



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

**City of Markham  
Canada Room - Civic Centre  
April 15, 2015**

Members

Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Graham Dewar  
Phil Howes  
Paul Cicchini  
Jason McCauley  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Ardy Reid  
Peter Ross  
Keith Thirgood

Regrets

Helen Walter  
David Konkle

Guests

Regional Councillor Jack Heath  
Christine Matthews  
Kuo

Staff

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 presiding as Chair for items 1 to 11 and Regan Hutcheson Chaired items 12 to 16. Councillor Karen Rea welcomed Paul Cicchini, representative from the Markham Village Business Improvement Area to the Main Street Markham Committee.

Peter Ross abstained from discussion on item 6 because he is a property owner in the affected area.

**1. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee**

Moved by Peter Ross  
Seconded by Phil Howes

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on March 25, 2015, be adopted as distributed.

Carried

**2. Main Street Markham Committee Appointment Update**

The Committee was advised that Markham Village Business Improvement Area (MBIA) has appointed Paul Cicchini as the MBIA's representative and Shaun Kelly as his alternate.

**3. Committee Revised Terms of Reference – Status**

The Committee was advised that the Committee's revised Terms of Reference as amended at their February 18 and March 25, 2015 meetings would be received at a future Development Services Committee meeting for endorsement.

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

Peter Ross provided an update on the road re-construction.

Main Street North

The southbound construction at Main Street North and Bullock Drive is almost finished. They are just waiting for the concrete to set before paving the area. At the March meeting there was discussion on the electricity in the poles that were installed in the area. An application must go through Corporate Communications in order to use the poles. Peter Ross advised that he is unsure of the fee to use these poles, and if anyone is interested they should contact the City's Corporate Communications Department for details.

Every second pole has the lower GFI; all poles have the upper GFI for decoration. Problems have occurred with people using the GFI but not properly closing the box which allows water in and shorts the unit.

There has been a delay in the manufacturing of the street banner poles; installation is expected in 2-3 weeks. The contractor (Four Season) will be addressing the list of identified deficiencies.

## **5. Current Status of Project – South of Hwy 7 Section**

Peter Ross provided an update on the road re-construction south of Highway 7. He advised that Enbridge is working to complete work at the intersection of Highway 7 and Main Street by the end of April.

The remaining street lights on the bridge (on the west side) and the limestone veneer will be completed by Dagmar. The contractors are on track to begin landscaping in May. Final paving is anticipated to be completed in early to mid-July.

## **6. Landscape Issues – Princess/James Scott Area**

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the landscape issues in the Princess and James Scott Area. He advised that Heritage section staff and Urban Design staff met with the owners of the homes within this area to discuss additional landscape plantings for areas. Engineering staff were consulted as well and they indicated that the contractor is responsible for removing construction debris along frontages. The contractor will place new soil where required. It was noted that there may be some additional plantings on private property where public property is not available. Any plantings on private property would be maintained by the property owner. Trees and shrubs will be planted along the public right of way on Main Street.

With respect to the noise barrier, the property owner has indicated that it was not desired along the east boundary if the trees would be cut down. The trees have been severely pruned, but the Arborist indicated that they will grow back. As this is a private property matter, staff are working with the owner on other fence options for the property.

The next steps for the landscape issues in this area will be for Urban Design staff to prepare a plan and provide it to Engineering. The overall landscape plan will be amended by consultants as a change order and provided to the contractor.

## **7. Metal Barrier Covers**

The Committee was concerned about the negative appearance of the new metal crash barrier recently installed along Main Street South and was examining various options that could be considered by staff to minimize its impact on the streetscape.

It was indicated through correspondence from the Senior Manager, Infrastructure and Capital Works that if any form of covering is contemplated, it will be required to be completed by the current contractor (Dagmar) as the City has a 2 year maintenance period for the project that will prevent any other contractor to come in and make revisions to the completed infrastructure.

