



**MINUTES FROM THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE IN 2011**

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

September 21, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Members

Diane Kobelansky
Jonathan Mingay
Dianne More
Helen Walter
Keith Thirgood
Phil Howes

Regrets

Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Colin Campbell
Peter Ross

Staff

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

Guests

Ardy Reid

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting convened at 5:54 p.m. with Regan Hutcheson in the Chair.

1. MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2011 MEETING

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on June 15, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. UPDATES:

a) Main Street Markham Environmental Assessment/ Detailed Design Stage

i. Status of requesting Lorne Smith, Town Historian to report back on the history of the street

This item is deferred until the next meeting for Councillor Campbell to provide an update

ii. Status of community advisory group meeting

The summer meeting was cancelled; Regan will follow up with Engineering staff (Dale Mackenzie) at meeting tomorrow to determine a new meeting date to provide to the Committee members

ACTION: Dale Mackenzie to provide a new meeting date.

iii. Current status of project

The primary landscape architect will be reporting to Town staff tomorrow at their staff meeting. The BIA advised they would like to ensure they meet with design representative to discuss the needs of Main St.

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

Regan reported no new progress occurred over the summer. He will need to verify with the IT department that a proposal for an outside agency to host their website is in compliance with Town policies.

c) Incoming Planning Applications:

Regan advised that development applications were submitted in June, July & August for the following addresses; 10 Rouge Street, 41 Albert Street, 152 Main St. N, 14 Ramona Blvd, 7 Rouge Street, 48 Church Street, 15 George Street, 101 Main Street N, 11 Church Street, 293 Main Street N, 292 Main Street N, 45 Peter Street, 6050 Highway 7, 30 Peter Street, 64 Church Street, 90 James Scott and 100 James Scott.

The following properties received designated heritage property grants: 180 Main St. N for veranda restoration and brick tinting and 8 Peter St. for historic widows and a front door.

158 Main St. N is currently being prosecuted for making unauthorized alternations to the property. A letter has gone out to the property owners to advise them they have acted in contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 and the Town will proceed to charge them officially under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 if they do not rectify the problem.

d) Parking Lot Signs

i. Status of requested Directional signs

Phil Howes advised he has nothing new to advise. He advised they need to determine who owns the parking lots and which lots are Town property. Phil indicated that Town staff member Bob Walter to follow up on this or David Pearce could be of assistance with this.

ACTION: Regan to contact Bob Walter /Dave Pearce

e) Parkette Maintenance Issue

Regan is unsure if an Active Citizen Request has been submitted yet. Councillor Campbell will need to follow up with this issue at the next meeting.

f) 2012 Capital Budget Requests

As no Councillors were in attendance, the committee was not aware if the Councillors had submitted any capital budget requests on behalf of the Main Street Markham Committee.

g) Plaque Project on Peter Street

i. Status of Colour Selection for plaques in Markham Village

Diane Moore reported that the Markham Village Conservancy, Old Markham Village Ratepayers Association and Vinegar Hill Ratepayer Association agreed on black as the background colour for the plaques.

h) Big Belly Recycling Units

i. Update on final colours/design features for Markham Village

The recycling units are currently in place and are black in colour.

3. New Business

a) Appointment of New Members

Regan advised that council had completed the interview process and has appointed new members to the Committee. He advised the Committee of the names of the new members. Members discussed whether or not an orientation should be conducted for the newly appointed members. An overview of the committee mandate will be provided at the next meeting to help orient new members.

b) Bike Pads

Diane K discussed the lack of bike parking available on Main St. and advised the Committee she had requested that a bike pad be constructed near the new public washrooms. Regan indicated that Town staff was pursuing a bike rack at the BIA storage shed site. Diane recommended that the Committee should examine other municipal parking areas to determine if bike racks could be placed there to encourage bike ridership.

Regan advised this idea was brought to the attention of the consulting landscape architect for the redevelopment of Main St Markham and will be something that will be taken into consideration during the design phase.

c) Tremont Hotel Property

Committee members indicated that there have been comments in the community regarding a potential redevelopment of the Tremont Hotel property and asked for an official update. The Committee is unsure of what is involved in the project and what purpose the property will serve once it has been remodeled.

ACTION: Regan to provide an update at the next meeting.

4. Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee is October 19, 2011.

5. Adjournment

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.