



**MINUTES FROM THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE  
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE IN 2015**

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

**May 20, 2015**

Members

Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Graham Dewar  
Phil Howes  
Paul Cicchini  
Jason McCauley  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Keith Thirgood  
Helen Walter  
Christine Matthews  
Gordon Walter  
Peter Ross

Regrets

Ardy Reid  
David Konkle

Staff

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

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:55 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair. Councillor Karen Rea welcomed newly appointed Members, Gordon Walter and Christine Matthews to the Main Street Markham Committee.

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

There were three new items of business: Graham Dewar indicated that he would like to speak about traffic control poles and Peter Ross advised that he would like to speak about the Markham By-Pass and the Highway 407 Express Toll Route Signage.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee**

Moved by Jennifer Peters-Morales

Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on April 15, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

**4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction and Current Status of Project – South of Hwy 7 Section**

Peter Ross provided an update on the following:

Main Street North

Westbound turn lane at Bullock Drive has been paved with line painting to follow. Four Seasons contractors will be installing 2 banner poles near the former post office soon. The trees that have been in distress have been identified and Four Seasons will address this as part of their deficiency list.

The Markham Village Music Festival Committee advised that they were looking to use the power from the poles. It was noted that power is available on alternate poles on Highway 7 to Bullock Drive. On the eastside, Ground Fault Interrupters (GFIs) are active and lower GFIs have 20 amps output and the upper GFIs, 40 amps. Staff are working on the turn off and turn on process as well as the fee schedule to use these poles. It was also noted that the banners will not be ready in time for the festival sign and that there is insufficient electricity output for the purposes of music amplification.

Regan Hutcheson advised that LaFarge and Unilock are working together to develop a solution to the issues with the new material being used for the smaller (Russell) blocks used in the pedestrian crosswalks.

Main Street South

At the intersection of Highway 7 and Main Street, there was a vehicle detection system that was damaged in the winter, which is used to time traffic to assist in improving the traffic flow at the intersection and it was recently fixed. It was noted that the intersection belongs to the Region and changing the length of time the signal is green for the north bound traffic is not within the City's jurisdiction.

It was noted that 3 lanes northbound are now open. Councillor Colin Campbell noted that there has been significant improvement in the overall traffic within the area.

There was significant discussion on the bridge opening ceremony and it was noted that it may be opened prior to July 10, in time for the beginning of the PanAm Games. Councillor Karen Rea advised that she will speak to staff with regards to the official date for the bridge opening. Peter Ross advised that the Committee should be involved in this event and that the Ratepayers would like to host a barbeque as part of the official bridge opening.

## **5. Metal Barrier Covers**

Regan Hutcheson advised that he contacted Engineering staff with respect to powder coating the metal barrier covers a flat black colour. The contractor provided three high level quotes that were significantly high. It was noted that staff were unable to fund the request for powder coating within the streetscape budget allocated by Council.

It was also noted that the black colour may pose a safety risk, as the metal barriers, in their natural state, provide for better visibility at night. It was also noted that future landscaping, such as ground cover to enhance the look of the metal barriers could be considered.

It was requested that this item be added to the list of parked items.

## **6. Main Street Markham Preliminary Deficiency List**

There was no discussion on this matter.

## **7. Decorative Entrance Feature**

Regan Hutcheson advised that staff were exploring the option of a proposal call for a decorative entrance feature on the island leading into the Main Street area. It was also noted that a capital budget request would need to be secured for either 2016 or 2017 in order to implement a final design if the City wished to pursue an entrance feature.

## **8. Garbage and Cigarette Butt Disposal Containers**

Jason McCauley, Graham Dewar and Paul Cicchini advised they met to discuss the options for the cigarette butt disposal containers. The sub-committee advised that the most appropriate solution was the “Rubbermaid Smokers, Grounds Keeper container” available for purchase online from Staples. A picture of the container was displayed for the Committee to review. The Committee thanked the sub-committee for their work and research in finding the most appropriate solution.

There was significant discussion on the purchase, location and installation, and maintenance of these containers. It was suggested that since Operations staff currently maintain the garbage receptacles, they could potentially maintain the cigarette butt receptacles as well.

