



**Minutes from the seventh meeting of the
Main Street Markham Committee in 2015**

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

August 12, 2015

Members

Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Karen Rea
Paul Cicchini
Graham Dewar
Michelle Homan
Christine Matthews
Jason McCauley
Dianne More
Churchill Piggott
Peter Ross
Gordon Walter
Helen Walter

Regrets

Phil Howes
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Ardy Reid
David Konkle

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Dan Foong, Capital Works Engineer
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:56 PM with Councillor Karen Rea presiding as Chair. She welcomed Michelle Homan from the Old Markham Village Ratepayers (OMVR) Association and advised that Siobhan Covington would be the primary representative from OMVR and Michelle Homan would be the alternate.

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

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the June 17, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Gordon Walter
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on June 17, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Main Street Markham North – Proposed Replacement of Pedestrian Crossing Material – Stamped/Coloured Asphalt

Dan Foong provided a presentation entitled “Main Street Markham Streetscaping”. He advised that the purpose of this presentation was to provide the Main Street Markham Committee (Committee) with an update on the proposed replacement of the interlocking at the pedestrian crossing north of Wilson Street, the Robinson Street intersection and Centre Street pedestrian crossings, which was installed in 2014 in order to enhance the streetscaping.

a) Issues

- Concrete pavers (i.e. interlocking) installed on High Performance Bedding and Low Strength Concrete Base at surrounding crosswalks are prematurely failing.
- Operations have intermittently been filling with asphalt where the bricks have popped out and sunk – water in the winter creates issues with regards to slips and trips.

b) Investigations

- 2 soil consultants were retained to investigate the issue
- Preliminary finding:
 - Orientation of the brick pavers has played a role in the failed roadway.
 - Bedding material is grinding with concrete base (concrete dust being “pumped” to the surface)
- Effect of traffic is wearing at the roadway.
- Final recommendations expected in 2 weeks

c) Restoration Options

- Install concrete pavers correctly; or
- Replace with colour impressed asphalt.

Centre Street and Pedestrian Crossing:

Draft recommendations from Engineering:

- 1) remove existing brick pavers;

- 2) breakdown existing concrete base and re-use as granular (similar material used in surrounding asphalt areas);
- 3) pave area with asphalt;
- 4) apply offset brick impression in tan colour (similar to Main Street Markham South).

Dan Foong advised that there are several benefits of impressed asphalt, including:

- The lifecycle is typically 8 to 10 years;
- Asphalt requires lower maintenance;
- It costs less than interlocking; and
- Installation of the asphalt requires fewer road closures and for a shorter period of time in comparison to other road treatments (asphalt installation would require lane closures only for a 4 hour period).

However, it was noted that pavers have a 20+ year life span if installed correctly and is a consistent and traditional material for a heritage district.

Robinson Street Intersection

Draft Recommendations from Engineering:

- 1) Orientation of the brick pavers should be diagonal, not in line (north and south) with the flow of traffic;
- 2) Install concrete edge restraints at asphalt interfaces;
- 3) Minimize gaps/spaced between brick pavers to reduce movement; and
- 4) Interlock crosswalk brick pavers with surrounding roadway pavers.

Next Steps

Dan Foong and Alan Brown advised that Engineering is reviewing costs, schedule and funding to replace crosswalk brick pavers at Centre and Pedestrian Crossing with colour impressed asphalt and reinstallation of brick pavers at Robinson Street. Funding and recommendations will be presented to the CAO and Council for approval. They further advised that residents and the general public have endured long term construction in the Main Street Markham area due to the reconstruction of the Main Street and would like to ensure that any construction projects would not negatively affect traffic management in the area. Staff advised that they would like to minimize disruption to businesses and residents as much as possible.

Committee Feedback

There was discussion on traffic management in the area and concerns with regards to the negative effect of lane closures on local business and residents. It was further noted that signage advising of construction in the area should be erected as soon as possible, to allow for individuals driving in the area to find an alternate route.

Concerns were also expressed with regards to accessibility/pedestrian friendliness of uneven brick pavers, particularly with respect to individuals using a wheelchair or walker.

Patterned or stamped concrete was noted as a suggestion to staff. Staff advised that they would need to investigate this option, but cautioned that concrete installation usually requires more traffic disruption.

Committee members expressed their disappointment with the consultants and contractors responsible for the selection and installation of the brick pavers.

Engineering Staff advised that they did not require a recommendation from the Committee at this time, and that they will report back to the Main Street Markham Committee with an update at a future meeting.

It was noted that Engineering Staff would be presenting the same information to the Heritage Markham Committee later in the evening.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 in the Canada Room.

6. 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

7. Adjournment

Moved by Churchill Piggott

Seconded by Jason McCauley

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

Carried