



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

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

January 16, 2013 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

Jonathan Mingay
Diane More
Peter Ross
David Konkle
Jennifer Peters-Morales
David Johnson
Phil Howes
Ardy Reid
Churchill Piggott

Regrets

Councillor Moretti
Ibrahim Ali
Councillor Campbell
Diane Kobelansky
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter

Staff

Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary
Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Dan Foong, Engineering

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 November 21, 2012 Meeting of the
Main Street Markham Committee**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting from November 21, 2012 be adopted.

(Attached)

2. UPDATES:

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

i. Current Status of Project – Dan Foong

Review of the project schedule from now until November 2013. Between February 5 and March 5 the tender and detailed design will be finalized. It is anticipated the City will go to tender March 5th, with a closing date of April 5th. The award of the project should occur by the end of April. City Staff intend to come back to a Project Liaison Committee (PLC) meeting in May to discuss road closures and construction contingency plan. This meeting is tentatively booked for May 9th and 21st. Once the project is awarded the successful contractor will make a presentation at the next PLC meeting. There is concern with two festival dates falling around the time work is scheduled to commence (mid June). The contractors will plan to commence construction a week after the festival. The details of any road closures will be presented at the March PLC meeting.

Review of a map that will be displaced at the PLC tomorrow evening. The map illustrates all the comments that have been made at previous PLC meetings, as well as meetings with Councillors and business representatives. The intent is to finalize drawings and address outstanding issues in the spring regarding archways and commercial patios. The intersection of Robinson and Main street will have pavers in the intersection to differentiate the section from the rest of the road way. There has been discussion with the Legal Department regarding the south west corner of Robinson regarding the small sidewalk, trees and planters. These discussions are ongoing and the result will be communicated to the PLC when a decision is made.

The original number of parking spots was 83; the revised number will be 65, with a reduction of 18 parking spaces. Staff to confirm the number of trees that will be located in the north section, an update will be provided at the PLC tomorrow night. A bump out has been inserted at the north end of the Treemont Hotel property as well as a tree. There is concern the bump out is not large enough for the property. Staff advised the size of the bump out is to accommodate an additional parking spot. There was discussion of the placement of trees near the cross walk, while taking into consideration visibility for pedestrians and oncoming traffic.

The tree species location map is currently being prepared. The planting system being considered is the strata cell system which is composed of plastic components stacked together that allows material to pass through and hold pavers on top of it, paired with an irrigation system.

For the section from the 407 to Highway 7 the design phase is 60% completed, with PLC meetings scheduled to take place in the summer of 2013. City staff anticipate going to construction in the spring of 2014.

Funding has been confirmed for storm sewer and water main replacement.

ii. **Update on the next Project Liaison Committee – (January 17)**

Intent of this meeting is to finalize streetscape plans and get final comments from the public by January 24.

iii. **Finalization of Detailed Design of Streetscape**

Streetlights will be square lantern design all in black, as previously discussed. The parking on the street is 65 spaces, including 4 handicapped parking spaces. One dedicated passenger loading/drop off space is included in the design. The surface of the bus bay on the east side near the Post Office will be made of coloured, pressed asphalt rather than pavers. The median that continues to Highway 7 will also be coloured, pressed asphalt. The Festival Square will have a reduction in pavers on the south side while extending them on the north side to meet up with the Church St. parkette. Street furniture will include 10 Big Bellies recycling units, 10 waste receptacles, 17 benches, and 12 bike rack units

The issue of streetscape improvements on private land was identified as being problematic, as contractors working for the City cannot perform work on private land. This will need to be worked out for specific circumstances. More elaborate discussion on this issue will take place at the PLC meetings.

The photometric analysis is still to be finalized. Committee is concerned about the harshness of the LED lights in the streetlamps. The less harsh light would be preferred by the Committee as opposed to the harsh stark light.

At PLCs in March, April and May staff will be asking vendors to come in and demonstrate the products that will be installed on the street and answer any questions the public may have.

iv. **Public Information Meeting (January 24, 2013)**

A Public Information Meeting open house is scheduled for January 24, 2103.

v. **DSC Meeting (February 5, 2013)**

The streetscape and detailed design will be presented at the Development Services Committee Meeting on February 5, 2013.

b) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson

Review of incoming planning applications for the following properties: 46 Main St N, 8 Beech St., 254 Main St. N., 1 Peter St., 257 Main St. N, 9 Albert St.,

c) Robinson St. Bridge Interpretive Panel Design - Regan Hutcheson

The panel design is going ahead as discussed at the November meeting. This will be funded by the Capital Assets Group. The location for installation has not been confirmed.

d) Interpretive Sub Committee Phase 2 of Interpretive Streetscape Program– Regan Hutcheson

There is budget available through Council for this purpose that must be used this year. Corporate Communications has offered to assist with this project, specifically with the website development. George has put together a landing page to demonstrate what the homepage would look like. The first stage will be to get the website working; the next stage would be the interpretive panels on the street with linkage to the website.

e) 46 Main St. North-Ravina Condo – Regan Hutcheson

This site will contain a 5 storey, 62 unit, condo building by Ravina. The main access point for the construction site will be between two heritage buildings. Meetings have taken place with all property owners in the surrounding area to determine if there are alternative construction opportunities. Issues such as construction staging, parking, and minimizing impact on heritage buildings are causing concerns. The Site Plan Agreement has yet to be finalized. Construction is targeted for spring 2013.

4. New Business

a) New Official Plan Process – Regan Hutcheson

Members were encouraged to review the draft Markham Official Plan including the new Chapter 11- Area and Site Specific Policies which are being released to the public on February 5th. This Chapter deals with areas and sites in Markham that require special policies that vary from one or more provisions of the main Official Plan. The proposal is to repeal the current secondary plan that covers a portion of Markham Village (known as OPA 108 which dates from the early 1990s), and to include the policies that are still relevant from OPA 108 in the new Chapter. The transferred policies have been updated using the new language and terms found in the draft OP. The material can be found in section 11.13.3- “Heritage Centre -Markham Village Heritage Conservation District” in this new section of the Official Plan. A link to the Chapter 11 material will be sent to all members.

5. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.