



**Minutes
General Committee
October 23, 2017
Meeting Number 17**

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
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

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
Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Shane Manson, Senior Manager Revenue & Property Tax
Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Libraries
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Jason Tsien, Community Recreation Manager
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Karen Rea

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:06 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair and Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items. Councillor Colin Campbell assumed the Chair at 1:09 PM.

General Committee recessed at 11:01 AM and reconvened at 11:12 AM. General Committee recessed at 12:18 PM and reconvened at 1:09 PM.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the October 2, 2017 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**2. WORKING TOGETHER FOR IMPACT
- MARKHAM COUNCIL AND THE LIBRARY BOARD (3.19)**

[Presentation](#)

Ben Hendriks, Chair of Markham Library Board; Marilyn Aspevig, Markham Library Board member and Lillian Tolensky, Markham Library Board member delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Working Together for Impact – Markham Council and the Library Board.”

The Committee discussed the following with respect to the Markham Libraries:

- Sewing machines available for use at some library facilities
- Digital Hub
- Education and prosperity
- The Markham Brain Project in 2018
- Future Libraries as outlined in the Integrated Leisure and Master Plan (ILMP)

The Committee thanked Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Libraries and her team for all their work.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Amanda Collucci

- 1) That the presentation dated October 23, 2017 titled "Working Together for Impact - Markham Council and the Library Board" be received.

Carried

3. CITY OF MARKHAM OLDER ADULT STRATEGY (6.0)

[Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services addressed the Committee and provided some brief opening remarks relative to the City of Markham Older Adult Strategy.

Jason Tsien, Community Recreation Manager together with the consultant Michael Johnson from urbanMetrics Inc. delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Markham's Older Adult Strategy.

The Committee discussed the importance of ensuring that the terminology used in the proposed Older Adult Strategy is understood by residents that the City can assist, facilitate, and advocate to achieve the proposed outcomes, primarily with issues that fall outside of the municipal jurisdiction (eg affordable housing).

There was discussion regarding the proposed age of 65+ as the definition of older adults across all City of Markham programs and services and the need for a transition period. The Committee suggested that the City's windrow program be considered separately.

The Committee suggested that providing language translation for certain culture groups at future consultation sessions would be beneficial.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the presentation entitled "Markham's Older Adult Strategy" be received; and,
- 2) That the report entitled "City of Markham Older Adult Strategy" be received; and
- 3) That Council approve the City of Markham Older Adult Strategy (Attachment 1); and,
- 4) That Council support in principle an Ability-To-Pay model and direct staff to undertake further analysis to determine impact on all users and report back; and,
- 5) That Council support staff to undertake partnership opportunities with York Region, Province of Ontario (Ministry of Seniors Affairs) and other stakeholders to improve coordination of Older Adult Services in Markham; and,
- 6) That Council approve the age of 65+ as a definition of older adults across all City of Markham programs and services; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

4. MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN (5.7)

This matter has been postponed to a future meeting.

5. YORK REGION COMMUNICATIONS (13.4)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the following communication from York Region be received for information purposes:
 - Public Health within an Integrated Health System: Response to the Recommendations of the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health.
[Region Report](#) [Ministers Expert Panel Report](#); and,
- 2) **That the City of Markham supports York Region's position requesting the Province to not act on any of the recommendations outlined in the Ministers Expert Panel on Public Health recommendations.**

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2017
BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the Acting Rental and Maintenance Manager position.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the February 16, 2017 Box Grove Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
VICTORIA SQUARE COMMUNITY
CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the September 21, 2017 Victoria Square Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the proposed tour at the Memory & Company facility.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
MARKHAM SPORT HALL
OF FAME COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

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

Carried

**10. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR
THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017 (7.12)**
[Report](#)

The Committee discussed the following:

- 008-T-17 The Gateway at John Daniels Park – Construction
- 152-Q-17 Crosby Arena HVAC Replacement

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Month of September 2017” be received;
and
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**11. MARKHAM FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
2016 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT (7.15)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Markham Fire and Emergency Services 2016 Annual Service Report be
received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this
resolution.

Carried

12. 2017 THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report dated October 23, 2017 entitled “2017 Third Quarter Investment Performance Review” be received.