The Committee suggested that the most cost effective solution to address this concern would be to paint the barrier a flat black using an appropriate industrial paint product available from

companies such as CIL (Industrial Division) or PPG. It was also suggested that this work be undertaken as part of the current contract if possible.

Staff indicated to the Committee that the cost of this work would need to be evaluated and that Engineering staff would have to determine if adequate contingency funding is available, and that this would require a Change Order. Committee was also advised that the Director of Engineering or his staff would have to determine if they could authorize this work or whether they would have to seek Council approval.

Moved by Jason McCauley  
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the Main Street Markham Committee recommends to City staff that metal crash barriers on Main Street South (including those adjacent to the new bridge structure) which were recently installed as part of the road reconstruction/streetscaping project be painted flat black (using an industrial strength paint with proper primer treatment) as part of the current project in order to visually improve the appearance of this important streetscape.

Carried

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

There was no discussion on this matter.

## **9. Decorative Entrance Feature**

Regan Hutcheson advised that a meeting was held at the end of March between City staff to discuss a decorative entrance feature for Markham Village. Staff are exploring the concept of retaining a consultant to develop some options for the site.

Further updates to this matter will be provided at the meeting in May.

## **10. Markham By-Pass and Signage**

Councillor Rea welcomed Deputy Mayor Jack Heath to provide background information on the issue of the completion of the Markham By-pass at Markham Road and Major Mackenzie Drive. Deputy Mayor Jack Heath spoke of the reasons why the date of completion has been revised over the years (monetary issues at the Region). It was noted that the project initiation date had recently been revised from 2021 to 2018. He suggested that the Main Street Markham Committee should request Markham Council to ask the Region to consider moving this date to 2016. It is important to find out the exact projected cost of this final component of the project, what has been completed to date, and what needs to be done.

It was also suggested that Markham Village Business Improvement Area and other community groups should be lobbying for this project to be accelerated. Outside voices are needed to move this along. It was noted that Main Street Markham Committee cannot contact the Region of York directly as it is advisory to Council. Any correspondence from outside groups should be sent to Wayne Emmerson, Chair of York Region. It was suggested that Main Street Markham Committee Members could form as sub-committee to draft a recommendation for consideration by Markham Council but should do so before Markham Council meets in June.

It was noted that Alan Brown, Director of Engineering should be invited to a future meeting to speak to this matter.

#### **11. Morgan Park Update**

There was no discussion on this matter.

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

There was significant discussion on this matter. Jason McCauley displayed a variety of cigarette butt disposal container designs indicating the pros and cons of each. Two major issues were noted with respect to cigarette butt disposal containers: 1) vandalism; and 2) fires.

Graham Dewar advised that he will speak to restaurants with patios to see how they are handling the influx of cigarette butts in the summer.

Jason McCauley, Graham Dewar and Paul Cicchini will work together on various design options and present these to the Committee at a future meeting.

#### **13. Street Banner Poles**

Phil Howes suggested that this item be added to the parked items. Regan Hutcheson advised that a decision was made early on in the design process not to install electricity in these two poles to light the banner over the street, and to install electricity now would require the installation of a new line in the street.

#### **14. Incoming Planning Applications**

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

Site Plan Applications: 48 George Street, 19 Albert Street;

Committee of Adjustment: 10 Centre Street; Heritage Permits: 30 Peter Street, 10 Heritage Corners Lane, 9900 Markham Road;

Building Permits: 32 Main Street North;

Financial Assistance Grants: 230 Main Street North, 300 Main Street North, 322 Main Street North, 357 Main Street North, 20 George Street, 30 Peter Street, 7 Heritage Corners Lane, 6 David Gohn Circle, 22 David Gohn Circle and 9899 Markham Road.

#### **15. 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 – added by Phil Howes

#### **16. Adjournment**

Moved by Dianne More  
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Main Street Markham Committee adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Carried