



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

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

April 16, 2014 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

Phil Howes
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Peter Ross
Keith Thirgood
Councillor Campbell
Dianne More
Ardy Reid
Jason McCauly
Graham Dewar
Councillor Moretti

Regrets

David Konkle
Diane Kobelansky
Jonathon Mingay
Helen Walter

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:49 p.m. with Councillor Campbell as Chair, who began by asking for any declarations of pecuniary interest with respect to items on the agenda. No declarations were made.

1.

**a) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2014 MEETING OF
THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE**

It was

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Graham Dewar

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on March 19, 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

Peter Ross provided an update on the project based on his discussions with the Project Manager.

North of Hwy 7

Power Stream vaults are required to be re-settled; this will involve 9 vaults in total. The process will take approximately 8 days to complete, starting next week or the following week. The contractors have tree pits to install near Bullock and will coordinate with Power Stream for these two projects. Power Stream will notify local businesses when/if power is being cut off to accommodate construction/installation. Beginning in May the contractor will begin the installation of the interlocking pavers and repair the curbs at Robinson St. The bases for the poles and traffic signals will be installed early June. The contractors have encountered some issues with obtaining the new signal lights which resulted in the order being placed late, pushing out the completion date. A pay duty police officer will be provided during the traffic signal installation to assist with traffic management. The final paving of the street will take place late May or early June and will involve some lane closures.

South of Hwy 7

The tender for the work was released on April 4th and will close April 24th, however it could potentially be extended to May 1st. All bidders have been pre-qualified which will result in a short evaluation period based on price. Staff are planning to go to Council on May 15th for approval of the contract award. On July 2, 2014 the bridge will be closed for construction.

Design Elements Update (south of Hwy 7)

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the streetscape elements included in the RFP.

- a) Illumination: decorative streetlights on poles will be consistent with the ones installed on the north portion of the street and decorative street lights on the bridge will be mounted on the bridge and be consistent with those installed on the north portion of the street.
- b) Sidewalk: the sidewalk varies in width, first as a large, multi use pathway and then narrows past the bridge. Concrete will be used throughout.
- c) Hydrants: will be the same design as the ones installed on the north portion of the street.
- d) Boulevard treatment: no decorative pavers will be used; most areas will have the sidewalk adjacent to the curb, the area on the east side of the street, north of the bridge, will be grass.
- e) Centre median planter: wall will be created using a stone veneer. Masonal Stone Veneers – Tiger Buff to match other locations in the area. Armour stone will be used around an existing box culvert as a retaining wall.
- f) Traffic signals: will have black decorative poles similar to the poles previously approved for installation at Centre St., Robinson St. and the pedestrian crossing. These will be installed at the James Scott intersection, however the poles at Highway 7 will be

- installed by the Region using their equipment. The traffic signal heads will be black on the back, fronts will be yellow. All black signal heads are considered a safety issue and cannot be used.
- g) Pedestrian crossings: no decorative pavers will be installed south of Highway 7. As a result the pedestrian crossings will not have pavers in them; crossing will be white with zebra line stripes and black decorative poles for the signal lights.
 - h) Retaining wall: adjacent to the sidewalk, on the west side of the street (72 to 84 Main St. S) will use same stone veneer (Masonal – Tiger Buff) as used elsewhere on the street.
 - i) Noise wall: will be installed along Main St. S (88 Main St.) with a red cedar fence, standard board, no spacing, 2.5 meters in height.
 - j) Bollards: 4 to be installed in front of the historic house at 29 James Walker Court that will be covered with a wood decorative facing, 2 will be installed in pedestrian path to James Walker Court.
 - k) Bridge: final design will need to be corrected in the tender document to reflect the correct decorative railing and to adjust placement of railing posts to co-ordinate with concrete panels.
 - l) Street name signage: will not be produced by the contractor, will be produced in the City's sign shop.
 - m) Landscape treatment: the soft material is appropriate and tree preservation requires additional information on tree removal and tree protection. OPSD tree protection fencing will be used on the site. Grubbing and clearing will be required to gain access for the construction road under the bridge. The sculpture area will be treated with Eco-lawn.

It was:

Moved by: Peter Ross

Seconded by: Dianne More

That the Main St. Markham Committee recommends that staff inform Councillors Campbell and Moretti, as well as the Main St. Markham Committee, by means of a documented list, of any design changes to the Council approved streetscape and landscape elements and the reasons for such changes.

CARRIED

It was:

Moved by: Peter Ross

Seconded by: Phil Howes

That the Main St. Markham Committee recommends that a meeting be set up with Councillors Campbell and Moretti, as well as all Regional Councillors and the Mayor, upon their availability, with appropriate City and Regional staff to discuss optional designs to best integrate the Region's concerns regarding the intersection of Main St. Markham and Highway 7 and the City's existing plans for the streetscape of the Heritage Conservation District and for safety, as expressed in the Environmental Assessment, Vision and contracts tendered.

CARRIED

ii. Project Liaison Committee Meeting (Main Street South)

The next PLC will be some time after May 16th and will be a meet and greet of the new contractor and the designated contact person.

b) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson

Regan Hutcheson reviewed applications received for the following addresses: Site Plan Applications: 303 Main St. N, 5965 Highway 7, 55 Rouge St., Committee of Adjustment: 12 James Scott Rd., 55 Rouge St., Heritage Permits: Local streets in Markham Village, Financial Assistance-Designated Property Grant Program: 180 Main St. N, 303 Main St. N, Financial Assistance-Commercial Façade Grant Program: 80 Main St. N and Building Permits: 5970 16th Ave., 15 Eby Way, 68 Main St. N and 9350 Markham Rd.

c) Garbage Collection –Phil Howes

Meeting was held on March 24 with City staff regarding this issue. Waste Management and By-laws will be assisting with this issue. Pickup can be rescheduled to mid week to solve the Thursday night/Friday morning pick up. This will be further explored with staff and will be reported back at the next meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) LED Lights

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the LED lights being installed on local streets. The light standards will be different depending on whether they are installed on regional or local roads. The light standards will also be slightly different on Main St. Unionville.

b) Power Supply Control Box

Councillor Campbell advised that the power supply control box at 69 Main St. N. cannot be moved but can be wrapped to enhance the curb appeal of the property.

c) Dermatology Clinic

Councillor Campbell advised that the Dermatology Clinic is aiming to open the first week of July

4. NEXT MEETING – May 21, 2014

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

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.