



**Minutes
General Committee
June 19, 2017
Meeting Number 13**

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 9:26 am)
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci (arrived at 9:23am)
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, 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
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management
Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services
Kevin Ross, Manager, Development Finance
Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:05 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items.

General Committee recessed at 11:02 AM and reconvened at 11:14 AM.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2017 AND
JUNE 8, 2017 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June 6](#) [June 8](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the June 6, 2017 and June 8, 2017 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**2. ONTARIO WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION
2017 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN WATER EFFICIENCY (12.2.6)**
[Letter](#)

The 2017 OWWA Award of Excellence in Water Efficiency (Public Outreach and Education Category) was presented to Members of Council.

This award recognizes Markham's Get to Know H2O Education Program – Interactive presentations integrating all aspects of the waterworks system and how it impacts our daily lives are customized for residents of all ages, learning abilities and language skills. Using a holistic education approach helps foster a greater appreciation for a precious resource that often gets taken for granted while promoting long-term behaviour change to use water wisely.

General Committee congratulated Staff for receiving the 2017 OWWA Award of Excellence in Water Efficiency.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

COMMUNICATIONS

**3. YORK REGION
COMMUNICATIONS (13.4)**

The Committee discussed the May 29, 2017 York Region letter entitled "Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis." Staff pointed out that this will be Federal Legislation. The Committee suggested that staff report back with any potential responsibilities that the municipality may have with respect to the legalization and regulation of cannabis.

There was brief discussion regarding the York Region letter entitled “York Region Parking Bylaw Amendment for Administrative Monetary Penalties.” Staff confirmed that they will be amending the City by-law to address these changes.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded Councillor Amanda Collucci

- 1) That the following communications from York Region be received for information purposes:
 - [Highlights](#) from the May 25, 2017 York Region Council meeting.
 - [Letter](#) dated May 29, 2017 entitled “Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis”.
 - [Letter](#) dated May 26, 2017 entitled “2017 Property Tax Rates”
 - [Letter](#) dated May 26, 2017 entitled “All-Way Stop Control – Major Mackenzie Drive East and Reesor Rd, City of Markham”
 - [Letter](#) dated May 26, 2017 entitled “York Region Parking Bylaw Amendment for Administrative Monetary Penalties”
 - [Letter](#) dated May 26, 2017 entitled “2017-2021 York Region Newcomer Strategy Celebrating Diversity. Strengthening Community.” (The booklet provided as attachment is available at the Clerk’s Department)
 - [Letter](#) dated June 6, 2017 entitled “Notice of Development Charges Bylaw No. 2017-35”

Carried

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

4. MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2017 RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0) [Minutes](#)

The Committee inquired whether Corporate Communication staff can notify Members of Council when they receive MERF (Mayors Event Request Form) forms so that they can put a hold for the event date in their calendars.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2017
VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION
OF MARKHAM (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Varley-Mckay Art Foundation of Markham meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017
MARKHAM PUBLIC REALM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Markham Public Realm Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2017 AND
MAY 3, 2017 SENIOR'S HALL OF FAME
AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[March 29](#) [May 3](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the minutes of the March 29, 2017 and May 3, 2017 Senior's Hall of Fame Awards Committee meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2017
MARKHAM – MILLIKEN CHILDREN’S
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the minutes of the March 30, 2017 Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. QUALITY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM – MANAGEMENT REVIEW (5.3)**

[Report](#) [Attachment A](#)

There was discussion regarding the legislative requirements regarding the status of the drinking water Quality Management System (QMS).

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the report titled “Quality Management System – Management Review” be received; and,
- 2) That the report on Quality Management System to Council from Management Review (Attachment “A”), be received; and,
- 3) That Council, as the Owner of the City’s drinking water system, acknowledge and support the outcome and action items identified from the Management Review; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**10. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS
FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY 2017 (7.12)**

[Report](#)

The Committee discussed the following:

- 005-T-17 Supply and Delivery of Two (2) 12" Chippers
- 096-T-17 Installation and Removal of Various Signs

- 150-T-17 Court Resurfacing and Reconstruction
- 148-Y-17 Supply and Installation of an Obelisk for Veterans Square, Markham Village - A Canada 150 Project

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

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

Carried

**11. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 002-R-17
SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES
(YORK REGION BUYERS COOPERATIVE
RFP 2017-23-P) (7.9)**
[Report](#)

Councillor Valerie Burke advised the Committee that she had staff confirm that the products will not be tested on animals, and that they will be fragrant free.

