



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

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

September 17, 2014

Members

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Moretti
Graham Dewar
Phil Howes
Jonathon Mingay
Dianne More
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross

Regrets

Diane Kobelansky
David Konkle
Jason McCaully
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter
Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Staff

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:57 p.m. with Councillor Campbell as Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2014 MEETING OF THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE

It was

Moved by Graham Dewar
Seconded by Dianne More

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on June 18, 2014, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. UPDATES:

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

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

On behalf of Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reported on the matter of using decorative pavers in the crosswalks south of Highway 7, specifically in the pedestrian crossing area in the James Scott/Princess Street/Main Street S intersection and two other pedestrian crosswalks at Fisher Court and near the Mill Street lane south of the bridge. The Operations department has indicated a preference for a continuous paved surface with painted crosswalk delineation due to potential future maintenance and repair issues, as well as for potential impact on snow clearing equipment.

It was also reported that the Planning and Urban Design Department recommends that decorative white pavers used in the crosswalks north of Highway 7 also be used in these intersections, for many reasons including:

- the James Scott/Princess Street/Main Street S intersection is the southern gateway to the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District and it should have an enhanced design treatment as part of the Main Street streetscape improvement project
- Main Street from James Scott to Sixteenth Avenue is the key spine of the heritage district and should have a consistent treatment throughout from a streetscape design strategy
- White pavers continue the white sidewalk appearance which enhances the crosswalks from an accessibility perspective
- A change in surface treatment both visually and physically may encourage traffic to slow down

Some Committee members questioned the potential for increased future maintenance with the decorative pavers but others considered that lifting of pavers is an issue to be addressed under warranty.

It was

Moved by Graham Dewar
Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the Main Street Markham Committee recommend its preference for decorative pavers and invite Markham Engineering Department staff to attend the October 15, 2014 Main Street Markham Committee meeting to respond to Committee questions before a decision is made on this matter by the city of Markham and to provide an update about the slick nature of the pavement which has been used at Main Street North and Robinson Street.

CARRIED

It was noted that this motion is to also be directed to Alan Brown, Director of Engineering.

In response to questions about the possible use of salt on Main Street during the winter months, it was advised that Markham uses an environmentally friendly salt and sand mixture.

Peter Ross thanked Committee members for their efforts as stewards of the vision for Main Street Markham and provided an update on the project based on information from City Engineering staff.

Main Street North

All traffic lights have been installed except for those at the pedestrian crossing at Wilson Street.

Main Street South – Hwy. 407 to Hwy. 7

Temporary dams have been installed to redirect water, thereby allowing equipment to be put in place and bridge work to begin. The dams will be in place until summer 2015. Bridge girders will be installed in the next few weeks, then the bridge deck will be formed and the road will be created. New water mains have been installed; the storm sewer will be the final piece installed. Street lights and sidewalks will be installed by the end of the year so the road can be opened and used during the winter.

Hwy. 7 and Main Street Intersection

York Region controls issues relating to this intersection and it has indicated that it wants a redesign of the intersection; this work will be carried out by MMM Group (formerly McCormack Rankin). The redesign should implement the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA); however, York Region refuses to use the decorative pavers used elsewhere on Main Street and instead plans to use impressed asphalt.

PowerStream is planning to install larger hydro poles in approximately four weeks. This is to facilitate the raising of Bell Canada and Rogers wires while allowing the clearance radius newly mandated as a result of last winter's ice storm.

Another major issue faced by local residents at this time is persuading motorists that the bridge is not open to traffic and that there is no way to Main Street North via Princess Street. Markham has arranged to have additional signage installed and hired a traffic guard to stop cars and explain the situation. Local residents want to thank Councillor Moretti for all her efforts relating to this issue and in having the signage changed from "Don Cousens Parkway" to "Don Cousens Markham Bypass".

ii. Project Liaison Committee Meeting (Main Street South)

No update was available.

In response to questions from Committee members regarding project updates and the elevation of the bridge, it was reported that the most recent update was issued August 25, 2014 and the project is on schedule; the elevation of the bridge has not been compromised.

b) Incoming Planning Applications

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner, reviewed the summary of applications received for the following addresses:

- Site Plan Applications: 20 George Street;
- Committee of Adjustment: None;
- Heritage Permits: 20 George Street (window restoration) and 179 Main Street N. (porch floor replacement);
- Tree Removal Permits: None;
- Building Permits: 9 Albert Street (addition), 12 James Scott Road (new house), and 179 Main Street N. (addition).

c) Garbage Collection

Phil Howes reported that great progress has been made with the assistance of the BIA. He made a presentation to the BIA and Diane Kobelansky sent additional information to BIA members at the end of August. The BIA members revisited the issue of garbage pick-up time and agreed on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. This timing allows residents to put out garbage on Thursday evenings and businesses to do so on Friday mornings before 10:30 am. Phil Howes also reported that ten additional containers will be delivered soon. The Committee thanked Phil Howes for his efforts to resolve this matter for the benefit of Main Street Markham.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Main Street intersection with Parkway Avenue

In response to questions about the reduction in the number of lanes at this intersection, it was reported that the contractor does need to correct some deficiencies but Markham would like them corrected at the same time rather than one at a time. Councillor Moretti will request that Dan Foong, Markham Capital Works Engineer, investigate the situation.

b) Trees along Main Street

Committee members questioned who is responsible for watering the trees along Main Street. Sally Campbell, Urban Design Department, will be invited to the October 15, 2014 Committee meeting to address this issue.

c) Morgan Park and Library Square Master Plan Studies

It was reported that Council had authorized funds for both studies but a public meeting will be held prior to proceeding to the final design stage. Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Space Planning, will be invited to a Committee meeting in fall 2014.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 in the Canada Room at 5:45 PM.

5. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Graham Dewar

That the Main Street Markham Committee adjourn at 7:00 PM.

CARRIED

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