



Report to: Development Services

Date Report: June 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Markham Village 'Library Square' and Morgan Park Master Plans
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) **THAT** the staff presentation titled "Markham Village 'Library Square' and Morgan Park Master Plans" be received;
- 2) **THAT** the documents titled "Markham Village Library Square Master Plan" and "Morgan Park Master Plan" as attached herein, be endorsed in principle;
- 3) **THAT** staff be directed to bring budget requests forward to Council for the design development and the preparation of tender documents of the above noted projects for the 2015 budget;
- 4) **THAT** upon approval of the design budgets, as noted in item 3, staff conduct a public information meeting to present the master plan and project timelines and to initiate the design development process.
- 5) **AND THAT** staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this presentation is to obtain Council's endorsement of the master plans in principle.

BACKGROUND:

1) Markham Village Library Square

Markham Village Library Square is located southeast of the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 48 in the "Markham Village Heritage Conservation District".

The "Markham Village Library Square Revitalization Working Group" was established by Council Resolution at its June 28, 2011 meeting. The term of this working group does not exceed the term of the current Council, but may be extended beyond October 2014 with the approval of the future Council. Staff worked closely with the Working Group and in June 2012 established the Terms of Reference including the Establishment, Mandate, Roles and Responsibilities, Meeting Schedule and Decision Making, Reporting Requirements and Methods, Budget and resources and Test for Completion.

The “Markham Village Library Square Revitalization Working Group” is comprised of:

Councillor Colin Campbell	Chair
Councillor Carolina Moretti	Co-Chair
Markham Veterans Association	
Evergreen Markham Hospice	
Staff: Urban Design, Park Development	
Staff: Operations	
Staff: Library	
Staff: Heritage Planning	

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2) **Morgan Park**

Morgan Park is located in the “Markham Village Heritage Conservation District” and on the southeast corner of George St. and Parkway Ave.

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The “Morgan Park Revitalization Working Group” is comprised of:

Councillor Colin Campbell	Chair
Councillor Carolina Moretti	Co-Chair
Franklin Street Public School	
Markham Village Conservancy (MVC)	
Staff: Urban Design, Park Development	
Staff: Operations	
Staff: Recreation	
Staff: Heritage Planning	

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develop concepts that would ultimately be used in community consultation in order to determine the final master plan. In November 2014, Staff and the Consultant presented the Master Plan Concepts to the Public and received feedback. The final Master Plan and Report authored by The Landplan Collaborative Ltd. is available at this [link](#).

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

The master plan documents are intended to:

- serve as a guide for achieving the objectives of revitalization,
- include a pictorial representation of the intent,
- provide written documentation of process, rationale and recommendations,
- outline an order of magnitude budget of financial requirements,
- inform the preparation of detailed design and contract documentation.

The master plans presented herein are the product of a collaborative process including respective Consultants and Working Groups and City Staff.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Following the approval of the Recommendations of this Report, there will be requests put forward to Council for the inclusion of “design only” budgets in order to hire Consultants to carry on with Design Development, Tender Documents and Contract Administration in 2015.

An order of magnitude of project cost is available in the attached reports. In summary, the respective estimated project costs exclusive of internal administration fees (9%) and HST impact (1.76%) are as follows:

Library Square:	Approximately \$3.1M (Design and Construction)
Morgan Park:	Approximately \$1.7 M (Design and Construction exclusive of swimming pool area)

The anticipated design budgets for 2015 will be 10% of project cost at approximately \$270,000 for Library Square and approximately \$150,000 for Morgan Park.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This report aligns with the following areas of strategic focus as listed below:


- **Growth Management Action Plans** – Integrates social, cultural and heritage preservation objectives.

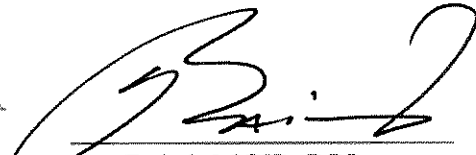
- **Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan/Public Safety Action Plans** – Updates the Master Plan for our parks, recreation and library and cultural services; Reviews and analyzes the demand for outdoor recreation, library and cultural programs; Ensures that our green spaces fit the needs of the local neighborhoods.
- **Diversity Action Plans** – Increases civic engagement and participation by creating spaces for increased engagement and participation in City activities and initiatives;

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

- 1) Recreation Services
 - Morgan Park Outdoor Swimming Pool Area: Funding and planning for the renovation and/or reconstruction of the outdoor swimming pool area is to be determined through further consultation with Recreation Staff and Finance.
 - Morgan Park Ball Diamond: The existing ball diamond will be removed and relocated to a more suitable community park.
- 2) Planning, Heritage
- 3) Markham Public Library
- 4) Fire and Emergency Services
- 5) Operations, Parks

**RECOMMENDED
BY:**


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Jim Baird, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner, Development
Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Markham Village Library Square Master Plan; Vertechs Design Landscape Architects
- 2) Morgan Park Library Square report and master plan; The Landplan Collaborative Ltd.