



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

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

September 16, 2015

Members

Ardy Reid
Christine Matthews
Churchill Piggott
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Karen Rea
Gordon Walter
Graham Dewar
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Peter Ross
Phil Howes
Siobhán Covington

Regrets

Ibrahim Ali
Jason McCauley
Dianne More
Helen Walter

Guests

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Staff

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

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

- 1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
None were declared.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda**
The agenda was approved as distributed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Graham Dewar
Seconded by Gordon Walter

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on August 12, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

a) Main Street Markham South Update

Peter Ross provided an update on Main Street Markham South. He advised that roughly 80-90% of the work has completed. This includes the new bridge and railings; the construction of the water main from Main Street North to Old Wellington; the construction of the Storm Sewer from Main Street North to Rouge River; the stop lights and street lights have been installed; the cross hatch painted at James Scott; and the intersection of Highway 7 and Main Street is complete.

There was discussion surrounding the colour choice of the impressed asphalt crosswalks near the bridge and at the James Scott intersection. A tan colour was used even though the Committee had recommended on November 19, 2014 that a colonial brick colour (the same used at the Highway 7 regional intersection) should be used.

b) Paver Issue - Main Street Markham North

The contractor is working on completing the list of deficiencies. Peter Ross advised that he would follow up with Engineering on the status of this list for next month's meeting.

With respect to the pedestrian cross walk deterioration and the possible use of impressed asphalt, Staff have received a report back from the geotechnical specialist, which will be reviewed prior to Staff reporting to the CAO and Council.

Regan Hutcheson noted that Engineering Staff were invited to this meeting, but had declined.

Peter Ross further advised that Engineering Staff still need to consult with the arborist about replacing the dead and dying trees.

c) Linear Park

Councillor Karen Rea noted the community meeting would be held on September 23 at 7 pm in the Library.

5. Capital Budget

Regan Hutcheson reminded Committee Members that any 2016 capital budget requests should be made through the Councillor Members. It was noted that the Council Members had to have their requests in by the end of July. Councillor Karen Rea advised that she put requests for more park benches by the gazebo and for flowers from the GO Station to 16th Avenue, a bench and bus shelter at Princess Street and heritage style lighting from the GO Station to 16th Avenue.

There was discussion regarding the Cigarette Butt waste containers. Regan Hutcheson advised that the Committee that this item was discussed at the May 20 Committee Meeting and the request had been sent to the Operations Department.

Jennifer asked that the sign at the gas station be changed to “Markham Village” instead of “Village of Markham” to be consistent with the other signage within the area. Regan Hutcheson noted the new Esso Gas Station would have “Markham Village” signage.

6. Bridge Dedication and Road Opening

Peter Ross advised that everyone has been invited to the bridge opening on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The opening ceremony will be held on Main Street Markham South. Peter Ross will be developing a flyer for distribution to the community as an invite to the opening ceremony.

7. Highway 407 ETR Signage

Peter Ross advised that the 407 does not have a Markham by-pass sign at the Donald Cousens exit. Brian Lee from Engineering indicated that Steeles Avenue to 407 is a Regional Road and if we asked the Region to install, it may be problematic. Might be advisable to have Markham create signs and install them on the Region’s right of way.

It was noted that the item should be added to the October agenda for further discussion.

8. Esso Gas Station Refurbishing Update

Regan Hutcheson advised that he has nothing to report at this time.

9. Parking Authority and Parking Lot Issues

There was discussion regarding the parking lot issues. Paul Cicchini advised that it has been difficult to identify which vehicles belong to certain individuals. Councillor Colin Campbell advised that there have been discussions regarding parking authority throughout the City and requested that this item be parked for another 6 months.

10. Parking Lot Signs

Staff were asked to follow up on the issue of public parking lot directional signs which were removed from Main Street during construction and never re-installed.

11. Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson provided a summary of incoming planning applications for the following addresses as noted below.

Site Plan Applications: 55 Rouge Street (new dwelling)

Building Permits: 56 Main Street North; 32 Main Street North; and 9350 Main Street North.

Variance Application: 3 Rouge Street; 12 Peter Street; and 27 Princess Street.

12. Next Meeting

Peter Ross asked that the Donald Cousens Extension be added to the October agenda. The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2015 in the Canada Room.

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) Bridge Dedication and Road Opening
- l) Main Street Markham Preliminary Deficiency List
- m) Banner Poles
- n) Metal Barrier Covers
- o) Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue extension

14. Adjournment

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Graham Dewar

That the Main Street Markham Committee adjourn at 6:38 PM.

Carried