



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

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

February 15, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

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

Regrets

Councillor Moretti
Churchill Piggott
Ibrahim Ali
Diane More

Staff

Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary
George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:45 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 JANUARY 18, 2012 MEETING

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on January 18, 2012, be adopted, with one amendment on page 2.

CARRIED

2. UPDATES:

a) **Main Street Markham Environmental Assessment/ Detailed Design Stage**

i. **Current Status of Project - Peter Ross**

Since the last meeting there was a presentation made at Development Services Committee (DSC) on January 24, 2012 regarding the costs associated with Phase 1 (Highway 7 to Bullock Drive.). The budget approved at Council for Phase 1 is \$3,127,000.00. The Project Liaison Committee met on February 2, 2012 to discuss the detailed design specifications and technical details of the project. Roadwork will entail full reconstruction to allow for bump outs and improvements in pedestrian traffic. Above ground work will include the replacement of existing sidewalks and stonework. The key point of the meeting was to discuss how to close the road during construction and what disruptions would occur. Various options were presented and the committee voted to divide the work into different sections, proceeding with underground work this summer. Above ground work would take place at a later date.

The underground work would be done in 2 sections, with each section made up of 3 phases, for total of six parts. The underground work in the first section would start with road closures for 6-8 weeks. The second section would be 6-8 weeks of road closures as well. The third section involves the streetscape and is tentatively scheduled to commence in 2013. Road closures will be shorter and contracting crews can work on the same tasks until completed, with construction starting this year.

The next meeting of the Project Liaison Committee is scheduled for March 1, 2012 and then a public information meeting would take place March 22, 2012. A report to DSC and Council would follow on March 27, 2012.

Councillor Campbell emphasized the need for community input on the project, with stakeholder groups being asked to contribute to different roles during the construction process.

Peter Ross suggested consultation be done with legal prior to the March 27, 2012 Council meeting regarding the due diligence required for the notification of residents regarding construction on Main St.

Helen Walter mentioned that Uxbridge undertook a similar construction project on their main street that was conducted using effective public communication involving weekly meetings between the construction foreman and a representative from the BIA to ensure all problems/issues were addressed on a weekly basis. This resulted in less disruption for the local businesses. The intent is to have the same process in place in Markham, with routine consultation between the BIA and construction foreman.

ACTION ITEM: Councillor Campbell will speak with legal about facilitating the Town's due diligence for notifying businesses.

b) **Interpretive Sub-Committee – Phase 2 of Interpretive Streetscape Program**

No new information to report.

c) **Incoming Planning Applications**

George Duncan reviewed current planning applications including; 10 Rouge St. for a minor variance application, 23 Princess St. for a site plan and minor variance for floor area ratio, 257 Main St. N. an alternation was done to the property without permits is being pursued by by-law enforcement, 41 Albert St. building permit submitted to reflect what was actually built, 352 Main St. N on the west side house to be demolished to be replaced by 2 ½ storey mixed use building.

There is a general concern with the building variances that are over and above the by-law limits, Heritage Markham has a subcommittee that is now reviewing these by-laws to see how to best manage these situations and obtain more compatible development with respect to residential infill.

d) **46 Main Street North – status of project**

There will be a 5 storey apartment building built after being approved several years ago. The property was bought by a new owner who plans to proceed with the plans by reducing the number of units but increasing the size of the units. Staff is currently working with the owner for minor design elements. Site plan approval should come in the next couple of months. For the Markham Village Shops located at 52 Main St. demolition is scheduled to begin in March with the potential for construction to start later this year. It would be ideal for excavation for this project to be done in conjunction with the road work so that there would be less disruption on the street.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Bicycle Racks at Markham Museum**

The design of the bike racks used at Markham Museum was displayed to the Committee and the Town's Asset Management staff would like to install this style of bike rack outside of the washrooms on Robinson Street.

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Main St. Markham Committee approve the placement of this style of bicycle rack outside of the washrooms on Robinson St. Markham.

Moved by Diane Kobelansky
Seconded by Helen Walter

CARRIED

b) **Stop Lights on Main St.**

The stop lights regulating traffic at the intersections of Robinson St. and Main St., Centre St. and Main St. and Hwy. 7 and Main St. require you to hold the pedestrian button for 3 seconds in order to get the crossing permission however there are no instructions in braille to assist the visually impaired.

ACTION ITEM: Councillor Campbell will raise this issue with Commissioner Librecz.

c) **Doors Open Markham**

This festival is usually held in August however to increase participation it will be hosted in September this year. The event will be held September 22, 2012 from 10am to 4pm. There is a possibility to have buses going back and forth between Main St. Unionville and Main St. Markham.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Main Street Markham committee is March 21, 2012.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.