



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

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

March 20, 2013 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

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

Regrets

David Konkle
Councillor Moretti
Jonathan Mingay

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 February 20, 2013 Meeting of the
Main Street Markham Committee**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting from February 20, 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 tender was issued for bidding yesterday, two weeks behind originally anticipated date of March 5. Some design modifications were required due to changes in the spacing and location of the street lighting. Staff reviewed concerns related to pavers shifting; technical consultants confirmed that the chosen pavers will not shift.

The tender will be open for two weeks, closing Friday April 19. It is anticipated that the tender will be awarded at the end of April. The start of construction will be July 2, 2013 with completion estimated for November 6, 2013.

The Public Liaison Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled. The patio policy will be developed by the Urban Design group specifically for Unionville and Main Street Markham. It will not be a city wide policy. The sidewalks will remain linear with no deviation for the purposes of the tender being released. The tender will also show the roadway pavers all the way to the Town Hall, while the City retains the right to reduce this dependent on cost.

For the area between 16th Avenue & Major Mackenzie the construction of the underground features will be finished in June.

The area from Bullock to 16th Ave undergoing water main replacement will be pushed back to June 16, 2013. The area south to the 407 will be moved forward to 2014.

Update on streetscaping issues raised at the last meeting:

- Rogers Box – proposal to use two pedestal types for the Rogers Box that will be made of hard plastic and painted black to match the rest of the street furniture. The City does not receive any fees.
- Dublin St. traffic operations – removal of parking spots is consistent with City by-laws due to close proximity to the intersection.
- Centre Street slip around – without the slip around, the queue of vehicles will extend approximately 200 meters interfering with another intersection, an advanced green is only an option if there is a dedicated turn lane.
- Bike traffic - will likely be only signed symbols.
- Loss of trees – trees will be installed wherever soil volumes exist to support them.
- Light standards – initially the proposed poles were much higher than currently on Main St. Suggest bringing light standard down to twenty feet that allows for 25 feet between poles and a creates a more intimate streetscape. Ran photometrics based on shorter light poles to determine viability. Electrical outlets will be located midway up the pole.

ii. **Update on the next Project Liaison Committee**

The next PLC meeting will be held in the spring, tentatively in May after the tender has been awarded. The focus will be construction management and traffic management plans.

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

Review of incoming planning applications for the following properties: 26 Albert St.(proposed demolition of a c. 1865 house), 369 Main St. N., 19 Parkway Ave., 9404 Markham Rd., 43, 141 & 158 Main St. N. and 48 George St.

4. New Business

a) **Patio Policy**

Concerns amongst businesses that the patio policy being developed by the city will split up patios to allow for sidewalks to pass through. An alternative option where the sidewalk goes around the patio is preferred by some businesses. Request is to have a sidewalk go around an extended patio instead of splitting it up. Committee Members were recommended to wait to address this particular issue at the April committee meeting when Urban Design staff will be in attendance to specifically discuss the patio policy. It was noted that Councillor Moretti had indicated to the BIA that a subcommittee could be created to work with staff on this issue.

ACTION ITEM: Councillor Campbell to
contact Councillor Moretti regarding a
BIA patio Working committee to
address this issue.

b) **Ward Boundary Review**

Revised ward boundaries were adopted at Council last night. It was noted that Markham Village would no longer be divided down Main St.

c) **Official Plan**

There will be an open house on April 11, 2013 in the Great Hall at the Civic Centre for an opportunity to speak with staff and ask questions about the Official Plan. The statutory meeting will be held Tuesday April 23, 2013 in the Council Chambers.

d) **Newsletter for Heritage Conservation District**

This is being distributed to those that own property in all heritage districts this week.

e) **Left turn signal at James Scott and Main St. S**

This problem has been corrected. Committee extends a thank you to Paul Ingham and David Porretta for addressing this concern.

f) **Washroom lights in public washroom**

Lights are not on long enough. This has been an ongoing problem.

g) **Bannister in Council Chambers**

Committee appreciates the installation of the banister in the council Chambers to assist with accessibility.

5. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.