



**MINUTES**  
**CANADA 150**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**  
April 25, 2017, 11:30 a.m.  
Council Chamber

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**Committee Members**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

**Staff**

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire  
Services  
Michael Blackburn, Communications Advisor  
Sara Tam, Manager of Business Planning &  
Innovation  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets:**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Don Hamilton

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The Canada 150 - Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-committee convened at 11:50 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

**1. Adoption of Minutes - March 31, 2017**

Moved by: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the March 31, 2017 Canada 150 Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

**2. Neighbourhood Kits**

Michael Blackburn, Communications Advisor, gave a presentation on the proposed Neighbourhood Kits and the contents for both small and large kits.

The Committee discussed who would receive the kits and supported distributing them to the grant recipients and community organizations undertaking Canada 150 activities or promoting the Markham Celebrates Canada 150 Action Plan. The kits will be available in late May. Methods of distribution will be determined.

Discussions included the provision of lapel pins for select groups and occasions, as they are a more expensive item. The intent is to stretch the budget and benefits of the program as widely as possible.

Discussions included:

- Items to consider for the kits: t-shirts, flags, bunting for heritage areas, seed packages of Black-eyed Susans or other pollinator-friendly flowers.
- Acquire a supply of flags, to be lent out for public occasions, such as parades, as appropriate.
- Include an information sheet in the kits that explains what Canada 150 is all about.
- Special t-shirts or jackets are to be considered for Council members, with Celebrate Markham 150 and the Canadian flag, possibly with names. The garments should be sustainably and ethically manufactured.
- Some items may not be suitable for all groups, such as seniors groups may not appreciate stickers.

It was also suggested that a message go out to Markham residents to encourage them to spruce up their properties and gardens to celebrate Canada 150.

Moved by: Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That the Neighbourhood Kits be approved, as presented and discussed.

CARRIED

## **Adjournment**

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 12:30 pm.