



**Minutes
General Committee
January 22, 2018
Meeting Number 01**

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 Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Biju Karumanchery, 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
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Lorraine Li, Project Manager, Office of the Mayor
Asare Kester-Akrofi, Executive Coordinator
Christy Lehman, Acting Licensing & Animal Services
Supervisor
Brian Frois, Chief of Staff
Carlie Turpin, Manager, Elections
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Alex Chiu

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:12 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

General Committee recessed at 11:03 AM and reconvened at 1:50 PM.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2017
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the minutes of the December 5, 2017 General Committee meeting be confirmed.
Carried

2. CAT ADOPTION AND EDUCATION CENTRE UPDATE (2.8)
[Presentation](#)

Christy Lehman, Acting Licensing & Animal Services Supervisor delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Cat Adoption and Education Centre.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Christy Lehman, Acting Licensing & Animal Services Supervisor entitled “Cat Adoption and Education Centre Update,” be received; and,
- 2) **That General Committee congratulate Councillor Valerie Buke, City Staff, and the members of the Markham Animal Care Committee for their continued efforts and success with the Cat Adoption and Education Centre.**

Carried

**3. CHEQUE PRESENTATION FROM ANIMAL CARE
COMMITTEE FOR CAT ADOPTION AND
EDUCATION CENTRE UPDATE (2.8)**

The Markham Animal Care Committee presented Mayor and Members of Council with a \$2,500.00 donation from its fundraising efforts towards the Cat Adoption and Education Centre.

The Committee thanked the members of the Markham Animal Care Committee for their continued work and efforts.

**4. ROGERS HOMETOWN HOCKEY:
HOCKEY CELEBRATION WEEKEND (12.2.6)**
[Presentation](#)

Lorraine Li, Project Manager, Office of the Mayor delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Rogers Hometown Hockey: Hockey Celebration Weekend, March 2, 3 and 4, 2018.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the Rogers Hometown Hockey Event:

- Various partners involved, and the different contributions
- Potential prize giveaways, fun activities for families, and live entertainment
- Will the live entertainment include local Markham talent
- Participation and engagement of the Markham minor hockey teams
- Involvement of previous NHL stars that have an association with the City of Markham – consider hosting a reception

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the presentation titled “Rogers Hometown Hockey: Hockey Celebration Weekend” be received; and,
- 2) That Markham Council endorses the Rogers Hometown Hockey Celebration; and,
- 3) That the project will be funded from the Culture and Economic Development Operating Fund, Account Number 610-998-5811 “International Investment and Attraction” in the amount of \$20,000, towards the development and execution of the event; and,
- 4) That Rogers Hometown Hockey Week be proclaimed in the City of Markham from Monday February 26th to Sunday March 4th, 2018; and,
- 5) That Rogers Hometown Hockey Jersey Day be celebrated by official proclamation in the City of Markham on Friday March 2nd, 2018; and,
- 6) That the City agree to host, in conjunction with Rogers Media Inc. and The Remington Group Inc., the Rogers "Hometown Hockey" event to be held in Markham from March 2, 2018 to March 4, 2018; and,
- 7) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Rogers Media Inc. and The Remington Group Inc. and any other documents required to implement the foregoing resolutions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and further,
- 8) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

5. USE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES FOR ELECTION PURPOSES (14.0)

[Presentation](#) [Policy](#)

Carlie Turpin, Manager, Elections delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following:

- That newsletters must be printed and delivered to Canada Post prior to May 1st, 2018 for Ward Councillors
- It was confirmed that Regional Councillor newspaper ads would have to appear before May 1st, 2018
- Sending an electronic message on a single issue versus sending a monthly newsletter after May 1st
- Should the discretionary budget restriction be 4/12, 6/12 or up to a maximum of \$4,000
- Section 3.3 include “Federal By-Election” and “Provincial By-Election”
- Section 3.5 remove “3.5.5 All expenses related to ward or community meetings and business cards”
- Include a clause stating that if a current Member of Council does not register that effective July 27, 2018 at 2:01 PM none of the restrictions noted in Section 3.5 in the policy apply
- Should the ability for Councillor Assistants to participate or not participate in a political campaign be included as part of their contract
- It was confirmed that Sections 1.9 and 1.11 in the proposed policy have not changed from the previous policy
- Include Municipal Elections Act under Private Citizen Realm and Election Realm

Staff requested that a resolution be included with respect to Councillor Assistants employment contracts.

It was suggested that staff provide a summary of all the suggested changes made during the two presentations provided at General Committee.

