



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

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

March 25, 2015

Members

Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Karen Rea
Graham Dewar
Phil Howes
Jason McCauley
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter

Regrets

Ibrahim Ali
David Konkle
Dianne More

Guests

Christine Matthews

Staff

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

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:53 PM with Councillor Karen Rea as Chair. No pecuniary interest was disclosed.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by	Churchill Piggott
Seconded by	Phil Howes

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on February 18, 2015, be adopted with minor amendments.

Carried

2. Landscape Plans for Main Street South

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the landscape plans for Main Street South. It was noted that the plans were approved in May 2014.

Discussion ensued on the foliage and variety of trees that would be planted

There was significant discussion on the landscape associated with two private dwellings near the James Scott/Princess Street intersection.

The Committee requested that staff explore the possibility of additional landscaping along the public/private Main Street property frontage of 88 Main St S (A) and 89 Main St S (B).

Property (A)

Committee members identified the need for some form of landscape treatment on the municipal lands in front of the newly installed Noise Wall at the corner of Main St S and Princess St, as this is a major entry point to the Heritage Village. It was also noted that the east boundary of this property would benefit from some landscape treatment and possibly some fencing due to the proximity of the road.

Property (B)

It was mentioned that some vegetation had been removed along the west boundary of this property and should be re-instated, if possible.

It was recommended that Engineering and Urban Design staff meet with these two owners to seek an appropriate solution.

3. Review of Terms of Reference for endorsement by Council

There was discussion on the Committee's Revised Terms of Reference. It was noted that if any of the six advisory boards/committees do not appoint a member to represent their organization, the position will remain vacant and will not count towards the Committee's quorum. It was also noted that reference to the Markham BIA needed to be added to the Notes section on page 2.

Moved by Keith Thirgood
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the revised Terms of Reference for the Main Street Markham Committee be endorsed.

Carried

4. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

Peter Ross provided an update on the status of the road reconstruction. It was noted that streetlight poles have electrical outlets and that information on the process to use these poles has not been conveyed to him. Some members questioned as to whether all the poles actually had electrical outlets (this is to be confirmed).

It was noted that beginning March 25, the contractors would be at the intersection of Main Street and Bullock Drive to expand the southbound lanes on the west side to enable the right hand turn lane. A notice of temporary lane closure was communicated to residents within the area.

Peter Ross further noted that the replacement of the two undersized street banner poles should be completed within the next 2 to 3 weeks. It was questioned as to why the street banner poles would not have electricity to allow the illumination of the banner.

There was discussion on the trees that were planted on Main Street North and it was noted that Staff is in the process of evaluating the longevity of these trees.

It was mentioned that deficiencies such as individual property damage, tree replacement and lifting pavers would be addressed by Four Seasons/John Bourie very soon.

Main Street South

Peter Ross noted that the parapet has been installed on the west side of the bridge and concrete will be poured in early April, weather permitting.

Bell has moved all poles and Rogers is in the process of finishing their tasks. Enbridge is currently working on the gas main near Old Wellington Street and this work will likely be completed within the next 3-4 weeks. Intersection improvements at Hwy 7 will begin once Enbridge is completed and will take 4-6 weeks.

Dagmar will begin landscaping once the weather is warm enough to start. Paving is anticipated to be completed by July 2015.

5. Metal Barrier Covers

Jason McCauley provided the Committee with options for decorative covers that can be installed over the metal barriers on Main Street South. One option that was presented was a 2x12 wood covering to mask the metal material. This design has been used in New Brunswick and the cost was approximately \$10 per lineal foot. The second option was to paint the metal barrier covers a flat black colour. The Committee noted that this option would be more suitable given the curved areas of the existing metal barrier. It was suggested that staff explore options related to covering the metal covers.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That staff be request to explore an alternative barrier cover (i.e. pressure treated wood), paint or provide a cosmetic solution to the existing metal barriers.

Carried

6. Markham By-Pass Signage (Donald Cousens Parkway)

Peter Ross provided an update on the signage, indicating that the Region will add “Markham Bypass” to the signs on Donald Cousens Parkway south of Hwy 407. The Region does not have jurisdiction on Steeles Avenue because it is under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto road and therefore will not be making any changes to signage along that route. It was suggested that a sign is needed on Markham Road between Steeles Avenue and Highway 7 to encourage through traffic to use the Donald Cousens Parkway. Signage is also needed on the Highway 407 itself. Councillor Rea asked members to email her the locations where signage should be and she would follow up.

7. Decorative Entrance Feature

Regan Hutcheson advised that he discussed the concept of the entrance feature with the Public Realm Coordinator and staff is examining the appropriate process to achieve this feature which would likely involve holding a design competition. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

8. Four Seasons Contractors Update

Councillor Karen Rea advised the Committee she was in contact with Staff regarding a deficiency list. It was noted that any outstanding work is actively being reviewed. The Markham BIA representative, Christine Matthews also noted that they had prepared a list. It was suggested that this matter be added to the standing agenda items.

9. Garbage

Jason McCauley provided samples of the various types of cigarette butt disposal containers and the Committee discussed each in detail. The cost of units ranged from \$250 for a small butt cylinder that could be added to a light post to \$1,000 for a stand-alone unit. Graham Dewar advised he would investigate options as well and will provide the Committee with an update at a future meeting.

Committee members were asked to brainstorm suggestions for cigarette butt disposal containers and provide their findings at a future meeting. It was noted that butt disposal was primarily an issue near the local bar restaurants and perhaps some form of pilot project could be developed working with these owners.

10. Incoming Planning Applications

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

Site Plan Applications: 370 Main Street North; Committee of Adjustment: 314 and 316 Main Street North.

11. Main Street – Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue – Status Update

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on this matter based on information provided by the Director of Engineering, indicating that the City's 10 year capital program does not include this section of Main Street for the following reasons:

- Residents and businesses have endured five years of road closures/restrictions with the reconstruction of three sections and people are still recovering – therefore, reconstruction of this section is not recommended for at least five years.
- Based on anticipated construction costs, there is no current funding source.
- Asset Management and Waterworks have not identified the need to upgrade the existing services (sanitary, storm and watermains) in this section for at least 5 years.
- Engineering and Traffic Operations want to monitor traffic patterns once the Region of York completes the Donald Cousens Parkway north of Major Mackenzie Drive to determine the impact of lane reductions in this area.

It was noted that work on the Donald Cousens Parkway extension has been revised by the Region to the year 2018. There was concern expressed that residents in the Mount Joy portion of Main Street feel abandoned.

12. Morgan Park

Councillor Karen Rea advised the Committee that there was discussion on the Morgan Park revitalization strategy at a recent General Committee meeting and will provide the Committee with an update on the design of the park at a future meeting. One of the main issues is the future of the existing baseball diamond.

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

14. Adjournment

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Main Street Markham Committee adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Carried