



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

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

October 21, 2015

Members

Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Karen Rea
Graham Dewar
Christine Matthews
Jason McCauley
Dianne More
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross
Helen Walter
Gordon Walter
Siobhán Covington

Regrets

Ibrahim Ali
Phil Howes

Staff

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:50 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was declared.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on September 16, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

a) Bridge Opening Ceremony

Peter Ross provided the Committee with an update on the bridge opening ceremony which was held on September 29, 2015 at 11:00 AM. He advised that the Mayor and Members of Council, Staff, consultants and community residents attended the ceremony. Peter Ross thanked the Committee for their contribution and hard work on revitalizing the area.

b) Main Street Markham Road Construction Update

Peter Ross provided the following update:

Main Street Markham North

Engineering Department has identified 3 or 4 more important deficiencies in addition to the list of deficiencies previously provided by the contractor. For example, the watering caps were incorrect at the treepits.

Consultations with the City's arborist regarding replacing the dead and dying trees will continue into the spring after the trees have survived the winter. Concerns regarding weeds growing in the islands.

Main Street Markham South

All major hard surface work and landscaping has been completed. Some further work and deficiencies may be worked on in the spring.

c) Paver Issue - Main Street Markham North

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering delivered a presentation entitled "Main Street Markham Streetscaping from Highway 7 to Bullock Drive". He provided the following information to the Committee:

Background

- Brick pavers were used for crosswalks at Centre Street, Robinson Street and a pedestrian crosswalk north of Wilson Street.
- Bricks were placed on top of concrete base to minimize movement and required 15 days to install, resulting in lane closures.

Issues

- Crosswalks bricks have prematurely failed and are sinking or popping out

- Remedial work is required to address safety concerns

Investigations

- Paver Design Experts, Applied Research Associates (ARA) were retained to provide independent investigation of the issues
- Concrete base found to be intact and structurally able to support traffic
- Offset tile pattern, installed at crosswalks, allows pavers to move more than herringbone pattern causing a loss of bedding material
- Edge restraint at asphalt interface needs to be considered to minimize future movement
- Vehicles driving over bricks, in an offset tile pattern, vibrate the bricks causing them to move
- The vibration and moving, causes a loss of bedding sand and as a result the bricks sink

Restoration Options

- Reinstate with brick pavers
- Remove brick pavers and replace with pattern coloured concrete
- Remove brick pavers and replace with colour impressed asphalt
- Brick pavers and impressed concrete have a lifecycle replacement of 20 years.
- Impressed asphalt requires replacement of colour and impression every 10 years
- Of the three options, impressed asphalt has the lowest capital and maintenance cost; it requires approximately 2 weeks of disruption and restorations time; and is fairly easy to install.

Recommendations

- Centre Street and Pedestrian Crossing
 - Remove existing brick pavers to top of cement base and restore area with asphalt
- Robinson Street (Draft)
 - Review options including replacing existing crosswalk with herringbone pattern
 - Review necessity of concrete edge restraints where asphalt meets pavers

Next Steps

- Crosswalk pavers at Centre Street and Pedestrian Crossing to be removed and replaced with coloured impressed asphalt
- Provide an update to Committee in spring 2016 with final recommendation for Robinson Street

The Committee inquired whether the colonial brick colour can be used at Pedestrian Crossing.

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Dianne More

That the Main Street Markham Committee support staff's recommendation for impressed asphalt at Pedestrian Crossing; and

That colonial red brick be suggested as the colour for the impressed asphalt at Pedestrian Crossing; and further,

That the Committee support staff's rehabilitation of Robinson Street brick pavers pending a review from the Operations Department as well as cost and material for the restoration.

Carried

5. Highway 407 ETR Signage & Donald Cousens Parkway Extension

Peter Ross advised that Staff will be following up with traffic operations group to look into the installation of Markham By-Pass signs on Regional Roads. Peter Ross indicated that he would follow up with an email to the Mayor and Regional Councillors on this request.

There was discussion surrounding phase 4 of construction of the Donald Cousens Parkway (DCP) extension. It was noted that phase 4 will not begin until early 2018, this is the area where the DCP meets Highway 48. Phase 4 includes significant work with respect to grade separation with the existing metrolinx railway lines. This has resulted in preloading of subsoil, which commenced in 2012. Construction cannot proceed until the soil and concrete has been tested to ensure that a correct slope gradient is created. The detailed design package for phase 4 was completed in 2014. Currently, work is scheduled to begin in 2018 with opening in 2020.

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the Main Street Markham Committee request that the Mayor and Regional Councillors make a request at York Regional Council to move up the final phase of the Donald Cousens Parkway Extension from 2018 to 2017 with a tender to be issued in 2016.

Carried

6. Public Parking Lot Directional Signs

Regan Hutcheson advised that the contractor could not find the former signs. A request for new signs will be made and the contractor will be asked to absorb the cost for the replacement signs.

7. Heritage District Sign at James Scott Intersection

Regan Hutcheson advised that a heritage sign has gone missing at this intersection. Staff are working to replace the missing sign.

8. Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson advised of the following incoming planning applications.

Site Plan Applications: 24 Rouge Street; 12 Peter Street; 42 George Street.

OPA and Zoning: 73 Main Street South at Mill Street. The Committee requested that staff provide an update on this application at the November meeting.

Committee of Adjustment: 24 Rouge Street; 12 Peter Street.

Heritage Permits: 88 Main Street South; 214 Main Street North; 248 Main Street North.

Building Permits: 36 George Street; 38 George Street; 201 Main Street North; 56 Main Street North; 19 Main Street North; 12 David Gohn Circle.

9. Weeds in medians

Councillor Karen Rea advised she would review this matter with the appropriate staff.

10. Truck Issue

It was noted that several community members have noticed more trucks using Main Street Markham more frequently even though there is a “no trucks permitted” sign. There was discussion on whether it would be more beneficial to have the signs installed further south of Highway 7 to provide trucks with a greater opportunity to turn or use the Markham By-Pass.

Peter Ross advised he would contact the appropriate Staff to make this suggestion.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she would contact York Regional Police to inquire whether a blitz can be performed in the area.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2015 in the Canada Room.

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
- n) Metal Barrier Covers
- o) Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue extension

13. Adjournment

Moved by Dianne More

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Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 7:06 PM.

Carried