



**Minutes
General Committee
June 26, 2018
Meeting Number 12**

Finance & Administrative Issues

Chair: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

Community Services Issues

Chair: Councillor Alan Ho
Vice Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu

Environment & Sustainability Issues

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke
Vice Chair: Councillor Karen Rea

Building, Parks, & Construction Issues

Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Alternate formats are available upon request.

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti (arrived at 10:13 AM; left at 12:25 PM)
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li (left at 12:11 PM)
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci (arrived at 9:35 AM)
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Arvin Prasad, Commissioner of Development Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor and Acting Director of Human Resources
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk
Carlie Turpin, Manager, Elections
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Chris Alexander, Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services
Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff
Josh Machesney, Acting Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:03 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

General Committee recessed at 11:14 AM and reconvened at 11:25 AM.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2018
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the June 18, 2018 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2018
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2018
MARKHAM SPORT HALL
OF FAME COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Markham Sport Hall of Fame Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

4. ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR CANADA DAY (7.0)
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report dated June 18, 2018 and entitled “Additional Funding Request for Canada Day” be received; and,**
- 2) That Staff be directed to examine the financial pressures facing Markham Festivals with respect to policing, etc. and report back to the 2019 Budget Sub-Committee; and further,**
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

Carried

5. IN-FILL CONSTRUCTION BY-LAW (2.0)
[Presentation](#) [By-Law](#)

Chris Alexander, Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services was in attendance to deliver a PowerPoint presentation regarding the In-Fill Construction By-law.

Ian Free and Christine Burger-Free provided comments with respect to the proposed By-law.

General Committee instructed Staff to address the concerns discussed by the deputants and bring back the updated By-law to Council on June 26, 2018 for approval.

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, advised that Staff will be discussing internal enforcement protocols as well as further refinements to the By-law in the coming weeks. These will be brought forward in the fall for Council’s consideration.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Chris Alexander, Acting Manager, By-Law Enforcement and Regulatory Services entitled “In-fill Construction By-Law,” be received; and,**
- 2) That the By-law be brought forward at the June 26, 2018 Council meeting; and**
- 3) That staff bring forward additional amendments to the By-law in September, 2018 and conduct a training and education session to discuss same; and further,**

- 4) **That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

Carried

6. VACANCY ON MARKHAM CITY COUNCIL (14.0)
[Presentation](#)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, was in attendance to deliver a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Vacancy of Markham City Council.

Edward Chiu, resident, provided comments.

General Committee expressed concern about appointing a resident to fill the Ward 7 vacancy as it would give them an advantage in the upcoming 2018 Municipal Election, should they choose to register as a candidate.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

- 1) **That, in accordance with the Municipal Act, Markham City Council declare the Ward 7 local Councillor seat vacant at its June 26, 2018 Council meeting; and,**
- 2) **That, in accordance with the City of Markham Council Vacancy Policy, Council appoint Khalid Usman, a Ward 7 candidate in the 2014 Municipal Election; and,**
- 3) **That this appointment be subject to confirmation of Khalid Usman's eligibility to hold municipal office and his consent to the appointment; and further,**
- 4) **That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

MOTIONS

There were no motions.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

7. TERM LIMIT FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS (16.23)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

Whereas Civic Government functions best when fully responsive to the electorate; and,

Whereas the public interest is well-served through a mandated rotation of elected officials; and,

Whereas term limits would create greater interest in Municipal Government and allow for more ideas by new leaders with new concepts on how best to improve our communities; and,

Whereas being a Politician is a public service and not a career; and,

Whereas it is deemed desirable to limit the terms of Members of Council to 3 full four year terms, with additional terms possible after a four year stand down or if a member wishes to seek the office of an alternate position; and,

Whereas it is time for Ontario to consider changes to the rules regarding the length of time citizens are permitted to sit on local Councils:

Therefore, be it resolved:

- 1) The City of Markham request that the Province review the idea of term limits for Elected Officials; and,
- 2) The Province consult with all stakeholders, Municipalities and citizens for feedback on term limits; and
- 3) After full consultation that the Province implement term limits for the next Election in 2022; and further
- 4) That a copy of this Motion to be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Leader of the NDP, Honourable Andrea Horwath, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS REQUEST TO MOVE NOVEMBER 20, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING TO NOVEMBER 27, 2018 (16.0)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the November 20, 2018 Council meeting be rescheduled to November 27, 2018.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (16.0 & 8.6)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters (12:30 PM):

(1) GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES - JUNE 18, 2018 (16.0) [Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c)]

General Committee confirmed the June 18, 2018 confidential meeting minutes.

Carried

(2) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 7) (8.6) [Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to placing this item on the June 26, 2018 Council agenda for consideration.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the General Committee rise from the confidential session 12:33 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:33 PM.

Carried