Staff pointed out that the proposed policy does not prevent any Member of Council from performing their legislative duties.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Carlie Turpin entitled, “Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes,” be received; and,
- 2) That Section 8 of the, “Business Conference and Expense Policy,” be repealed; and,
- 3) That the Policy titled, “Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy,” **as amended at the January 22, 2018 General Committee meeting as follows:**

- **Members of Council be restricted to 6/12 of their annual discretionary budget from January 1st to April 30th in a Municipal Election year; and,**
 - **Include “By-Election in Section 3.3”; and**
 - **Delete Section 3.5.5 “All expenses related to ward or community meetings and business cards”; and,**
 - **Include a clause stating that with respect to a current Member of Council who is not registered as a candidate effective July 27, 2018 at 2:01 PM none of the restrictions noted in Section 3.5 in the policy apply; be adopted; and,**
- 4) **That Human Resources staff be directed to amend the employment contracts of Councillors’ Assistants by deleting the prohibition with respect to working on councillors’ political campaigns as long as such work is performed during non-working hours and outside of the City of Markham offices and the existing Councillors’ Assistants be so advised; and further,**
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

DEPUTATIONS

There were no depositions.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. YORK REGION COMMUNICATION (13.4) [Communication](#)

There was discussion regarding York Region Financial Considerations relative to the Broadband Strategy. It was suggested that an update be provided at the next meeting.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the communication dated November 16, 2017 from York Region regarding “York Region Broadband Strategy Annual Update 2017”, be received for information purposes.
- Carried

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

**7. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2017
AND NOVEMBER 15, 2017 ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**
[October](#) [November](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the October 18, 2017 and November 15, 2017 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2017 AND
NOVEMBER 15, 2017 ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[October](#) [November](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the October 18, 2017 and November 15, 2017 Animal Care Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2017
BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Box Grove Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2017
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 28, 2017 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2017
CANADA 150 INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the, 2017 Canada 150 International Partnership Sub-Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
AND NOVEMBER 30, 2017 GERMAN MILLS
COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**
[September](#) [November](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the September 7, 2017 and November 30, 2017 German Mills Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**13. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
MARKHAM – MILLIKEN CHILDREN’S
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the September 27, 2017 Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**14. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2017
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the November 27, 2017 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**15. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2017
AND DECEMBER 11, 2017
MARKHAM SPORT HALL
OF FAME COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[October](#) [December](#)

There was discussion regarding volunteer job opportunities.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the October 16, 2017 and December 11, 2017 Markham Sport Hall of Fame Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**16. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2017
PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

There was discussion regarding murals on hydro boxes and the potential of wrapping utility boxes. Staff noted that they have obtained permission wrap the traffic boxes on Regional Road, and all the City of Markham traffic boxes are completed. Staff advised that hydro boxes would require permission from the Hydro company.

Councillor Valerie Burke suggested that the Mayor consider having a discussion with the City of Vaughan Mayor and inquire if they would be interested with respect to wrapping the utility boxes along Yonge Street in the Heritage Conservation District.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Public Realm Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes; and,

- 2) That staff be directed to approach Alectra requesting if they would participate wrapping the hydro utility box within the City of Markham.

Carried

**17. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017,
OCTOBER 2, 2017 AND NOVEMBER 6, 2017
RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[September](#) [October](#) [November](#)

There was discussion regarding a future data base that Members of Council can use to acknowledge territory recognition and respect for Aboriginal people. Staff advised that they anticipate bringing a report forward in the first quarter of 2018.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the September 18, 2017, October 2, 2017 and November 6, 2017 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**18. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2017
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**19. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
AND OCTOBER 5, 2017 SENIORS HALL
OF FAME AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[September](#) [October](#)

There was brief discussion regarding Members of Council attendance at various advisory committees.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the September 6, 2017 and October 5, 2017 Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

MOTIONS

There were no motions.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no notices of motions.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new/other business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

20. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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 (3:30 PM):

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES
- DECEMBER 5, 2018 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c)]

General Committee confirmed the December 5, 2018 Confidential meeting minutes.

- (2) **A MATTER IN RESPECT OF WHICH A COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE OR
OTHER BODY MAY HOLD A CLOSED MEETING UNDER ANOTHER ACT
(WARD 8) (8.2)**
[Section 239 (2) (g)]

General Committee consented to have this item placed on the January 30, 2018 Council agenda for consideration.

- (3) **LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING) (11.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee referred this matter directly to the January 30, 2018 Council meeting.

- (4) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 4) (6.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

General Committee consented to have this item placed on the January 30, 2018 Council agenda for consideration.

Carried

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee rise from the confidential session 4:24 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 4:24 PM.

Carried