



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

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

June 20, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

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

Regrets

Jonathan Mingay
Ibrahim Ali
Phil Howes

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 Moretti 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 May 16, 2012 Meeting of the
Main Street Markham Committee**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on
May 16, 2012, be adopted. *(Attached)*

2. UPDATES:

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

i. Current Status of Project

Project update provide below.

ii. Update from the Project Liaison Committee – meeting June 18th

Start date for construction is still the first week of July with the estimated completion being the first week of October. The Town has hired a consultant, John Bourie, to manage the construction project from Highway 7 to Bullock. The construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 7p.m., however the crews will not clean up for weekends since construction is too extensive.

The construction involves three parts: the replacement of cast iron water main pipe with PVC, replacing the water service connections and putting in storm sewers and catch basins. The work will be done in phases starting from Highway 7. After a number of weeks of putting in the water main, another crew will start on the water service connections. A building condition survey has been commenced. Properties not documented will not be eligible for any future claims.

The section from 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie will commence the second week of July; one lane will be open in each direction during construction. In the spring they will work on the sidewalk and landscape.

The section from Highway 407 to Highway 7 design stage is currently at 30% and will be completed in early 2013.

The website for Main Street road reconstruction is to be moved over to the Town's site by the end of the week for questions to be posed to and answered by Town staff.

There is concern about the communications with the utility companies. The marketing strategy has been reviewed and funding is coming from the Town. The strategy includes a new face for the BIA website, partnership with the car show, flags/signage, ads in Markham Economist and Sun, radio ads and various posters and signage.

Proposal brought to Development Services Committee regarding a traffic management plan, recognizing that it may change as conditions/needs change/arise. The key to the traffic management plan is flexibility.

ACTION ITEM: Advise Alan Brown that the lines of communication need to remain open regarding the traffic management plan. Clarify if the construction is going from Highway 7 to Robinson or Highway 7 to Wilson? Document his discussions with the utility companies regarding the construction.

iii. Review of Streetscape Issues (Commercial Patio Workshop) – Regan Hutcheson

The workshop to view other municipal patios was changed to be a virtual

tour for cost saving purposes. The tour saw 8 or 9 different municipalities' commercial patio designs. The general consensus amongst the participants is to maintain a linear sidewalk along Main Street and not have commercial patios interfering with the continuous flow of pedestrian traffic. The next steps will involve defining what can reasonably be accommodated in the bump outs and if patios can be accommodated on municipal boulevards. Staff is asking the consultants to assemble all possible material options.

Councillor Moretti advised that a recommendation was put forth at General Committee to fill the gap until a patio by-law for the public realm is developed. Recommendations were put through to establish temporary guidelines so that businesses that currently have patios on the public boulevard can continue to exist until the by-law comes in effect. It will be coming to Council next Tuesday.

Issues related to the budget for above ground components of the streetscape plans, including budget shortfalls, are going to Council for discussion. There is concern that what is currently available in the budget will not provide for the improvements intended for the streetscape. During the budget process there will need to be discussions about addressing the budget shortfalls for this project.

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Main Street Markham Committee is concerned that after 12 years of work related to a new and improved Main Street from Hwy 407 to Major Mackenzie Drive, culminating in the Environmental Assessment Study and current detailed design work, that because of a possible budget freeze under consideration for 2012, there will not be sufficient additional monies allocated to invest in excellent urban design options as part of the historical rejuvenation of Main Street when the final designs come before council in 2012.

And that this will be Markham's best and only chance in several generations to re-design and build its village for future generations and that there will be no better investment than creating a high quality streetscape environment.

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Diane More

b) Robinson Street Bridge Re-Construction – Regan Hutcheson

Work has been tendered and will be awarded later this week. Construction on the bridge will begin in July and end September 30th. There have been issues with the design of the bridge with the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources, as they are concerned about flooding and the new design of the bridge. Ministry of Transportation has an issue with the railings on the current bridge. There is concern with the time delay this is causing this project.

c) Incoming Planning Applications – Regan Hutcheson

Review of applications received for the following addresses: 23 Princess St., 59 Rouge St., 14 David Gohn Circle, 166 Main St., 1 Peter St., 40 Washington St., 37 Peter St., 12 Wismer Place, and 6 David Gohn Circle.

2. a) 2013 Capital Budget Requests

Committee was asked to report back on ideas for budget requests in alignment with the Vision document.

Discussion of the historical walking route as a potential capital budget request that will take into account local heritage properties, expand on it and develop a more exhaustive set of walking circuits, estimated cost \$14,000.

Discussion of the gateway ‘feature’ that provides a highly visible indication that you are entering into a special village. Gateway proposals have been included in some of the detailed designs, however it was determined a north area one is not feasible given the space is too constricted. The gateways would be designed using a public design competition.

THAT THE MAIN ST MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the approved budget for Phase 2 of the Interpretive Signage Project for Main Street Markham (\$15,000) which may be eliminated due to non-use, be requested for the 2013 budget.

Moved by Diane More

Seconded by Diane Kobelansky

b) Cancellation of July Meeting

THAT THE MAIN ST MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the July meeting of the Main St. Markham Committee be cancelled.

Moved by Diane Kobelansky

Seconded by Peter Ross

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.