



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee meeting
held on February 17, 2016**

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

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair
Siobhán Covington
Graham Dewar
Phil Howes
Jason McCauley
Jennifer Peters-Morales

Regrets

Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair
Paul Cicchini
Christine Matthews
Dianne More
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross

Guests

Gunter Langhorst

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened without quorum at 6:00 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Karen Rea welcomed Gunter Langhorst to the meeting. She advised that Gunter was interested in joining the Committee.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Items 8 through 11 were added to the agenda for discussion.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on January 20, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

4. Donald Cousens Parkway Extension

Councillor Karen Rea advised that this matter is currently with the Region. She indicated that Regional and ward Councillors are currently reviewing the method which information is communicated to the Ward Councillors regarding matters being discussed at Regional Council and concern their local constituents.

5. Cigarette Disposal Containers Update

Regan Hutcheson advised that he followed up with Staff from Public Realm and Operations. He indicated that Staff investigated alternatives; such as a cigarette disposal container made by Maglin street furniture. The cost of these units would be approximately \$200-\$300/waste container.

Discussion related to the cigarette butt containers ensued. It was suggested that the BIA could be approached to purchase the waste containers and the City could possibly install the waste containers.

Concerns were raised with the durability of the units for snow removal and potential for vandalism and for the durability of the proposed Maglin units.

An update to this item was requested at the next meeting.

6. Parking Lot Signs

Regan Hutcheson advised that he spoke with Dan Foong from Engineering regarding the missing signage. The City's sign shop is currently making the signs; however the City is waiting until Spring to install them on wooden polls (given that there is limited space for staff to currently install them). The contractor will be required to pay for the sign replacement/lost signs.

7. Incoming Planning Applications

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

Site Plan Applications: 3 Mayhew Lane; 6 Alexander Hunter Place; 201 Main Street North; 29 Jerman Street.

Zoning Amendment: 180 Main Street North

Heritage Permits: 369 Main Street North

Building Permits: 171 Main Street North; 60 Main Street North; 23 Water Street.

8. Interpretive Plaque Program

Regan Hutcheson advised that Corporate Communications would be assisting with the creation of the plaques throughout Main Street. There are 17 plaques with different themes such as Aboriginal Heritage, Mills, Churches, Highway 7 and the significance of Morgan Park. These plaques will likely be ready by May 2016 and the plaque to be placed in Linear Park will go up once the park is completed. Phase 1 was research-oriented and the external researcher worked extensively with the Museum and Heritage Section Staff to compile the information for the plaques.

9. Linear Park

Councillor Karen Rea advised that Linear Park will have 2 benches and not 4 as were originally planned in the design concept.

Discussion ensued regarding the chain link fence at Linear Park; Jason McCauley suggested that the City use the same fence which was recently installed along Raymerville instead of regular chain link fence. He advised that he would circulate photos of the alternative solution.

10. Canadian Pacific Railway Underpass at 14th Avenue and Highway 48

Phil Howes raised a concern with respect to the banner at this intersection. He advised that the banner on the south side of the railway underpass should have been replaced with a "Welcome to Markham Village" sign. It was noted that Corporate Communications would be undertaking a new project in the near future to revitalize all signage on railway underpasses.

11. Update on Morgan Park

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she is holding a community meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2016 at Grace Anglican Church at 7 pm to provide an update on plans of redevelopment of Morgan Park.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2016 in the Canada Room.

Items for March or upcoming agenda:

- Robinson Street & Main Street (add to May agenda)
- No heavy Trucks signage (Councillor Karen Rea and Phil Howes will do an inventory of the signage)
- Bullock to 16th Avenue construction.
- Median at 16th Avenue

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

14. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee adjourned at 7:03 PM.