



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

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

October 17, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

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

Regrets

Councillor Moretti
Ibrahim Ali
David Konkle
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter

Staff

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

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.

**i. Adoption Of The Minutes of the September 19, 2012 Meeting of the
Main Street Markham Committee**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting from September 19, 2012 be adopted as amended.

(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 main installation from Highway 7 to Bullock has been completed. There are two remaining connections that need to be connected at Joseph St. and Bullock. The next step is the lateral water service connection, all of which should be installed as of this Friday. During this construction phase the contractors worked four nights to accommodate businesses for the installation. The last step is the installation of the sanitary connections which have almost all been completed. The completion date is targeted for the end of the first week of November.

The storm sewer is completed from Highway 7 to past Centre Street. The contractor would like to open up the area so residents can see the progress that has been made. There is a revised target date of the first week of November due to delays getting started.

The area from 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie is almost on schedule. The west side of the street has begun the road widening process, which is almost complete, including sidewalks and service connections. The construction on the east side of the street will begin next week with the installation of the sanitary sewers. Later in the fall they will start with the water main installation.

The detailed design done by Morrison Hershfield for the area from Bullock to 16th Avenue is due to be completed by December 2012. They will begin installing the storm and sanitary sewers in 2013.

The detailed design is almost complete for the area of Highway 407 to Highway 7 and is due to be finalized in the spring of 2013. They will be replacing water main pipes and addressing issues with the bridge (awaiting permit from Ministry of Natural Resources to begin construction). The road widening and landscaping will cause the relocation of 4 hydro poles on the street. Construction is slated to begin in 2014 and will allow one lane to be open each way at all times.

Staff met with contractors to discuss the opening of Main St. between Highway 7 and Centre St. with an anticipated opening date of October 24. The area between Centre St. and Robinson is anticipated to open on October 26 and the area between Robinson and Bullock is anticipated to open November 9.

ii. Update on the next Project Liaison Committee – October 18th

This meeting should cover street lights and paving/boulevard treatment.

iii. **Design Element Update for Street Scaping – Regan Hutcheson**

1. Lighting

The history of light fixtures in the area was reviewed, as well as the current lighting type being used on the street. There are three possible light standards including lantern, domus (drop light) and acorn style under consideration. The City is also considering the use of LED lights. Staff need to ensure the electrical outlets are at the bottom of the pole. The Committee is in favour of a lantern style fixture.

2. Boulevard Treatment

Pavers are the preferred approach for the boulevard treatment on the street. The landscape architect is recommending a 3 colour blend of burnt clay, old oak and burgundy red. The Committee was shown an example and prefers the colours presented, but noted a concern about their quality over the long term.

3. Festival Square

This is the only intersection that will be getting a decorative treatment. Staff have explored the idea of using a coloured stamped however it doesn't appear to withstand the test of time. Staff prefer to use pavers on a concrete base to ensure the pavers will not move.

4. Bus Bay Pull Off and Fire Hall

There are a couple of these located on the street. Generally yellow lines are painted in front of bus bays; staff have suggested the use of Street Print (a stamped asphalt) in these areas in a complementary colour.

b) Robinson Street Bridge Interpretive Panel – Regan Hutcheson

Councillor Moretti placed a budget request for an interpretive panel to be placed on the bridge; however funds saved from the construction will be used to fund it. Staff requested feedback from the Committee as to the interpretive purpose of the panel. It was indicated that ideas for the content of the panel should take into consideration the Tannery Pond panels, which include information about the animals and plants in the area. The new panel could possibly include the evolution of industries in the area of Robinson Street, including archived pictures of the original buildings.

ACTION ITEM: Regan to review the Tannery Pond panels for content.

c) Official Plan Update – Regan Hutcheson

A Public Information meeting will take place on November 6th in the Council Chambers. Community meetings will follow with a meeting in Markham Village on November 21st at the Markham Museum. The format of the meeting is a drop in open house from 7 p.m. and a staff presentation at 7 p.m. followed by a Q & A session.

d) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson

Identification of the current planning applications including; 36 Church St., 7 Washington St., 23 Princess St., 370 Main St. North, 12 James Scott Rd. Updates were provided on applications for the following properties: 52 Main St. North, 46 Main St. North, 23 Water St. and 158 Main St. North.

4. New Business

a) Signage for Detours

A response from Alan Brown was received that stated there are signs on 407 advising people not to get off at Highway 48. There needs to be signs for people on Highway 48 advising them to use the 407. The traffic management plan will be redone for next year.

b) Budget Request

Councillors asked for support for the Markham Village BIA to promote the street as part of their 2013 budget requests. The concept of financial assistance will be included in a policy going forward for all streets that are undergoing construction.

c) Parking Authority

Councillors and staff are having a workshop to discuss if Markham will create a parking authority as a result of the parking charge recommended for Cornell.

5. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.