There was brief discussion regarding the use of clear bags.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report “Request for Proposal 002-R-17 Supply & Delivery of Custodial Supplies (York Region Buyers Cooperative RFP 2017-23-P)” be received; and,
- 2) That Request for Proposal 002-R-17 contract for the supply & delivery of custodial supplies (Paper, Soap, Chemicals and Protective Personal Equipment) be awarded to the highest ranked / lowest priced supplier, Swish Maintenance Limited in the estimated annual amount of \$400,000 inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 3) That Request for Proposal 002-R-17 contract for the supply & delivery of custodial supplies (bags, equipment and miscellaneous items) be awarded to the highest ranked / lowest priced supplier, Mr. Chemical Limited in the estimated annual amount of \$100,000 inclusive of HST; and,
- 4) That the term of the contract be from June 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020 at the same itemized pricing; and,

- 5) That the contract be funded from various accounts within the Recreation and Fire & Emergency Services annual operating budget, subject to Council approval of the 2018 to 2019 operating budgets; and,
- 6) That the Director of Recreation and Senior Manager, Purchasing & Accounts Payable be authorized to extend the contract for two (2) additional years (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2022) subject to the supplier performance, price mutually agreed upon with the suppliers and York Region Buyers Cooperative and subject to Council approval of the 2020 to 2022 operating budgets; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**12. NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW
REVIEW AND UPDATE (2.10)**
[Report](#) [Appendix A](#) [Appendix B](#) [Appendix C](#)

Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services addressed the Committee and briefly summarized the details outlined in the report.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the proposed amended noise control by-law:

- Can the hours for construction noise on Saturdays be limited from 9:00 am to 5 pm
- Can the word "chanting" be included
- Consider using language within the by-law that broadens the scope of what is being prohibited
- Decibel levels what is a reasonable number that will address loud music, sports on the street, etc.
- Can decibel levels be used for commercial businesses
- Can the noise complaints be broken down by type and area (Ward)
- Can the amplified noise be extended on Fridays and Saturdays

Staff pointed out that the proposed Noise By-law tries to balance an individual's right to the enjoyment of their property and to express themselves through religion, etc. with the interests of business and construction while prohibiting noises likely to cause a nuisance or disturb the inhabitants within the City of Markham.

The Committee suggested that staff prepare a memo responding to the issues and/or concerns raised today and attach it to the June 27, 2017 Council agenda.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the Noise Control By-law Review and Update Report be received; and,

- 2) That the Noise Control By-law 2003-137 attached as Appendix “A” be rescinded; and,
- 3) **That Noise Control By-law 2003-137 prohibit construction noise prior to 9 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays; and,**
- 4) That the draft Noise Control By-law attached as Appendix “B” be approved and placed on the next Markham City Council agenda for adoption; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**13. DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND
STUDY UPDATE – PRELIMINARY CITY WIDE
HARD INFRASTRUCTURE LIST (7.0)**
[Report](#)

Kevin Ross, Manager, Development Finance addressed the Committee and summarized the details outline in the report.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled "Development Charges Background Study Update - Preliminary City Wide Hard Infrastructure List" be received by Council; and,
- 2) That staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this report.

Carried

MOTIONS

There were no motions.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no notices of motions.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

14. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS - GRASS CUTTING (2.0)

Grass Cutting

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee advising she has been getting numerous complaints regarding residential properties that have not been cutting their grass, and suggested that a summer student be hired to assist with responding to the complaints.

Staff addressed the Committee and reviewed the changes that have been made to expedite these complaints.

15. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS – WASTE TREATMENT PLANT BEHIND 2ND STREET IN UNIONVILLE (5.1)

Waste Treatment Plant behind 2nd Street in Unionville

Councillor Don Hamilton addressed the Committee requesting that the waste treatment plant structure behind 2nd Street in Unionville be removed. Staff advised that the area has been cleaned, and secured and that a request has been made through the 2018 Capital Budget process to obtain funds to remove it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. ANNOUNCEMENT - MARKHAM VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL (3.5)

Markham Village Music Festival

Councillor Karen Rea thanked Brian Lee, Director of Engineering and his Staff for having the road open for the festival. She also thanked David Plant, Manager, Parks Operation and his staff with all the issues related to clean up.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT - DEPUTY MAYOR'S WALK (12.2.6)

DEPUTY MAYOR'S WALK

Deputy Mayor Jack advised that he held his annual walk this past weekend and went through the Milne Dam Conservation Park.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters (11:58 AM):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – JUNE 6, 2017 AND JUNE 8, 2017 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (e)]

General Committee confirmed the confidential minutes from June 6 & 8, 2017.

- (1A) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (WARD 6) (7.0, 16.11)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the June 27, 2017 Council confidential agenda for consideration.

- (1B) ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE (SOLICITOR CLIENT PRIVELEGE) (7.13)
[Section 239 (2) (f)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the June 27, 2017 Council confidential agenda for consideration.

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

General Committee consented to place this item on the June 27, 2017 Council confidential agenda for consideration.

- (2) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 2) (8.0)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the June 27, 2017 Council restricted/confidential agenda for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the General Committee rise from the confidential session 1:35 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:35 PM.

Carried