Carried

**13. TERMS OF USE OF THE MARKHAM PAN AM CENTRE
FOR THE MARKHAM SPORTS HALL OF FAME (6.0)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) The report titled "Terms of Use of the Markham Pan Am Centre for the Markham Sport Hall of Fame" be received, and;
- 2) That Council approve an Addendum to the Markham Sport Hall of Fame -Terms of Reference for the Terms of Use of the Markham Pan Am Centre as outlined in Attachment 1, and further;
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**14. DIGITAL MARKHAM STRATEGY – DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN AND FUNDING STRATEGY (7.13)**

[Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to Digital Markham Strategy.

Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Digital Markham Strategy – Detailed Implementation Plan and Funding Strategy.

There was brief discussion regarding Markham’s digital capabilities versus other global cities.

The Committee thanked everyone involved in advancing Markham’s Digital Strategy including the members of the Steering Committee and representatives of the digital alliance group.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the presentation entitled "Digital Markham Strategy" be received; and,
- 2) That the report entitled “Digital Markham Strategy – Detailed Implementation Plan and Funding Strategy” be received; and,
- 3) That Staff proceed with the implementation and deliverables planned to December 31, 2018 as outlined in the report; and,
- 4) That Staff provide an annual update to General Committee on the outcomes of the implementation of the roadmap and future plans, including funding requirements; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

15. VACANT UNIT PROPERTY TAX REBATE CONSULTATION REPORT (7.0)

[Report](#)

Shane Manson, Senior Manager Revenue & Property Tax summarized the details outlined in the report.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled Vacant Unit Property Tax Rebate Consultation Report be received; and,
- 2) That Council receive the information on the comprehensive consultation process that was undertaken with the local business community to review the vacancy rebate program; and,
- 3) That Council endorse the elimination of the Vacant Unit Property Tax Rebate program effective for tax year 2018; and,
- 4) That Council endorse a Targeted Vacant Unit Property Tax Rebate Program that is only for “New Commercial / Industrial Development” for a four (4) year period, effective January 1st 2018; and,
- 5) That staff be authorized to send a copy of this resolution to the Region of York; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

Carried

16. IN-BOULEVARD CYCLE TRACK ANNUAL MAINTENANCE POLICY (5.10)

[Report](#)

Brian Lee, Acting Commissioner of Development Services summarized the details outlined in the report.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the staff report entitled, In-Boulevard Cycle Track Annual Maintenance Policy, be received; and,
- 2) That the Operations and Maintenance level of service for In-Boulevard Cycle Tracks as identified in Attachment 'B' be endorsed for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 winter seasons; and,
- 3) That staff monitor the maintenance condition of the Highway 7 cycle tracks over the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 winter seasons and report back in 2019 on the potential need to revise the maintenance level of service and policy and the associated budget implications; and,
- 4) That the Operations Department 2018 operating budget be increased by \$143,850 to cover the annual operations and maintenance requirements for the Highway 7 cycle tracks and wider sidewalks; and,
- 5) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Regional Municipality of York ("York Region") to govern the operations and maintenance of infrastructure within the Highway 7 boulevard including cycle track, streetscaping components from Town Centre Boulevard to Sciberras Road, provided that the form and content of such agreement are satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSITION OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (11.0)**

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That a Committee be established for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of the Commissioner of Development Services; and,

That the following be appointed: the Chair and Vice Chair of Development Services Committee; Mayor Frank Scarpitti; Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer and a representative from the Human Resources department.

Carried

18. PICKERING AIRPORT (5.15)

Councillor Amanda Collucci requested that staff provide an update report on the status of the Pickering Airport.

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters (9:53 AM):

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

General Committee received a verbal update.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters (2:33 PM):

- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (PROPERTIES FOR TAX SALE - REGISTRATION) (7.3)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the November 1, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

- (3) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (PROPERTIES FOR TAX SALE - UPDATE) (7.3)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the November 1, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

- (4) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (PROPERTY MATTER) (8.7)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the November 1, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Alan Ho

That the General Committee rise from the confidential session 2:51 PM.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 2:51 PM.

Carried