



**MINUTES FROM THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE  
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE IN 2014**

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

**June 18, 2014**

Members

Councillor Campbell  
Graham Dewar  
Phil Howes  
Diane Kobelansky  
Jason McCauly  
Jonathon Mingay  
Dianne More  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Ardy Reid  
Peter Ross

Regrets

David Konkle  
Keith Thirgood  
Helen Walter  
Councillor Moretti

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning  
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:55 p.m. with Councillor Campbell as Chair.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2014 MEETING OF THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE**

It was

Moved by            Jason McCauly  
Seconded by        Jonathon Mingay

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on May 21, 2014, be adopted as amended to reflect the following changes *in italics*:

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Peter Ross also reported *that it appeared* that Dan Foong *had* advised that interlocking pavers would be used at two pedestrian crossings on either end of the new bridge, *but this was not the case*.

CARRIED

## 2. UPDATES:

### a) Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction – Detailed Design Stage

#### i. Current Status of Project – Peter Ross/Regan Hutcheson

Peter Ross provided an update on the project based on information from City Engineering staff.

#### Main Street North

All traffic lights have been installed except for one to be set up at the pedestrian crossing north of Robinson Street, which will probably be installed in mid-June. All light poles and pavers have been installed. Paving was scheduled to be completed on June 18, 2014. Site cleanup and installation of furniture is scheduled for June 19 so that Main Street Markham is in an acceptable condition for a grand opening of the street and the start of the Markham Village Music Festival on June 20.

#### Hwy. 7 and Main Street Intersection

The meeting, arranged to discuss the use of heritage features at the intersection of Highway 7 and Main Street with the Mayor, Councillors Campbell and Moretti, Regional Councillors, and Region and City staff, took place two weeks ago. Markham has provided additional information requested by York Region and hopes to receive a response within a few days.

#### Additional Directional Signage

At its last meeting, the Committee passed a motion to recommend that the traffic management plan be amended to include signage between Steeles Avenue and Hwy. 407 and also at the end of the Donald Cousens Parkway indicating that Hwy. 407 could be used as a route to avoid the Main Street construction. It is expected that City Engineering staff will follow up with Councillors about this.

#### Main Street South – Hwy. 407 to Hwy. 7

A Project Liaison Committee Meeting (Main Street South) took place on June 5, 2014 to present the contractors, Dagmar Construction Inc. for road and bridge construction and MMM Group (formerly McCormack Rankin) for transportation engineering and construction, as well as their construction staging and traffic management plans. The construction will take place in three phases:

#### 1) July 2 – December 31, 2014

- Full road closure and construct an access road
- Remove and replace the bridge
- Widen the roadway
- Rebuild intersections and bridge
- Construct pedestrian walkways

- Winter maintenance by the contractor in November and December
- 2) January 2015 – Spring 2015
- Winter Shut-down- Two lanes open to traffic
  - City operations will maintain the road; the contractor will not be on site
  - Erect concrete barriers
  - Pave roadway, paint road markings and install necessary signage
- 3) Spring 2015 – Summer 2015
- Two lanes open to traffic
  - The contractor is to complete remaining road and bridge work, including road markings, signage, tree planting and landscaping

#### Linear Park

The Linear Park will be on the east side of Main St South adjacent to the properties fronting onto James Walker Court, south of the Library lands. The Linear Park project is currently on hold. The City is also preparing a master plan for the library lands which include Library Square to the north of the library building and for the library/recreational lands south of the library. A number of trees have been removed next to the Linear Park lands in order to create the 3m pathway.

#### Tree Removal/Issues

It was reported that the subcontractor for Dagmar Construction removed three large mature trees at James Scott/Princess Street, across from Rouge Street. It appeared that the City staff were not able to stop this. The contractor has only been placing orange snow fencing, rather than the City's standard wooden hoarding, around trees not to be removed. A meeting will be held with the contractor with the intention of implementing measures to prevent unauthorized tree removal from happening again and to establish lines of authority through Alan Brown, Director of Engineering.

It was

Moved by: Peter Ross

Seconded by: Dianne More

That Main Street Markham Committee recommend that, due to the unauthorized removal of mature trees at James Scott/Princess Street and across from Rouge Street, the City take steps to ensure that future contracts for construction projects include provisions to (i) require contractors to erect wooden hoarding consistent with City standards around trees to protect them from unplanned and unauthorized removal, and (ii) give City staff the authority to require contractors to stop any unauthorized removal of trees or other unauthorized changes on site as incidents occur.

