent with the stone used at Highway 7 and Main Street Markham.

In general, the design concept is low maintenance, but meant to be classy. The park will act as a gateway to the Main Street's corridor and the Village.

The Committee inquired about the timeline for the project's completion. Mathieu Alain noted that if there are no changes to the preliminary design, Staff will proceed with developing a detailed design with construction to begin in the spring of 2016.

There were questions regarding whether guardrails would be required around the drainage structure, however it was noted that the City Engineering Department has already reviewed and signed off on the existing structure as part of their recent road widening project along Markham Road.

It was also noted that low maintenance perennials should be considered as part of the design project for the park.

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded Graham Dewar

That the Main Street Markham Committee supports the preliminary design for the Main Street South Linear Park Design concept as presented by Mathieu Alain on January 20, 2016.

Carried

5. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

a) Main Street Markham North Update

Peter Ross provided an update on Main Street Markham North construction. Negotiations among the parties regarding cost reductions for work done on Main Street Markham North regarding such things as pavers is now in the City's Legal Department. The City is reviewing options for the Robinson Street area pavers over the winter. Other items of deficiencies, such as the asphalt outside the Duchess and the dead tree will be addressed in the Spring by Operations staff.

b) Main Street Markham South Update

Peter Ross provided an update on Main Street Markham South; He advised that Main St. South is currently under a 2-year maintenance warranty for the work completed. Deficiencies identified earlier will be reviewed in the Spring, when a subsequent identification & rectification of further deficiencies will also take place. Many of the deficiencies are expected to be related to loss of landscaping over the Winter.

Peter Ross noted that the cover off the lamp post has been replaced since the Committee's last meeting.

6. 2016 Budget Update

Councillor Karen Rea advised that the introduction of hanging baskets on Main Street South would cost approximately \$65,000. The cost for the section on Main Street North (north of Bullock Drive) would be even higher. Staff is going to examine the whole City as a complete package and report back to Council.

The issue of sidewalk/boulevard repair north of Bullock Drive was also going to be examined by Operations staff.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that staff will report back to General Committee or Development Services Committee in the spring of 2016 regarding street safety in Markham; which specifically relates to her request for an extra Speed Board (cost \$6,500 to 7,500) to be installed in the area.

It was noted by a Committee Member that hydro poles that had been sheared off had never been removed from Main Street North (Bullock to 16th)

Peter Ross inquired about a previous request for a heritage style bench and bus shelter at Princess Street and Main Street Markham South. Councillor Karen Rea advised that York Region Transit requires a minimum of 30 individuals to use the bus stop prior to a bus shelter being installed. She further advised that this is a regional request. Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong and Councillor Karen Rea consented to discuss this matter in further detail with the appropriate staff.

It was suggested that this item be added to the next agenda.

7. Donald Cousens Parkway Extension

Councillor Karen Rea advised that the Donald Cousens Parkway extension has been pushed back 8 years from 2018 to 2026 due to budget priorities at the Region. It was suggested that Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong discuss this matter as a priority at Regional Council.

It was suggested that this item be added to the next agenda.

8. Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson advised of the following incoming planning applications.

Site Plan Applications: 287 Main Street North; 289 Main Street North; 41 Church Street; 3 Mayhew Lane; 4 Peter Street.

Heritage Permits: 4 Peter Street.

Building Permits: 10 Jerman Street; 10 Centre Street; 4 Peter Street; 329 Main Street North.

Councillor Karen Rea advised she will be hosting a community meeting on January 28, 2016 regarding the proposed town houses on Main Street South at Mill Street.

9. Cigarette Waste Containers

Phil Howes requested that this item be added to a future meeting agenda for an update.

10. Parking Lot Signs

Phil Howes requested that this item be added to the next agenda for an update.

This issue of visitor parking in general was discussed. Councillor Karen Rea noted that the City is considering no parking on Washington Street on either side due to the narrow nature of the street. Some concerns were raised by Committee Members. There was also discussion regarding the amount of commercial parking was available at the Sierra Development and it was noted that there was both surface parking and underground parking spaces for commercial parking.

11. Truck Signage

Peter Ross advised that there are 2 elements to signage. Firstly, the matter of signage prohibiting trucks on Markham Road between the 407 & 16th Avenue. Here there has been new & fuller signage. He advised that Brian Lee, Deputy Director of Engineering advised that staff would conduct a survey of the signs and expects that this information may be available for the next meeting.

The second area of Signage concerns the lack of signage north of Steeles Avenue on Markham Road offering the Don Cousens Parkway (Markham Bypass) as an alternative to using Main Street North and South. Deputy Director Brian Lee will provide an update on this area as well for the next meeting.

Discussion ensued about the placement, number and location of signs. It was noted that if signage is not present, truck prohibition cannot be enforced and that the signage must be placed at locations which allow the truck drivers the opportunity to select alternative routes (not just placed on Main Street itself).

It was suggested that this item be added to the next agenda.

12. 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

13. Adjournment

Moved by Dianne More
Seconded by Churchill Piggot

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 7:00 PM.

Carried