

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

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

**June 19, 2013 – 5:45 p.m.**

Members

Phil Howes  
David Johnson  
Diane Kobelansky  
David Konkle  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
Churchill Piggott  
Peter Ross  
Keith Thirgood  
Helen Walter  
Councillor Campbell

Regrets

Jonathon Mingay  
Diane More  
Ardy Reid  
Councillor Moretti

Staff

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

Guest

Christine Matthews, Markham BIA

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:45 p.m. with Councillor Campbell as Chair, who began by asking for any declarations of pecuniary interest with respect to items on the agenda. Councillor Colin Campbell disclosed an interest with respect to Sierra Homes Development, 68 Main Street, Markham, and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of such matters.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2013 MEETING OF THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE**

It was

Moved by            Keith Thirgood  
Seconded by        Helen Walter

That the minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on May 15, 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 reported that the staff report was presented to the Development Services Committee on May 21, 2013, and to Markham Council on June 17, 2013. The reconstruction of Main Street from Highway 7 to Bullock Drive has long been a priority for Markham. Following completion of upgrading subsurface infrastructure in 2012, the current phase of the project is to enhance the existing streetscape to promote pedestrian traffic and display Main Street Markham at its best.

It was reported that Council awarded the construction contract for this phase to Four Seasons Site Development. Due primarily to higher than expected tender prices and an increased level of streetscaping and road works, a budget shortfall for the project was identified. Two options to deal with the budget shortfall were developed by staff:

- Option 1 – Maintain the streetscaping level of the project
- Option 2 – Reduce the streetscaping levels e.g. reduction in pavers, trees, tree pits, imprinted asphalt etc.

Staff identified that additional funding for the project might be obtained by (i) deferring storm sewer upgrades on Main Street from Bullock Drive to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a period of up to seven years pending Council prioritization of gas tax funded projects, or (ii) pre-approving funds from the 2014 Capital Tax budget, or (iii) increasing the tax rate to generate additional funds. Council endorsed Option 1 as the preferred option – to maintain streetscaping level and fund the project shortfall by deferring Main Street storm sewer upgrades from Bullock Drive to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and, the Hwy 48, Bullock to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue portion of Capital Project 13701, pending Council prioritization of gas tax funded projects.

It was reported that a Public Liaison Committee meeting will be held on June 26, 2013 to update the public on the final streetscaping status of the project as well as to provide them with an opportunity to review the proposed vehicle and pedestrian traffic management plans.

It was reported that the project is scheduled to start immediately. Sierra Homes Development will work during July to complete façade work for the proposed development. Four Seasons Site Development will begin setup on July 2, 2013 with a tentative construction start date of mid to late July.

Council also approved establishing a 10-year moratorium on any major servicing and utility installation along Main Street Markham between Highway 7 and Bullock Drive once the project has been completed in order to ensure that the improvements will not be damaged.

It was reported that Peter Ross made a presentation to Council; he spoke of the vision for Main Street and thanked Council and staff for their support of that vision over the last fifteen years.

The portion of road reconstruction from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Major Mackenzie is scheduled to be finished by the end of June but will likely be delayed to the end of July.

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning reported that staff had received 90% of the drawings for the Highway 407 to Highway 7 portion of Highway 48 and that staff had returned the drawings with suggestions for change. In reference to the treatment for the bridge design, Helen Walter will provide Regan Hutcheson with contact information for Dufferin Construction which is able to provide concrete finishes that look like flagstone.

**ii. Update on Outdoor Commercial Patios**

A detailed staff report was presented to the Markham Subcommittee on May 29, 2013, and to Markham Council on June 17, 2013. The report, Update on Outdoor Patios on the Public Right of Way Along Main Street Markham, identified three patio options and associated issues with each:

Type A – boulevard patio between the curb and the sidewalk

Type B – sidewalk patio extending from the building across the sidewalk thereby requiring a deviation in the sidewalk

Type C – single row with tables and chairs up against the building

It was reported that Council approved the Markham Subcommittee recommendations relating to the patio type considered appropriate for each business that has requested a patio. The Markham Subcommittee recommendations were based on many factors including the existing amount of front or side yard available for a patio, the existing amount of front or side yard available for a patio that is not currently being used, and the potential impact on public safety and accessibility.

**Councillor Campbell left the meeting to attend another meeting and Regan Hutcheson served as Chair for the remainder of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting.**

**b) Incoming Planning Applications – R. Hutcheson**

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, distributed and reviewed the Summary of Planning/Development Applications for the period May 16 to June 19, 2013: 43 Church St., 154 Main St. N., 280 Main St. N., 45 Joseph St., 12 James Scott Rd., 254 Main St. N., 8 Beech St., 45 Peter St., 16 Dryden Court, 45 Church St., and 91 Main St. N..

Regan Hutcheson was asked to provide an update about the James Campbell house at 26 Albert St. A purchaser has submitted a letter of intent to the owner to purchase and move the house. Council is required to declare the house eligible to move into Markham Heritage Estates. The Chief Administrative Officer has delegated authority during Council's summer recess for the site plan approval and for the sale of the Heritage Estates building lot. Staff continue to work with the owner of the property on a design for the new garage structure.

**c) Parkette Maintenance Issue**

Regan Hutcheson advised that there are both maintenance and shade issues involved since there is no overhead coverage for these parkettes. He has spoken with Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Spaces; she advised that the parks were created ten years ago and that it might be appropriate to consider a revitalization project. Committee members suggested that it might be better to wait until after the Main Street Road Construction project is completed before attempting parkette revitalization. Diane Kobelansky volunteered to take photos of the parkette at various times during the day to build a dossier that shows what's needed.

Regan Hutcheson advised that, if any parkette elements need repair, the information should be submitted to him immediately so it can be considered in the capital assets budget.

It was

Moved by Diane Kobelansky

Seconded by Keith Thirgood

That the Main Street Markham Committee recommend to Markham Council that it review the life cycle relating to the structural elements of the parkettes on Main Street to address the maintenance and repair concerns.

Carried

It was

Moved by Helen Walter

Seconded by Phil Howes

That the Main Street Markham Committee recommend to Markham Council that it review the existing condition of plantings in the five parkettes along Main Street Markham.

Carried

**d) Interpretive Design Panel**

Regan Hutcheson advised that this work is continuing. The project has three stages; the first stage involved research and the development of 16 theme areas and text for the panels. The project is now in the second stage - Corporate Communications is working with staff to develop the website based on the Moncton Heritage website, in partnership with ITS to incorporate this within the City's portal. Corporate Communications has hired a writer to edit the text for the website; it is hoped that this material might be ready within the next few weeks. A demonstration of the website will be presented to the Committee when it is ready. A member noted that there are some audio issues when using the City website with a Mac computer.

Regan Hutcheson also advised that he has requested funds for interpretive panels to be installed next spring; he will present the design to the Committee for its review and approval.

**3. New Business**

**a) Parks Revitalization**

Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Spaces, will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the revitalization projects of Morgan Park, Linear Park Plaza, and Library Square.

**4. Next Meeting**

It was

Moved by Phil Howes

Seconded by Keith Thirgood

That the Main Street Markham Committee defer the next committee meeting to September.

Carried

The next meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:45 pm

**5. Adjournment**

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.