



**Minutes  
General Committee  
May 15, 2017  
Meeting Number 9**

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**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 11:15am)  
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  
9:50 am)  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor and Acting Director of  
Human Resources  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning  
Hersh Tencer, Manager Real Property  
Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability & Asset  
Management  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

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.

General Committee recessed at 11:30 AM and reconvened at 11:41 AM.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2017  
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE AND  
MAY 1, 2017 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[April 25](#) [May 1](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the April 25, 2017 Special General Committee and May 1, 2017 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**2. 2017 MARCH YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD)  
REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (7.0)**  
[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Attachment](#)

Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding 2017 March year-to-date review of operations.

There was discussion regarding how the details are reported.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the presentation entitled “March 2017 Year-To-Date (YTD) Review of Operations” be received; and,
- 2) That the report entitled “2017 March Year-To-Date Review of Operations” be received.

Carried

**3. REPORTING OUT OF LEASE AND  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATES  
FOR 160 DUDLEY AVE (8.2)**  
[Staff Presentation](#) [Tenant Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Hersh Tencer, Manager Real Property and Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability and Asset Management delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding 160 Dudley Avenue.

Mohammed Eslami, tenant of 160 Dudley Avenue delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update for the Cyrus Foundation Renovation.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Cyrus Foundation Renovation:

- Potentially increase the outdoor green space
- How will programs being offered be advertised

- Working with the High School across the road
- Consider having a grand opening

The Committee suggested that the proposed site plan application be presented in the Fall.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Staff presentation entitled “160 Dudley Ave Capital Improvement Updates” be received; and,
- 2) That the tenant presentation entitled “Cyrus Foundation Renovation Update” be received; and,
- 3) That the report entitled “Reporting out of Lease for 160 Dudley Avenue” be received; and,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution; and further,
- 5) That this report entitled “Reporting out of Lease for 160 Dudley Avenue” and the foregoing resolutions be reported out in the next Council meeting.

Carried

#### **4. MILNE DAM CONSERVATION PARK MASTER PLAN (6.3) [Presentation](#)**

Mike Bender, Associate Director, Master Planning and Greenspace Conservation addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks regarding the Milne Dam Conservation Park Master Plan.

Deanna Cheriton, Supervisor, Greenspace Conservation from the Toronto and Conservation Region (TRCA) delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Milne Dam Conservation Park Master Plan.

David Plant, Manager, Parks Operation addressed the Committee and provided information regarding the proposed four year funding commitment for the Milne Dam Conservation Park Master Plan.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Milne Dam Conservation Park:

- Concerns with the proposed funding required
- City Staff to report back on how much the City spends on the maintenance of the park

- Should the park be expanded
- Potential connection with the Rouge National Park
- Consider the previous Master Plan that was not completed
- Ensure the City's future Wild Life Strategy is considered when developing any part of this park
- Have individuals with disabilities included in future renderings
- Community Park versus Destination Park
- Importance of entire community engagement when developing the Master Plan
- Ensure there is a sustainable balance between public use and protected areas
- Should City of Markham obtain full ownership of the park
- Parking fee - should that be eliminated
- How many permits are issued, and how many are turned away

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the presentation entitled “Milne Dam Conservation Park Master Plan” dated May 15, 2017 be received; and,
- 2) **That staff be directed to report back in the Fall 2017 with further details related to the proposed Milne Dam Conservation Park Master Plan.**

Carried

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5. YORK REGION GOVERNANCE (13.4)** [Correspondence](#)

The Committee suggested that this item be referred directly to the May 29, 2017 Council meeting. It was further suggested that a presentation be provided at the Council meeting.

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

**That the following resolution be referred directly to the May 29, 2017 Council meeting:**

That the correspondence dated April 21, 2017 from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York, be received; and,

That the City of Markham provides consent to a by-law changing the composition and size of Regional Council by increasing the number of members from The Corporation of the City of Vaughan from four (4) to five (5).

Carried

**PETITIONS**

There were no petitions.

**6. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2017  
CANADA 150 NEIGHBOURHOOD  
ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the March 31, 2017 Canada 150 Neighbourhood Engagement Sub-Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017  
MARKHAM CANADA DAY  
COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the February 6 2017 Markham Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2016  
GERMAN MILLS MEADOW & NATURAL HABITAT  
LIAISON COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the November 11, 2016 German Mills Meadow & Natural Habitat Liaison Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2017  
AND MARCH 13, 2017  
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[February 15](#) [March 13](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the February 15, 2017 and March 13, 2017 Animal Care Committee be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. 2017 UNIONVILLE BUSINESS  
IMPROVEMENT AREA AND MARKHAM  
VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA  
OPERATING BUDGETS (7.4)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the 2017 Total Revenues.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the report entitled “2017 Unionville Business Improvement Area and Markham Village Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets” dated May 15, 2017 be received; and,
- 2) That the 2017 Operating Budget in the amount of \$269,516 for the Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA) be approved; and,
- 3) That the 2017 Operating Budget in the amount of \$365,659 for the Markham Village Business Improvement Area (MBIA) be approved; and,
- 4) That the Special Tax Rate levy, in the amount of \$205,982 for the UBIA members and \$239,322 for the MBIA members be included in the 2017 Tax Levy By-law; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**MOTIONS**

There were no motions.

## **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

There were no notices of motions.

## **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS – MEDIAN IN VINEGAR HILL (5.10)**

#### **Median in Vinegar Hill**

Councillor Karen Rea suggested that a plan be established regarding the maintenance of the medians in Vinegar Hill on Main Street South. She is suggesting that Engineering, Urban Design and Operations work together on establish the maintenance plan.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea  
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 (12:01 PM):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2017 (16.0)  
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c)]

General Committee adopted the confidential minutes of April 18, 2017 General Committee meeting.

- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (BOARD/COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS) (16.24)  
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the May 29, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

- (3) THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT) (3.0)  
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the May 29, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

- (4) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (DISPOSITION OF LAND IN WARD 7) (8.6)  
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the May 29, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

- (5) THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (LEASE AGREEMENT) (8.2)  
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

General Committee consented to place this matter on the May 29, 2017 Council agenda for consideration.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee rise from the confidential session 1:37 PM.

Carried

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:37 PM.

Carried