



**Minutes from the tenth Meeting of the  
Main Street Markham Committee in 2015**

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

**November 18, 2015**

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair  
Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair  
Michelle Homan  
Christine Matthews  
Jason McCauley  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Ardy Reid  
Peter Ross  
Paul Cicchini

Regrets

Graham Dewar  
Phil Howes  
Helen Walter  
Dianne More

Staff

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

Guests

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:51 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair.

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None were disclosed.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

Identification of additional items to be added to the agenda for this meeting.

Regan Hutcheson noted that he brought newly printed Heritage Markham 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books for distribution to Committee Members. The purpose of this book is to showcase a number of projects Heritage Markham has contributed to in the past several decades.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee**

Moved by Jason McCauley  
Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on October 21, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

**4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction**

**a) Main Street Markham South Update**

Peter Ross advised that all major work has been completed as of October 2015. Any deficiencies will be worked on in the spring. He also noted that a further review of the area will be completed in the spring (likely after the deficiencies are fixed).

De-weeding has occurred on the island at Main Street South and Highway 7.

The City maintains a two year warranty on the construction work and landscaping.

**b) Main Street Markham North Update**

Four Seasons and the City are still discussing the list of deficiencies provided to them subsequent to the last Committee Meeting. Important deficiencies have been completed, such as the replacement of blue water caps next to the trees with the brass coloured metal and removal of a dead tree.

The brick pavers have been removed at Pedestrian crossings and Centre Street and have been subsequently filled with impressed asphalt.

At Robinson Street, the City will fill in spots with asphalt to get through the winter until a final recommendation is made to rehabilitate the area.

There was discussion about the impressed asphalt swale and broken curb at Centre Street near the bank. Councillor Karen Rea advised that she would follow up with staff to determine what can be done.

Discussion ensued regarding the lamp posts on the eastside of Main Street South. It was noted that the last post is missing the bottom cover. Peter Ross advised he would follow up with staff in this regard

**5. 407 ETR Signage & Truck Prohibition Signage**

Peter Ross advised that Staff will approach the Region for two directional/advisory signs for northbound motorists on Markham Road; one before 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and one before 407

ETR. This is to provide motorists an opportunity to take either a Regional arterial or a toll highway to access the Donald Cousens Parkway.

With respect to the truck prohibition sign, staff will need to review this as it pertains to regulatory signs under the Highway Traffic Act and traffic by-laws.

There was discussion on the areas where the truck prohibition signs currently exist. It was noted that signs should be strategically placed and ensure that they are large enough to be read from a distance.

**6. Donald Cousens Parkway Extension**

This Committee previously requested that the Region advance the date of the extension work, and the motion will be forwarded to the Mayor and Regional Councillors. It was noted that the start date is 2018 with the road planned to open in 2020, and that it would take a full two years, primarily due to a grade separation. Detailed design is planned to occur in 2016 including obtaining approvals and required property.

**7. Public Parking Lot Directional Signs Update**

Regan Hutcheson advised that the original green “P” signs are still missing. He noted that staff are waiting for the contractor to advise if the contractor will make the signs or if the City’s sign shop will make them and charge the cost back to the contractor.

**8. Update on Cigarette Waste Containers**

Regan Hutcheson advised that Operations staff are investigating this matter and will provide an update at a future meeting. The procurement of such waste containers would require a capital budget request approval.

**9. Incoming Planning Applications**

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

Site Plan Applications: 12 Peter Street.

OPA and Zoning: 73 Main Street South.

Committee of Adjustment: 12 Peter Street.

Heritage Permits: 25 Princess Street; 10 Heritage Corners Lane.

**a) 73 Main Street South at Mill Street Update**

Regan Hutcheson advised that the application received for 73 Main Street South at Mill Street is a site proposed for townhouse development. The site is currently vacant and in a “L” shape; there are frontages both on Main Street and Mill Street. The application has been referred to a Heritage Markham subcommittee and the subcommittee will come back

to Heritage Markham with recommendations on the application. There was significant discussion on this proposed application; the Committee noted that they were not supportive of the proposed density and height.

#### **10. Budget Update**

Councillor Karen Rea provided an update on the 2016 budget. She advised that she has made a number of requests, such as painting of the gazebo; benches for vets hall; bike racks; the street lights from Bullock Drive to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be consistent with the street lights on the rest of the street (operations to review this request); and planters will be reviewed for heritage districts across the City, such as Thornhill, Unionville and Main Street.

The request for a bus shelter and bench at Main Street South and Princess Street is a regional matter.

Councillor Karen Rea noted that the budget must still be approved by Markham Council.

#### **11. Pedestrian Crossing**

There was discussion regarding pedestrian crossing signals by the war memorial and Highway 7 and Main Street Markham. It was noted that pedestrian signals should be automatic and not require pedestrians to press the signal crossing button first.

Councillor Karen Rea noted that this may be a regional matter and she will follow up with an email to Regional Councillors to seek their advice.

#### **12. Next Meeting**

Moved by Churchill Piggott  
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the December meeting for the Main Street Markham Committee be cancelled and that meetings reconvene in January 2016.

Carried

Regan Hutcheson advised the Committee that staff will be prepared to provide an update on the proposal for Linear Park at the January meeting.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by Churchill Piggott

Seconded by Jason McCauley

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

Carried