



MINUTES
CANADA 150
NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
May 18, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

Committee Members

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Councillor Alex Chiu

Staff

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Diane Macklin, Manager, Library Marketing & Community Development
Sara Tam, Manager of Business Planning & Innovation
David Zambrano, Library Programs Manager
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets:

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The Canada 150 - Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-committee convened at 4:10 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None declared

1. Adoption of Minutes - April 25, 2017

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

That the minutes of the April 25, 2017 Canada 150 Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Grant Recommendations by Ward

Sara Tam gave a presentation on Markham's Canada 150 Neighbourhood Grant program, and recapped the journey so far. The City has received 126 grant applications, which is a very good response rate. Twenty-two were determined to be ineligible for various reasons.

Staff met with the Ward Councillors to review the applications for their wards, and the Committee is being requested to endorse the recommendations of the Ward Councillors. Most wards used their total \$5,000 allocation; however, Wards 1, 2, and 5 have not, and the Committee will need to determine how the unallocated funds will be used. At a maximum of \$5,000 per ward, the total allocated to date is \$36,246.70 funding 90 projects in the community.

There is a good distribution across all the grant themes: respect history and diversity; connect residents to Canada 150; and build community pride. The proposed activity statistics were reviewed, indicating that Block Parties were the most popular activity to be funded, which offers neighbours the opportunity to come together, and that 85% of the proposals are for new projects that otherwise would not take place in Markham without the grant.

Staff explained the grant evaluation process and the Committee reviewed the recommended projects summary. Staff responded to questions regarding applications that were not funded, and details of specific events.

Ward 1:

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	156920718181	Historical Heritage of Markham in Kids' Art	500
2	155604878840	Aileenwillowbrook Residents Community Picnic	500
3	156819217722	Canada 150 Celebration Cricklewood Bbq	500
4	156723284896	St. Canoe Planting Project	500
5	156919436315	The German Mills Meadow And Natural Habitat Enhancements	500
6	157152500024	Canadian Cooking With Kids!	500
7	156726613605	Thornhill Seniors Club Community BBQ During The TCC Open House	500
8	156734517023	Guardsman Road's Canada's 150th Birthday Celebration	500
Total Grant Amount			\$4,000

Ward 2

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	155169061421	Cachet Estates Ratepayers Association BBQ	500
2	156850740840	'Canada, Eh?' School BBQ Celebrating Canada's Birthday	500
3	155112334873	CANADA 150 BBQ	500
4	156818818831	SEC Celebrates Canada 150	500
5	154427805342	J & J party	500
6	156330096302	Youth Soccer Cup Championship	500
7	156919676385	New Roots	500
8	156943121002	Kitchen Music & Dance	500
Total Grant Amount			\$4,000

Ward 3

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	156884599915	Celebrate Canada 150 In Chinese Verse And Rhyme	\$326.45
2	156915826153	Unionville Is Green And Beautiful	\$326.45
3	155331312204	36th Greater Toronto Xiangqi Open Championship	\$326.45
4	154232739576	The Indigenous Blanket Exercise	\$326.45
5	155962211224	Music Entertainment For Seniors	\$179.70
6	154749810209	South Unionville Community Spring Clean-up	\$326.45
7	156588198976	Canada 150 In South Unionville	\$179.90
8	156675928931	South Unionville Summerfest 2017	\$326.45
9	156388880656	Celebrate Canada 150 - Build A Safer And Stronger Community	\$326.45
10	156815031081	Intergenerational Dance Leadership Program	\$326.45
11	156857107109	Conversations With My Younger Self	\$326.45
12	156857343643	What Does Accessibility Mean To You?	\$326.45
13	156899307145	Thank You Canada!	\$250.00
14	157150936588	Aitken Circle / Roverdale Court / Birchview Lane Block Party	\$326.45
15	156494462267	#PLACEFORALL150	\$326.45
16	155778342798	Canterfield's street July 1 st street BBQ	\$326.45
Total Grant Amount			\$5,000

Ward 4

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	155954250184	Commemorative Tree Planting	500.00
2	156840286418	Expressions Of Markham Families Living In Canada: Past, Present, And Future	500.00
3	156115737611	For Canada With Love	500.00
4	156591210873	Girl Guides Celebrate 150 Years Of Canadian Awesome	500.00
5	156650252826	"Proud To Be Canadian" Reesor Park Parade	500.00
6	156730998125	Potluck In The Village	500.00
7	156846366283	150 Neighbours Celebrate Canada's 150 th	500.00
8	156859439624	Grove Road Canada Day Celebration	496.70
9	156844961810	Markham Book Recognition event	500.00
10	156802387137	Neighbourhood Celebration	500.00
Total Grant Amount			\$4,996.70