Paul Cicchini advised that his business recently installed a cigarette butt receptacle and has noticed a significant impact on the number of cigarette butts being disposed of on the ground. He indicated that he is very pleased with the positive impact, because it has improved the cleanliness in the area surrounding his business.

There was significant discussion on the strategic location of the cigarette butt containers. It was noted that they should be installed in high traffic areas, such as park benches, around restaurant patios, bus shelters, etc. It was also noted that businesses within the area may be approached to purchase their own cigarette butt receptacles to help improve the overall cleanliness of the Main

Street. If the budget for the cigarette butt receptacles is approved, Operations staff are requested to work with the sub-committee to establish 10 strategic locations in the Main Street area.

Moved by     Graham Dewar  
Seconded by   Peter Ross

That Staff be requested to investigate purchasing and installing an appropriate number of “Rubbermaid Smokers, Ground Keeper” cigarette butt receptacles in 10 strategic areas throughout Main Street Markham, commercial core area in consultation with the Main Street Markham Committee.

Carried

**9.     Heritage Bus Shelter at Princess and Main Streets**

Peter Ross advised that the wind is very gusty at this intersection and that a bus shelter would benefit those waiting for the bus. It was suggested that the Operations Department may be able to investigate the cost of installing a heritage style bus shelter, wrought iron bench, garbage receptacle and cigarette butt receptacle at this intersection.

Moved by     Peter Ross  
Seconded by   Graham Dewar

That the Staff be requested to investigate a heritage bus shelter, wrought iron bench, garbage receptacle, and cigarette butt receptacle at Princess and Main Streets.

Carried

**10.    Wrought Iron Benches at Princess and Main Streets**

See item number 9.

**11.    Parking Relocation at St. Andrew’s United Church**

Karen Rea will report on this matter at a future meeting.

**12.    Incoming Planning Applications**

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

Site Plan Applications: 4 Dryden Court; 9900 Markham Road (Southwest Corner Markham Road and Major Mackenzie).

Committee of Adjustment: 287 Main Street North.

Heritage Permits: 3 Franklin Street; 230 Main Street North; 5 David Street.

Building Permits: 10 Albert Street; 84 Main Street South; 36 George Street; 38 George Street; 12 Peter Street; 20 Peter Street; 120 Robinson Street; 9350 Markham Road; 12 David Gohn Circle.

### **13. Traffic Control Poles**

Graham Dewar advised that there are conduits on three different poles located in areas in Main Street Markham. The Committee discussed having these conduits painted black to match the existing streetscape. It was suggested that Staff be requested to investigate painting these poles black as part of the current re-construction project.

Moved by Graham Dewar  
Seconded by Dianne More

That the Main Street Markham Committee requests that the white power supply conduit that has been attached to specific traffic control poles on Main Street Markham (North and South) as part of the current streetscape project be painted black to make them less obvious on the street.

Carried

### **14. Markham By-Pass and Highway 407 Express Toll Route (ETR) Signage**

Based on Regional Councillor Jack Heath's update at the April meeting, Peter Ross suggested that he draft a communication supporting advancing the completion of Markham By-Pass at major Mackenzie Drive for Markham Council to endorse. Peter Ross, Phil Howes and Gordon Walter will work together to develop a communication for Councillor Karen Rea's review. Councillor Karen Rea advised that she would bring this to the attention of Markham Council for their consideration.

Peter Ross provided an update on the 407 ETR signage, indicating that Markham By-Pass signage has been installed on most Regional Roads. An update on this matter will be provided at a future meeting.

### **15. Parking Authority and Parking Lot Issues and Library Clock**

The location of public versus private parking spaces was discussed including issues at the Royal Bank lot and related to the Lynde Clinic.

It was also noted that the Library clock was now repaired.

### **16. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2015 in the Council Chamber.

**17. 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

**18. Adjournment**

Moved by Jason McCauley

Seconded by Churchill Piggot

That the Main Street Markham Committee adjourn at 7:20 PM.

Carried