



**MINUTES FROM THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE IN 2012**

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

September 19, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

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

Regrets

Councillor Moretti
Ibrahim Ali

Staff

Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary
Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:51 p.m. with Councillor Campbell as Chair, who began by asking for any declarations of interest with respect to items on the agenda. No declarations were made.

**1. Adoption Of The Minutes of the June 20, 2012 Meeting of the
Main Street Markham Committee**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting from June 20, 2012 be adopted as amended (item 2.ii).

(Attached)

2. UPDATES:

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

i. Current Status of Project

The water pipes will be changed to PVC, which have been installed up to Bullock currently. Work will begin on the lateral water main connection next week. The construction company will prepare a list of times for work to take place, and then meet with city officials to review the proposed times. Following this, the construction company will meet with building owners to schedule the work.

Storm sewer installation phase will begin at Highway 7 at the end of September. Following the completion of the storm sewer and water connections the final close up will occur.

Sanitary sewer repairs for 8 to 10 buildings will be completed sporadically as the contractor makes their way up the street.

Construction is currently a week behind schedule. Some complaints have been received involving traffic in the area. The contractor was able to open north bound lane on weekends to help alleviate traffic concerns.

Robinson Street bridge construction has been completed and the bridge was opened one week ahead of schedule.

The area from 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie currently has one lane open each way to allow traffic to pass through and the road widening has been almost completed on the west side. The goal is to achieve base asphalt by the end of the year.

The intent is to keep the Main St. website open to communicate information related to construction.

Meetings have been conducted with utility companies regarding construction and communications.

The Traffic Management plan is changing on a weekly basis depending on the work being undertaken in each area.

Funding for urban design work for the area between Highway 7 to Bullock is being requested as part of the 2013 budget process. The request is for \$1.3 million for enhanced street-scaping in the heritage section of Main Street.

ii. **Update on the next Project Liaison Committee – September 20th**

The meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2012 and will cover the status of the street, bump outs, tree species and tree planters.

b) Robinson Street Bridge Re-Construction – Regan Hutcheson

The conflict between MTO, TRCA and MNR regarding design details resulted in a compromise on design elements, agreed to by all parties. The bridge walls were not replaced as was originally planned. The reconstruction was completed earlier than anticipated.

c) New Official Plan Update – Regan Hutcheson

The Planning Department is proposing extensive community information meetings. These meetings will take place in late October and early November. A statutory meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 2012 in the Council Chambers.

The Committee asked to be provided with the draft Official Plan document when it is ready for distribution.

d) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson

Review of planning applications received since June 20th for the following properties; 32 Washington St., 12 Church St., 33 Joseph St., 53 Main St. South, 17 Peter St., 5970 16th Ave., 5790 16th Ave., 17 Princess St., 59 James Walker Ct., 10 & 59 Rough St., 55 Albert St., 33 Joseph St., 68 Main St. North, 20 James Scott Rd., 23 Water St., 23 Princess St., 15 & 17 Rough St., 275 Main St. North and 56 Albert St.

e) Capital Budget – Regan Hutcheson/Councillor Campbell

Phase 2 Interpretive Project Budget Update - Regan

This capital account was not closed, as per Council's direction in June 2012.

Request on behalf of the Committee by Councillors

Councillor Campbell indicated that no specific requests were made for the 2013 budget; other than the budget request for the urban design work.

4. New Business

a) Signage for By-pass

No signage has been posted to advise drivers that the by-pass and Highway 407 are alternate routes available during the construction phase.

Action item: Regan to inquire what the status of the signs are.

b) Left hand turn signal at James Scott Road and Princess St.

Turn signal does not work between 4 and 6 p.m., which would be the ideal time to have the signal in operation. The signal is only operational after 9 p.m.

Action item: Councillor Campbell to speak
with Transportation about adjusting the
left hand turn signal.

c) Parking Lots on Main St.

Property owners have been complaining about public parking reducing space in their lots for their customers. Arrangements had been made with other private parking lots for parking during construction; however signage is improperly directing people to private businesses. These businesses were using a private company to issue private parking tickets. The reduction of property taxes for properties located on Main Street was discussed. This issue will be examined by staff.

5. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.