Ward 5

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	154515475340	Sesquicentennial Tree Planting At St Julia Billiard	500
2	154927859562	Canada 150 "Canada Is..."	500
3	154517111751	Goldenwood Cres Block Party To Celebrate Canada 150	500
4	156676912391	How To Keep Markham Clean And Green?	250
5	156419144536	Cornell Community Fall Cleanup - Making A Difference By Creating A Clean And Healthy Future For Canada's Next 150 Years	500
6	156894269029	Grand Cornell 7th Annual Canada Day Celebration	500
7	156920257083	Cornell Rouge Clean-Up & Block Party	500
Total Grant Amount			\$3,250

Ward 6

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	156774254417	March Into Spring, I Love Canada	300
2	156729664995	Reading 150 - Canadian Classics & Worldwide	300
3	156896736471	Micro-Movie Kids Competition	500
4	155118553720	Experience Sharing In Canada	200
5	157170798604	School Ground Greening Kickoff	300
6	156215078272	Canada Is My Second Home	300
7	156326092993	Celebrate 150 Canada Birthday With Chinese Culture In Ward 6 Neighbourhood	100
8	156509709339	Canada 150 -- Connect Neighbours And Build Markham Community	150
9	156573613121	Berczy Park Neighborhood Gathering Together And Talent Show	500
10	156758210796	Markham Missional Community	100
11	156845848401	Aksel Rinck Drive Official Opening	200
12	156876022321	Canada Heritage Pride	150
13	156908167412	Park Activity Centres	200
14	156908020654	Little Broadway Children Musical Group	300
15	156918862380	Children Arts Celebrate Canada 150	200
16	156933408690	Summer Jukebox Fest	500
17	156942840231	How Wonderful The City Of Markham Is!	200
18	156741865826	Wisner Park Gathering	500
Total Grant Amount			\$5,000

Ward 7

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	154780765625	"I Love Markham" Children Drawing Competition	500
2	156142238952	Celebrating Communities and Cricket	500
3	64017805859	Celebration of Canada Day	500
4	156629750907	Canada 150 Community Picnic	500
5	156648528519	Children's Art Competition	200
6	156822128428	Community Fun Fair	500
7	156824302048	Russell Jarvis Drive Canada Day 150th Celebration	500
8	156919275505	EFPS Gr. 7-8 Canada Remembrance Through History Connecting the Past, Present and the Future	500
9	156942470563	Chai Chats	500
10	156653561194	Cedarwood's Canada 150 Flag	300
11	156555258876	Potluck Canada 150	500
Total Grant Amount			\$5,000

Ward 8

	Project ID	Project Name	Recommended Grant Amount (\$)
1	154862117760	"Bridging The Generation Gap" Workshop	500
2	155785411155	Demonstration the Stretching Exercise	250
3	155797267820	A fun and clean Canada Day	500
4	155872673329	Canada 150 Celebration - We are together!	500
5	156133774711	The Great Canadian BBQ	500
6	156138498686	Demonstration of the Boxing & Defence Exercises	250
7	156288667388	Hand Power for Celebrating Canada 150	500
8	156297484091	Canada 150 Community BBQ	500
9	156332693230	How to keep kids safe in the community?	500
10	156141235031	Healthy Dance	250
11	156143233700	Games for Kids	250
12	156908991455	Neighbourhood Picnic/Get-together	500
Total Grant Amount			\$5,000

Moved by: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
 Seconded by: Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Canada 150 Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-Committee endorses the list of projects and amounts, as recommended by each Ward Councillor, to receive funding from Markham's Canada 150 Neighbourhood Grant program.

CARRIED

The Committee debated the allocation of the remaining funds in the amount of \$3,753.30. It was suggested that it be allocated back to the three under-allocated wards, for new projects or for additional Neighbourhood Kits and materials for distribution. It was also suggested that the funds be awarded to eligible groups that were not funded within any other wards. If it is to be dispersed among all wards, it should be done as equitably as possible. Discussions included the option of going out to the communities for more applications; however, time constraints, concern for transparency, workload, and the extensive outreach already done by staff was deemed to be more than sufficient.

Moved by: Councillor Colin Campbell
 Seconded by: Councillor Valerie Burke

That the Canada 150 Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-Committee endorses the request from Councillor Colin Campbell to approve Project ID 156827517456, entitled "Ypam Canada 150", in the amount of \$500 in Ward 5, thus resulting in 8 projects and a total allocation of \$3,750 in Ward 5 and revising the total amount allocated to date by this grant program to \$36,746.70 and the number of projects funded to 91.

CARRIED

Moved by: Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Valerie Burke

That the Canada 150 Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-Committee endorses the allocation of unused grant funds to other Canada 150 promotional items; and,

That staff notify the recipients of the grant on May 19, 2017; and further,

That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

Staff outlined the process and timelines of notifying the successful applicants and issuing funds. Information will be provided to Council members and will be posted on the City website regarding the dates, locations, and details of the activities.

The Committee thanked and congratulated staff on this successful endeavour.

Adjournment

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 5:25 pm.