



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

**City of Markham
Council Chamber - Civic Centre**

February 18, 2015

Members

Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Karen Rea
Phil Howes
Dianne More
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter

Regrets

Graham Dewar
Jennifer Peters-Morales
David Konkle
Jason McCauley

Staff

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

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:56 PM with Councillor Colin Campbell as Chair.

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest

None was disclosed.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

An update on landscape plans for Main Street South was added to the agenda as a new business item and the Linear Park (adjacent to the Multi-use Pathway) was added to the Parked Items.

3. Selection of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Dianne More

That Councillor Karen Rea be confirmed as the Chair of the Main Street Markham Committee and that Councillor Colin Campbell be confirmed as Vice Chair.

Carried

Councillor Karen Rea Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

4. Adoption of the January 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on January 21, 2015, be adopted as distributed with minor amendments.

Carried

5. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

Peter Ross provided an update on the current status of the project south of Highway 7. He advised that Guild Electric has finished putting up all the street lights in the area that are possible at this time. There are a number of street lights on the west side of the bridge which cannot be installed because the concrete parapet has not been built yet. The signal lights relating to the pedestrian crossings at the bridge and Fisher Court have been installed.

Bell and Rogers have relocated their wires from the old telephone poles to the new ones. Rogers will need some time to remove the wire off the old poles on the west side of Fisher Court North. Once the wires are relocated the old telephone poles will be pulled out or cut and turned into woodchips.

While the design has not yet been finalized, the application for the redevelopment of the Esso Gas Station at the southwest corner of the intersection is proceeding forward. A watermain issue is being addressed.

The landscaping plan for Main Street South has been provided to Dagmar and is to be started this spring. There is an overlap with the work to be done on the multi-use pathway, which will be completed by Dagmar. Any work underneath the bridge will require authorization from the Ministry of Environment. The plan is to begin the planting and landscaping in April/May, although the date for work to be completed might be delayed. The river will be re-aligned in the summer and work on the Multi-use pathway likely delayed until August.

Peter further advised that generally people seem to have a greater understanding of the complexities of the project. The next construction update to the website will be completed in March as plans are organized for April.

It was also noted that thicker or more robust banner poles will need to be installed for the street banner that is located on Main Street North, just north of Highway 7.

6. Metal Barrier Covers

Note: This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

As Jason McCauley was not present to provide an update on this matter, it will be discussed at the meeting in March.

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

Peter Ross provided an update on the Markham By-Pass Signage. He advised that this is an ongoing project with City and Region Staff, and they are working very closely together on this project. The Region has been able to add “Markham By-Pass” to the signs along the Region-owned portion of Donald Cousens Parkway, but were unable to change the official name of the road.

Highway 407 signs are outside the Region’s jurisdiction and would be challenging to change. The cost to change signage could be between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per sign. There has been discussion on adding “Markham By-Pass” in brackets on the existing signage, but this would not change the official name of the road. This change may require Regional Council approval, so it will need to be explored in further detail.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she will speak with Brian Lee from the Engineering Department as well as the appropriate Markham Regional Councillors on this matter and provide an update at a future meeting.

8. Garbage

Note: The matter of cigarette butt waste containers for Main Street was deferred to a future meeting.

As Jason McCauley was not present to provide an update on this matter, it will be discussed at the meeting in March.

9. Incoming Planning Applications

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

Site Plan Applications: 12 David Gohn Circle, 370 Main Street North, 52 Nelson Street, 54 Nelson Street; Committee of Adjustment: 12 David Gohn Circle, 370 Main Street North, 9 Albert Street; Building Permits: 84 Main Street South.

10. Decorative Entrance Feature

Note: This matter was deferred to a future meeting. It was noted that any concept should blend with the work contemplated for the Library Square park.

Regan Hutcheson advised that he will provide an update on this matter at the next meeting.

11. Review of Main Street Markham Committee Mandate

The notes and recommendations from the Main Street Markham Sub-Committee held on February 5, 2015 were reviewed in detail. Sub-Committee members advised that they have proposed a revised Terms of Reference (mandate and composition) for the Committee.

Committee composition is recommended to be revised to include a maximum of sixteen (16) members, including members from the community and specific representatives from Markham Village Conservancy, Old Markham Village Ratepayers Association, Vinegar Hill Ratepayers Association, Heritage Markham Committee and Wismer Ratepayer Association. The minimum of seven (7) members would not change.

Committee duties and functions are recommended to be amended to define an updated mandate in the revised Terms of Reference, as noted below.

To assist with the implementation of a vision plan for Main Street Markham, as endorsed by Council, to create an enjoyable place to work, to shop, to play and to live;

To monitor, update and recommend revisions to the vision plan on a regular basis to ensure the plan reflects the community's desired objectives;

To recommend to Council a plan or a series of plans, projects and activities that would enable the vision plan to be achieved;

To provide input on issues, projects and studies affecting the Markham Village area;

To recommend to Council improvements to the Markham Village area that complement and support the vision plan;

To encourage interested parties to make improvements to the Markham Village area that complement and support the vision plan.

There was discussion on a defined area/jurisdiction for the Main Street Markham Committee. The Committee acknowledged that it included the heritage conservation district as well as the older neighbourhoods typically identified as Markham Village. It was also noted that the original vision plan included Main Street up to Anderson Avenue.

The Committee was pleased with the work of the Sub-Committee. It was suggested by Phil Howes that the first statement in the mandate also include verbiage on creating a Main Street that is a place to work, to shop, to play and to live. This revision was acceptable to the Main Street Markham Committee.

Moved by	Phil Howes
Seconded by	Dianne More

That the Main Street Markham Committee endorse the revised mandate and revised composition (Terms of Reference) for the Main Street Markham Committee; and

That Council be requested to endorse the revised Terms of Reference; and further

That the existing sub-committee be authorized to examine and recommend potential modifications to the existing Vision Plan for future consideration by the Main Street Markham Committee.

Carried

12. Four Seasons Contractors

There was discussion on outstanding matters from the Four Seasons Contractors (project area between Highway 7 and Bullock Drive). Councillor Karen Rea advised that she will provide an update on this matter at a future meeting.

Moved by	Phil Howes
Seconded by	Ardy Reid

That Councillor Karen Rea be requested to contact Engineering Department staff to secure a written summary of the deficiencies and/or outstanding matters still required to be addressed by the contractor, Four Seasons.

Carried

13. Landscape Plan (South of Highway 7)

The Committee requested that staff provide a copy of the final landscape plan for the streetscape south of Highway 7 at the next meeting. It was noted that the Committee had limited involvement in the preparation or review of the landscape treatment for this section of the streetscape. Regan Hutcheson indicated he would follow up with this request.

14. Bridge Dedication and Road Opening

It was noted that Main Street South will be completed by August 2015 and that some form of road opening and bridge dedication should occur. It was requested that this item be put in the Parked Items of the agenda for future discussion.

15. Next Meeting

Moved by	Churchill Piggott
Seconded by	Helen Walter

That the next meeting for the Main Street Markham Committee be held on March 25, 2015.

Carried

16. 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

17. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee adjourned at 7:12 PM.