



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

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

March 21, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

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

Regrets

Councillor Moretti
Helen Walter
Ibrahim Ali

Staff

Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary
Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage Planning

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:56 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. MINUTES FROM February 15, 2011 MEETING

The Committee Secretary noted that the February minutes have been revised to reflect the correct date of the January meeting.

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on February 15, 2012, be adopted, with one amendment on page 1.

CARRIED

2. UPDATES:

a) Main Street Markham Environmental Assessment/ Detailed Design Stage

i. Current Status of Project - Peter Ross

There is a public information meeting scheduled tomorrow at Markham Museum in the Transportation Building commencing at 5:30 with a presentation at 7:00 p.m. The general plan for the project is to complete the first phase by fall of 2012. In the fall, the Project Liaison Committee (PLC) will review the design for the above ground features to begin work in the spring of 2013. The tentative start date for construction of the first phase (underground works) is July 2, 2012 finishing Nov. 26, 2012. Tenders for this phase of work will go out at the end of March 2012 and will close the end of April. The contract should be awarded by Council in May 2012. Following tomorrow's public meeting, a report will be brought to Development Services Committee outlining the construction plan. The above ground work tender would be released next year.

There was general discussion surrounding the budget for this project and obtaining the appropriate funding during the budget planning process at the Town. It was recommended that the Committee begin looking at their budget recommendations for 2013 before they break for the summer so when they come back in the fall they are prepared for the Town's 2013 budget planning process.

The Committee is concerned that the detailed design has not been shown to them in quite awhile; it was supposed to be reviewed by the Committee at 60% of completion. Regan advised the current status of the above ground design is not ready for viewing as there are still a number of areas being worked on. Regan advised the designing phase is still in the early stages and would be open to suggestions from the Committee for design work.

Peter Ross noted to the Committee that Planning Staff (Heritage Section) had prepared a document summarizing all the recommendations from previous reports impacting Main Street, and provides Planning (Heritage and Urban Design) staff's recommendations on streetscape issues. Peter suggested that the Main Street Markham Committee use the next three meetings to review the materials in this document and provide feedback. The Committee was agreeable to this approach. Regan indicated that staff would welcome any comments from the Main Street Markham Committee and would organize this task.

ACTION ITEM:

Regan to forward summary materials on streetscape design elements to all members for discussion at the next three meetings

ii. Update from the Project Liaison Committee

The meeting took place on March 1, 2012 and the road reconstruction proposals and schedules were presented to attendees. The Project Liaison Committee will meet again following the release of the tender. All Main St. Markham Committee members are invited to this meeting to listen to the discussions.

One of the primary concerns raised at the March 1, 2012 meeting was that the construction work would affect future decisions concerning the detailed design for above ground features (such as how the location of underground pipes may affect tree roots in the landscaped bumpout areas). Alan Brown said no decisions would be made at this stage of the project that would impact streetscape design issues.

ACTION ITEM:

Clerks Department to advise all MSM members
of next PLC meeting time and date

b) Robinson Street Bridge Design – R. Hutcheson

The Robinson St. Bridge will be undergoing construction that will begin in the spring lasting for approximately 3 months. The bridge has been identified as not being safe and will require reconstruction. The Asset Management Department has suggested that the bridge be constructed similar to the new Reesor Road Bridge which is all concrete. At the recent Heritage Markham meeting, the heritage committee did not support this approach and recommended that the proposed bridge receive the same design treatment as the John St. bridge in the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District. This includes cladding the parapet in stone and sensitively attaching the required metal crash railing. The Committee supported the Heritage Markham approach. The Committee inquired if plaques could be placed on the new bridge identifying the flora and fauna found in the area under the bridge following the completion of the new bridge.

ACTION ITEMS:

Regan to advise Asset Management Department
of the preferred design approach.

Concept of interpretive bridge panels to be
considered during MSM budget discussions

c) Incoming Planning Applications – R. Hutcheson

Regan reviewed planning applications received by the Town for the following addresses; 23 Princess St., 41 Albert St., 9404 Highway 48, 44 Joseph St., 167 Main St. N., 3 Rouge St., 59 Rouge St., 23 Water St., 120 Main St. N., 7 Rouge St. and 10 Rouge St.

d) Stop Lights on Main St. – Councillor Campbell

No update has been received regarding the brail lettering on the signal posts. Councillor Campbell recommended that the money not be spent to put brail on the current signal posts considering they may be replaced following the construction on Main St. He recommends the brail be placed on the new traffic signal posts.

e) **Morgan Park Master Plan and Village Library Square Master Plan (Budget Approval)** – R. Hutcheson

The 2013 budget approved both the above projects and work will begin this year. There was a suggestion that the Library Square feature a firefighter memorial which is also the location of the cenotaph. This could be incorporated within the new design of the square. Also there was a suggestion on placing the firefighter memorial out front of the fire hall on Main St. There will need to be consultation with fire staff before any decisions are made.

f) **Financial Assistance- Grant Deadline- March 23, 2012** – R. Hutcheson

Regan advised the deadline for the two heritage financial assistance programs ~~and heritage grants~~ is this Friday March 23, 2012.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Benches**

Keith reported that the existing heritage benches will be returned to Main Street shortly. They had been in storage during the winter months.

b) **Tannery Pond**

The Town of Markham won the PRO 2012 Excellence in Design Award for the Tannery Pond Environment Improvement Project, designed by Harrington McAvan Ltd., Landscape Architects.

c) **Traffic Signal between Beech and 16th Ave**

It was noted that there was some desire to see a traffic signal installed along this stretch of Main Street North. Councillor Campbell indicated that this had been examined in the past and did not meet the required warrant due to number of vehicles on the side streets.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Main Street Markham committee is April 18, 2012.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.