



**Minutes
General Committee
April 9, 2018
Meeting Number 6**

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
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li (arrived at 11:22am)
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton (arrived at 9:10am)
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell (arrived at 11:57am)
Councillor Amanda Collucci (arrived at 9:26am)
Councillor Logan Kanapathi (arrived at 9:12am)
Councillor Alex Chiu (left at 2:53pm)

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Lee, Acting 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
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk
Dave Decker, Fire Chief
Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship
Anthony Ierulli, Community Manager, North
Nancy Letman, Community Program Coordinator, Aquatics West, Group Fitness
Warren Watson, Community Program Coordinator, Fitness
Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services
David Plant, Manager Parks Operations
Josh Machesney, Acting Council/Committee Coordinator
Alida Tari, Acting Manager of Access and Privacy

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:03 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair and Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items.

General Committee and everyone in the Council Chamber observed a moment of silence to honour the Humboldt Broncos bus crash victims and their families.

General Committee recessed at 11:00 AM and reconvened at 11:14 AM.
General Committee recessed at 12:38 PM and reconvened at 1:35 PM.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2018 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0) [Minutes](#)

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee and requested that her new business item on page 12 of the minute document be amended to state “Councillor Karen Rea inquired residents could be allowed to pick up illegal bag signs that are being placed on our boulevards and drop them off at our recycling depots.”

Councillor Valerie Burke requested that on page 8 of the minute document that the detection of microfibers in potable water and the removal of microfibers from wastewater also be included in the preamble.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the March 26, 2018 General Committee meeting be confirmed, **as amended.**

Carried

DEPUTATIONS

There were no depositions.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

**2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2018
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
UNIONVILLE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the January 17, 2018 Board of Management Unionville Business Improvement Area Annual General meeting be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That Council appoint the following individuals as Directors of the Board of Management for the Main Street Unionville Business Improvement Area for a term to expire November 30, 2018:
 - Tom Vasilovsky
 - Sarah Gratta
 - Shibani Shani.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2018
AND FEBRUARY 15, 2018 MARKHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[January](#) [February](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the January 18, 2018 and February 15, 2018 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2018
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the March 6, 2018 Environmental Issues Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2018
AND FEBRUARY 26, 2018 MARKHAM
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[January](#) [February](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the January 22, 2018 and February 26, 2018 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2018
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the January 22, 2018 Markham Public Library Board Annual General meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2018
YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM
CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the January 22, 2018 York University Markham Campus Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MASTER FIRE PLAN
CORNELL 2nd CREW (7.15)**
[Presentation](#)

Dave Decker, Fire Chief delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Master Fire Plan and actions to address service response deficiencies. The presentation included the Fire Chief's legislated role to advise Council on concerning response time for all areas of Markham.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Master Fire Plan:

- Information on how fire delivers its service for fire emergencies
- The significance of station placement and the roles of suppression staff at a fire
- The approved service level and the challenges in meeting it in specific wards without additional resources placed in specific locations in order to meet the 4 minute response time for the first truck and the 8 minute response time for first alarm (16 firefighters)
- The Chief's recommendation that the highest priority and the most impactful change would be to add a second crew to Cornell Fire Station
- Whether there is a different way of operating the fire services
- Whether crews could be positioned at other areas other than fire stations such as Community Centre, Shopping Malls, etc
- Potential of having three (3) member crews instead of 4 member crews and the impacts of that on meeting service response times
- Challenges with new subdivision dwellings to maintain fire within the building of origin with buildings being closer together
- Request for clarity on the response time from when the emergency call is made to when crew arrives at the fire
- Personnel budgetary implications
- Mutual Aid Agreements versus Fire Protection Agreements versus Automatic Aid Agreements
- Legal implications and liabilities for the City

The Committee suggested that staff report back on the recruitment of the 2nd crew for Station 99 Cornell. The Committee suggested that the staff report also include data relative to dynamic crews; a map depicting all the fires that have been attended to in the previous year, and the percentage of calls that get directed to fire services, percentage that get directed to EMS, etc.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the presentation by Fire Chief Dave Decker entitled "Master Fire Plan Cornell 2nd Crew," be received; and,
- 2) **That that approval for the recruitment of the 2nd crew for Station 99 Cornell be referred back to staff for a report.**

Carried

9. FITNESS UPDATE 2017 IN REVIEW (6.0)
[Presentation](#)

Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks.

Anthony Ierulli, Community Manager, North delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on Fitness 2017 in review.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the City's fitness facilities:

- Membership categories that are being phased out
- Potential establishment of a loyalty program for long term members
- Through work on the Approved Older Adult Strategy staff are investigating an ability to pay model
- City's fitness facilities versus private fitness facilities

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the presentation by Anthony Ierulli, Community Manager, North entitled "Fitness Update 2017 In Review," be received.

Carried

**10. CITY OF MARKHAM'S WILDLIFE SERVICES
- INVENTORY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (2.8)**
[Report](#) [Attachments A-I](#)

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the City of Markham's Wildlife Services.

Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Markham's Wildlife Services – Inventory of Programs and Services.

