

**MINUTES FROM THE EIGHT MEETING OF THE
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE IN 2013**

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

October 16, 2013 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

Phil Howes
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Peter Ross
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter
Councillor Campbell
Dianne More
Ardy Reid
Councillor Moretti
Jonathon Mingay

Regrets

Diane Kobelansky
David Johnson
David Konkle

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary
Sally Campbell, Senior Planner

Guests

Christine Matthews, Markham BIA
Jason McCauley

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.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 MEETING OF
THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE**

It was

Moved by Dianne More
Seconded by Peter Ross

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on September 18, 2013, be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. UPDATES:

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

i. Current Status of Project

Peter Ross provided an update based on his discussions with the staff liaison. On the east side of the street the construction is almost complete, only missing element is the trees. They should be installed late next week.

On the west side of the street the new curb has been installed from Highway 7 to Robinson, electrical work has also been installed in this area. The old curb has been removed from Robinson to Bullock. Excavation of tree pits has begun at Highway 7 and is moving north. The pads for streetlights are currently being removed from the west side and new pole bases will be installed starting early next week. Tree pits and light pole fixtures will be completed over the next few weeks.

Work on the intersections has been held back due to signal lights that are required to be installed prior to work being completed. The road paving and interlocking paving at Robinson intersection has been placed on hold until the spring.

In response to a question regarding the tree pits, Sally Campbell explained the use of strata cells, confirming that a special frame will be used to cover the pit hole so there will not be a trip hazard and notes trees are under warranty for one year from substantial completion.

ii. Update on Design Issues – Sally Campbell

A review of the design elements installed on the east side was provided by Sally Campbell. Streetlights have been installed with a slight adjustment due to conflict with gas supplies. The arms for the poles to support the flower basket will need to be adjusted once all the poles have been installed. There was some confusion amongst the banner arms and the flower basket arms. There are electrical outlets on the poles for festivals. The pavers currently have a white residue on them due to dust from the joint material. The pavers will be washed by the contractor following the completion of the installation. The landscape contractor is ordering the trees for installation beginning next week on the east side of the street. Due to requests from property owners, sidewalk grade has been slightly lowered to tie in with private property. This has reduced some of the poor grade issues that were previously on the street.

The west side of the street has a few issues requiring attention including reverse grading, north of Robinson Street that the contractors will be addressing. There was an adjustment made to a tree location to accommodate the needs of the various business owners by moving the tree further south. An additional tree has been removed from the plan in front of the Sierra Development due to construction requirements of the tree cells that would have resulted in additional delays. There will be 30 trees installed on the street in the end.

Sally also confirmed that the base of each light standard has yet to be installed to cover the exposed bolts.

iii. Update on the next Project Liaison Committee

The date of the next PLC is Wednesday October 23, 2013 at the Markham Community Centre.

b) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, distributed and reviewed the Summary of Planning/Development Applications for the period of September -October.

Site plan application received for 9 Albert St., heritage permits received for 250 Main St. N., and 33 Joseph St., building permits received for 15 Peter St., 45 Peter St., 4 Dryden Crt. and 9404 Markham Rd.

b) Update on Morgan Park Revitalization- Regan Hutcheson

Nothing further to report, however there will be a public information meeting tentatively scheduled for November 18 at Grace Anglican Church.

c) Update on Library Square Master Plan – Linda Irvine

Public information meeting is scheduled for November 4 at the Community Centre.

d) Interpretive Project - Regan Hutcheson

Update coming for the November meeting, until then nothing new to report.

e) Committee Membership – Carlie Turpin

There was concern expressed at the previous meeting regarding the expiry of Committee Memberships on this committee during a term of transition with respect to the construction currently being undertaken on the street. The Committee discussed the desire to maintain current members, while adding new ones to the composition of the committee.

It was

Moved By Dianne More

Seconded by Peter Ross

That the Main St. Markham Committee would like to maintain the current membership of the Main Street Markham Committee until the end of the current Council term to ensure continuity of the current work being undertaken on the street but would also welcome the addition of new members to increase the expertise on the Committee and contribution to the vision for the street.

CARRIED

3. New Business

a) **Staff Appreciation** – Councillor Moretti

The Committee would like to thank staff that have continued to work with all stakeholders and ensuring the work on the street moves along on schedule.

b) **Doors Open Event Highlights** – Regan Hutcheson

The theme this year was cultural expressions and took place on September 28, 2013.

There were 17 sites in total, with 6 new sites added this year. There were 3,110 visitors in attendance, resulting from good event promotion and media sponsorships.

Programming was added to a number of venues including live music and demonstrations.

Good volunteer turnout for this year's event.

c) **Designated Heritage Property Grants** – Regan Hutcheson

Council passed the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program for another 3 years (2014-2016) with \$90,000 being made available. This allows people with heritage buildings to undertake restorative tasks with financial assistance from the City.

d) **Markham Go Station** – Regan Hutcheson

Go Transit is proposing improvements at the station and will be making a presentation at the Development Services Committee next week. An update will be provided at that meeting including station improvements and an improved west platform. They will also be adding the following to the site: a new building on the property to house electrical equipment, designed in line with heritage style of the train station, a transformer, two new bike shelters, new heated platform shelters, new seating area, as well as a number of landscape improvements will be undertaken around the site. They will also be updating existing light standards in the west parking lot.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 5:45 p.m.

5. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.