



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

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

**February 20, 2013 – 5:45 p.m.**

**Members**

Jonathan Mingay  
Diane More  
Peter Ross  
David Konkle  
Jennifer Peters-Morales  
David Johnson  
Ardy Reid  
Keith Thirgood  
Councillor Campbell  
Helen Walter

**Regrets**

Councillor Moretti  
Ibrahim Ali  
Churchill Piggott  
Diane Kobelansky  
Phil Howes

**Staff**

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

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:47 p.m. with Regan Hutcheson as Chair, who began by asking for any declarations of interest with respect to items on the agenda. No declarations were made.

**i. Adoption Of The Minutes of the January 16, 2013 Meeting of the  
Main Street Markham Committee**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting from January 16, 2013 be adopted.

*(Attached)*

**2. UPDATES:**

**a) Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction – Detailed Design Stage– Peter  
Ross/Regan Hutcheson**

**i. Current Status of Project –**

The presentation to DSC by Alan Brown on February 5, 2013 was well received and of interest for other areas in Markham. There was some confusion regarding the different paving materials being proposed for use in different areas. Staff is assessing the different materials to provide information that will be included in the tender when it is released.

The Committee reviewed a copy of the presentation that was made by Alan Brown, including a review of the on-street parking and accessibility improvements for the sidewalks. The treatment for Festival Square Paving will be Town Hall series, which has been recommended by staff. In relation to the street light poles there is an intention to change out the current traffic light poles and replace them with poles similar to the street light poles. The pedestrian signalization will be a simple, located on black poles, keeping in line with the design of the other poles on the street. Outstanding issues include: patio space/bump outs versus on street parking, patio policy, Festival Square Paving, archway as a gateway, side street reconstruction, planters and signs at Festival Square and the marketing plan.

The tentative start date for construction is July 2, 2013 with a completion date of November 1, 2013.

The Committee conducted a review of streetscape elements:

- Pavers – roadway - change to pavers in roadway using Town Hall series, larger surface, less rugged. Same colour as Copthorne series (no objections from Committee). Proposal to extend roadway paver in front of old Town Hall to be costed as an option for Council consideration. Straight cut where it meets the asphalt (support for extension).
- Paver bedding material – proposal to use Uni-pave Base, less movement for pavers, to be used under complete intersections and transition under the asphalt to address differential settlement (supported).
- Asphalt – standard treatment for roadway – bus bay near old Post Office will be coloured impressed asphalt. This will also be used in the median area flush with the road. Where curb rises, pavers to be used (supported).
- Sidewalks – continue with 2 m sidewalks in concrete with Urban Braille, change in intersection all concrete sidewalks will be replaced by pavers in a light colour, issue is differential settlement between concrete, asphalt and pavers (no objections, inquired if this is ok from an Accessibility perspective).
- Planters tree pits – use Strata Cell system as previously discussed
- Light fixtures – square lanterns as proposed with simple black pole and bracket, traffic signalization poles – black with signals to be yellow on front and black on back (no objections).

- Furniture – benches, waste bins and bike racks as previously discussed. Rogers cable has recently identified a need to upgrade its fiber optics boxes – remove from private property and install in streetscape (concerned that the request is last minute, how high out of the ground, what material, how vandal proof, where to be located).
- Banner arch – proposal at present is to order 2 simple black banner poles, if a special arch treatment is approved, an allocation of funding by Council or outside group will be necessary – will also require a change order, Councillors asked staff to investigate if a base can be installed at this time.
- Dublin Street change – Traffic Operations do not want parking across from Dublin Street so this area will become a landscaped bump out (concerned about loss of parking, is the loss to be made up elsewhere? Didn't understand why there can't be parking in this location).
- Centre Street Slip Around – option of a slip around lane to allow cars to pass a car wanting to make a left lane is under consideration, Urban Design prefers no slip lane, area around Centre Street is envisioned as a secondary “hub” to the Robinson Street intersection, the removal of the slip around lane will allow for enhanced beautification and provide a larger tree planting pit, the larger pit will allow for increased soil volume and improve the chances of the survival of the trees (Committee prefers to have extended bump out with trees. Committee suggested no left turn sign for certain hours or advanced green/extended green to allow turns).
- Bike Traffic on Main Street – may have to sign Main Street as a shared traffic/bike as it is identified in the Master Cycling Plan, 2 options – signs on poles or images on pavement. This identification will be required every few meters. An example of the signs can be found on Albert Street (if it has to be signed the Committee prefers road images with one sign for southbound riders at Bullock and one sign for northbound riders at Highway 7)
- Trees and bump outs – Committee was concerned about loss of trees on bump outs due to requests from some restaurants/pubs

**Main Street Markham Committee Recommends that:**

The principle of wherever a bump out is located a tree must be planted is maintained, in keeping with the Environmental Assessment and maintaining the original intention of the detailed design of Main Street.

Moved by: Keith Thirgood  
Seconded by: Peter Ross

**CARRIED**

- ii. **Update on the next Project Liaison Committee –**  
The next PLC meeting will be held in the spring.

iii. **Update from the Public Information Meeting**

The Public Open House was held on January 24, 2013 at the Markham Museum. Feedback from those in attendance included: removal of specific trees from certain bump outs, align the bump out with the archway in front of Sierra project, extend the bump out in front of specific locations, provide parking instead of a bump out and extend decorative street pavers at Robinson St. intersection to include in front of the former Old Town Hall building.

b) **Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson**

Review of incoming planning applications for the following properties: 26 Albert St.(proposed demolition of c. 1860 dwelling), 2 Rouge St., 48 George St. and 24 Markham St.

c) **Markham Official Plan (Draft) – Regan Hutcheson**

Markham Village Secondary Plan (OPA 108) has had all the relevant policies removed and placed in Chapter 11 Area and Site Specific Policies, with updated language to reflect the new Official Plan. The current secondary plans will be repealed. In the future, a new secondary plan for Markham Village will be brought forward using the information found in Chapter 11.

d) **Door Open Markham – Regan Hutcheson**

The date has been changed to Saturday September 28; the theme this year is cultural expressions. Buildings related to culture will be featured at this year's event. The York/Durham Railway will be operating their train between Unionville and Markham Village. The organizing committee is still looking for interested property owners to feature their properties in this event.

#### 4. New Business

a) **Left Turn Signal Light – James Scott & Main St. South**

Turn signal is still not functioning; the Contractor has been out and examined the signal. The signal timing will require replacement.

b) **Main Street Post Office**

The local Markham Village Post Office closed last Friday despite efforts by Councillors and residents to keep the office open.

c) **Houghton Boulevard – infill housing adjacent to heritage district**

The original proposal was for 10 homes, built by Wycliffe Homes. It was revised by Council to be reduced to 9 homes. This change will allow the houses to be larger due to an increase in lot size.

#### 5. Adjournment

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