The Committee discussed the following regarding the City of Markham's Wildlife Services:

- Ensure the City's planning department is aware of the various programs to protect the wildlife
- Importance of education program for homeowners to understand how to live with the wildlife
- Have the Animal Care Committee provide their comments on the report and presentation
- Include the by-law than bans use of guns, cross arrows, etc as an appendix to the report
- Investigate different service vehicles for maintenance and operations that will preserve more natural areas in valleys
- Relationship with the Rouge National Park (RNP)

- Governance of the City of Markham

The Committee suggested that staff report back by the third quarter of 2018 regarding the implementation of a biodiversity strategy.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That report entitled “*City of Markham’s Wildlife Services - Inventory of Programs and Services*” be received for information; and,
- 2) **That staff be directed to report back by third quarter 2018 regarding the implementation of a Biodiversity Strategy to include the assistance of a wildlife ecological expert; and,**
- 3) **That the City of Markham’s Wildlife Services – Inventory of Programs and Services presentation and report be referred to the Animal Care Committee for their comments; and further,**
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

11. NAMING OF NEW PARKS AND GREENSPACE (6.3) [Report](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and briefly summarized the details of the report.

There was discussion regarding the assurance that the sign for the walkway at 220 Main Street also includes mention of the Rouge National Urban Park.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report “Naming of the New Parks and Greenspace be received; and,
- 2) That Council approves the following park and greenspace official names:
 - a) Napier Simpson Way, 103 John Street, Ward 1 (walkway)
 - b) Wilbur Latimer Way, 220 Main Street Unionville, Ward 3, (walkway)
 - c) Veterans Square, 6031 Highway 7E, Ward 4, (park/square)
 - d) Aaniin Park, 5757 14th Avenue, Ward 7, (park); and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

MOTIONS

There were no motions.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no notices of motions.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

12. VISITING GUEST (12.2.6)

Councillor Logan Kanapathi addressed the Committee to recognize the following guest today present in our Council Chamber:

- Councillor Jeyaratnam Caniceus – Councillor City of Kempen and member of the District Assembly District of Viersen in North Rhine-Westphalia (Germany)

Councillor Logan Kanapathi also introduced Mr. Justin Peter who is Mr. Jeyaratnam Caniceus's cousin and a Markham Ward 4 resident.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti on behalf of all Members of Council welcomed Councillor Jeyaratnam Caniceus to the City of Markham.

13. MEMORIAL BENCHES (12.2.6)

Councillor Karen Rea requested that staff report back on the potential of memorial benches or some program as a tribute that benefits the community and offers a unique remembrance of an individual.

14. PILOT OF OFF LEASH DOG PARK IN CORNELL (6.3)

Councillor Valerie Burke requested that staff provide an update on the status of the pilot program for the Off Leash Dog Park in Cornell.

15. ART SCULPTURE CHARITY THE COW (6.0)

Councillor Alan Ho addressed the Committee and advised that he received an email from a resident advising that a metal piece of the decorative garland on the Charity the Cow sculpture fell off. He believes that the sculpture should be removed immediately.

Staff informed the Committee that they have been advised that one of the decorative maple leaves disengaged from the garland that is around Charity's neck, and the City's Operation's Department have erected a security fence establishing a nine (9) meter perimeter around the sculpture. The area where the leaf was found is inside the enclosed area. Staff indicated that they have contacted the City's consulting engineer that assisted the City with the installation of the sculpture, and anticipate that he will be able to visit the site very soon to review the structural integrity of the sculpture and determine the cause of the leaf falling. Staff are discussing the potential of wrapping the garland as a very temporary measure to avoid any potential of additional decorative leaves coming off. Staff advised that they will provide a further update at the April 16, 2018 Development Services Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed putting a motion forward to have the sculpture removed within 10 days. Staff advised that such a motion should not be introduced or considered under new business, and that if the Committee wants to consider a motion to remove the sculpture that a motion to waive the rules of procedure should be considered first and passed by 2/3 vote. Staff advised that such a motion, if passed today, would require Council approval on April 24, 2018.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the rules of the Markham Council Procedural By-law be waived.

Carried by 2/3 votes

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Art Sculpture Charity the Cow be removed from its current location within ten (10) days.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcement.

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (16.0, 16.24, 6.0, 8.6, 8.6 & 6.3)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters (2:54 PM):

(1) GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

-MARCH 26, 2018 (16.0)

[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (e) (f)]

General Committee confirmed the March 26, 018 General Committee confidential meeting minutes.

**(2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES
(APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES) (16.24)**

[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to have this matter placed on the April 24, 2018 Council confidential agenda for consideration.

**(3) ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE,
INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE**

[Section 239 (2) (f)]

General Committee received a verbal update.

**(4) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY
THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 8) (8.6)**

[Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to have this matter placed on the April 23, 2018 General Committee confidential agenda for consideration.

**(5) 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 have this matter placed on the April 23, 2018 General Committee confidential agenda for consideration.

**(6) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES
(APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES) (16.24)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee received a verbal update.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

That the General Committee rise from the confidential session 4:19 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 4:43 PM.

Carried