CARRIED

It was noted that this motion is to be directed to Alan Brown. Councillor Campbell will also speak with Alan Brown about this situation.

It was reported that individual property owners were hiring their own arborists to protect

vegetation on their property given the work being undertaken adjacent to private properties. It was also noted that the owner of 88 Main St S may not want the proposed 10 ft noise fence.

Peter also noted that the contractor has built a pathway from just north of the bridge to the river valley floor so grading work may begin. A decision has not yet been made regarding the use of white/buff pavers for three pedestrian crossings.

#### Transit

The City is still considering the issue of no access from James Scott Street to Hwy. 7 for pedestrians and those that live in the area. Both York Region Transit and Markham have issued notices that bus service in the area will be diverted and that passengers will need to board buses at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue rather than at James Scott/Princess Street. Vinegar Hill Ratepayers circulated a flyer advising of this situation and reported that City Engineering staff has not received many questions or complaints about this situation.

#### Additional Information

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, reviewed other issues and advised that Markham staff members are investigating the use of interlocking pavers for the pedestrian crossings at the James Scott/Main Street South intersection and at the pedestrian crossings on each side of the bridge. Committee members felt it important to have one “look” to encompass the landscape heritage of the valley and the built heritage of Markham Village. Regan Hutcheson reported that, at the May 26, 2014 meeting, there was discussion with York Region about pavers, traffic lights and signage. York Region advised it will review Markham’s recommendations although these differ from its preferred standards. Councillor Campbell advised that he impressed on York Region staff the importance of having one cohesive “look” along the length of Main Street Markham.

The Main Street Markham Committee had previously recommended that the Operations and Engineering Departments allow the use of all-black traffic signal heads. Regan Hutcheson advised that the recommendation had been passed on to these departments but they did not support it. Councillor Campbell advised that he will discuss the issue with Operations and Engineering staff.

Regan Hutcheson advised that some of the trees installed along Main Street were planted in the wrong locations; the City Urban Design Section is investigating.

#### **b) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson**

Regan Hutcheson distributed and reviewed the summary of applications received for the following addresses:

- Site Plan Applications: 10 Centre Street, 60 Main Street N., 3 Franklin Street, and 36 George Street;
- Committee of Adjustment: 3 Franklin Street, and 36 George Street;
- Heritage Permits: 99 Main Street N., 12 Wismer Place, and 29 Jermain Street;
- Tree Removal Permits: None;
- Building Permits: 9 Albert Street, 68 Main Street N., 5870 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 18 James Scott Road and 16 James Scott Road.

**c) Garbage Collection**

Phil Howes reported that the BIA had received an overwhelming negative response to a survey regarding a change in garbage pick-up time to after 10 am on Thursdays. Councillor Campbell noted that many commented that they did not want garbage picked up in the late morning. Phil Howes reminded the Committee that City Waste Management staff was willing to work with Main Street Markham business people to find an acceptable pick-up time. The new revised pick up time is early Friday morning.

Diane Kobelansky agreed to provide a list of businesses which completed the survey. Graham Dewar, Phil Howes, and Jason McCaully volunteered to meet with Main Street Markham business people on an individual basis to discuss the benefits of revised garbage pick-up times. Over the summer, the City will enforce the rules relating to placing garbage out for collection and the situation will be monitored. The Committee will revisit the situation in fall 2014.

It was

Moved by: Phil Howes

Seconded by: Peter Ross

That the Main Street Markham Committee recommends that, in order to provide a welcoming environment on Main Street Markham, interested Committee members will meet with Main Street Markham business people on an individual basis to discuss the benefits of revised garbage pick-up times.

CARRIED

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Morgan Park and Library Square Master Plan Studies**

It was reported that Council had authorized that both studies proceed to the final design stage. The plans as presented and supported by Council are very similar to those presented to the MSM Committee although there was a desire for a bigger and better pool facility for Morgan Park. Further consultation is planned for the fall of 2014.

It was reported that the Library and the clock repair company are discussing options to repair the clock; Councillor Campbell requested that he be advised if the repaired clock is still not in place by July.

b) Summer meetings

It was noted that at the recent PLC meeting there was resident frustration related to concerns not being addressed and that there may be the need for a summer meeting of the MSM Committee if issues arise.

It was

Moved by: Churchill Piggott

Seconded by: Peter Ross

That Main Street Markham Committee break for the months of July and August and reconvene in September, subject to recall by the Chair to consider an issue of importance.

CARRIED

**4. NEXT MEETING** – September 17, 2014; a meeting in July or August will be held at the call of the Chair.

**5. ADJOURNMENT** - The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**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