



**Minutes  
General Committee  
May 1, 2017  
Meeting Number 8**

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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 9:52 am)  
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones (left at 11:50 am)  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi(arrived at 9:15am)  
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  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk  
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services  
Biju Karumanchery, Director of Planning & Urban Design  
Mark Visser, Senior Manager Financial Strategy & Investment  
Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing & Accounts Payable  
Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Councillor Amanda Collucci

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.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2017  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the April 18, 2017 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**2. THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING  
SOCIETY CANADA AWARDS  
BAR TO SERVICE MEDAL – JEFFREY MCCURDY  
SERVICE COMMENDATION – MARTA WRZAL (6.0)**

[Letters](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening regarding the Bar to Service Medal. It was noted that Marta Wrzal will not be in attendance today, and will be presented the “Service Commendation” at a later date.

Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation addressed the Committee and provided information relative to the Bar of Service Medal.

General Committee congratulated Jeffrey McCurdy, Committee Program Supervisor for receiving the “Bar to Service Medal.”

**3. DEVELOPMENT CHARGES  
BACKGROUND STUDY UPDATE (7.0)**

[Presentation](#)

Mark Visser, Senior Manager Financial Strategy & Investment delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Development Charges Background study.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the Development Charges Background study:

- Stormwater Management Ponds - when paid through development charges versus when paid through an area specific charge
- Development Charges can be used to pay for construction of a park, but not to purchase the land
- Development Charges are indexed to take into account inflation
- Include a "development charges as a percentage of townhouse and condo prices" chart in a future presentation

- If land is converted from non-residential to residential use is there any impact to Section 37 funds
- Land area development charges versus Gross Floor Area (GFA) development charges

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the presentation entitled “Development Charges Background Study Update” be received; and,
- 2) That Council endorse the following policies to be utilized in the preparation of the Development Charges Background Study:
  - a) Staff be directed to institute a policy where new roads/expansions to accommodate growth are funded 100% from Development Charges,
  - b) Staff be directed to levy non-residential City Wide Hard Development Charges based on floor space (Gross Floor Area) rather than land area,
  - c) Staff be directed to develop a GFA-based methodology that supports differentiated rates for CWH charges related to non-residential development,
  - d) Staff be directed to provide a credit for change-in-use based on the prevailing rates, consistent with York Region; and,
- 3) **That Regional Councillor Jim Jones be appointed to the Council Development Charge Committee; and further,**
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

### **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

### **PETITIONS**

There were no petitions.

**4. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2017  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Senior Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM  
CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the February 21, 2017 York University Markham Campus Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2017  
UNIONVILLE B.I.A GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the March 22, 2017 Unionville B.I.A General Membership meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2017  
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the March 27, 2017 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes

Carried

**8. ADDITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING (16.0)**

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

- 1) That an additional General Committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday June 8, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Carried

**9. 2017 FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)**

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

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

- 1) That the report dated May 1, 2017 entitled "2017 First Quarter Investment Performance Review" be received.

Carried

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

[Report](#)

Nathalie Karvonen, Toronto Wildlife Centre was in attendance to request permission to address Committee on staff award contract 263-Q-16 Wildlife Education, Rehabilitation and Rescue Services. In response to a question by the meeting Chair, staff advised that the City's new Procedural By-law prohibits individuals from making a deputation to "promote products or services for the purpose of soliciting business" - these deputants are instead to be directed to submit a request through the City's existing procurement procedures. Given the newly adopted procedural rules, the Chair ruled the deputation out of order. A subsequent motion to challenge the Chair did not carry, and the Chair's ruling was upheld.

The Committee discussed whether the \$9,906.56 remaining after the budget award could be used to improve service for the City's animal services (domestic and wildlife) on statutory holidays, during non-business hours, and for emergencies.

It was suggested that staff report back to General Committee in approximately six (6) months relative to the new wildlife service provider. There was discussion regarding whether to hold a Council Workshop regarding animal services.

**Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea**

- 1) That staff be directed to report back to General Committee with respect to using the remaining balance of \$ 9,906.56 to improve the City of Markham domestic and wildlife animal services to include emergency hours and statutory holidays; and,**
- 2) That staff be directed to report back to General Committee in approximately six (6) months providing an update on the new wildlife service provider and to include complaints received with the City's previous wildlife service provider; and further,**
- 3) That staff be directed to schedule a Special General Committee meeting in the Fall to discuss Wildlife Services and to ensure that the City's two current service providers (OSPCA and Shades of Hope) are in attendance.**

**Carried**

There was brief discussion regarding the staff award report "004-T-17 Supply and Delivery Various Vehicles."

**Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton**

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

**Carried**

**11. 151-R-16 CONSULTING  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
WEST THORNHILL - PHASE 3 STORM  
SEWER UPGRADES AND WATERMAIN  
REPLACEMENT (5.3)**

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

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

- 1) That the report entitled "151-R-16 Consulting Engineering Services for West Thornhill - Phase 3 Storm Sewer Upgrades and Watermain Replacement" be received; and,
- 2) That the detailed design work under contract 151-R-16 Consulting Engineering Services for West Thornhill - Phase 3 (inclusive of Phases 3A, 3B and 3C) Storm Sewer Upgrades and Watermain Replacement be awarded to the highest ranked, second lowest priced Bidder, R.V. Anderson Associates Limited, in the amount of \$644,608.90, inclusive of HST; and,

- 3) That a 10% contingency in the amount of \$64,460.90, inclusive of HST, be established to cover any additional construction costs and that authorization to approve expenditures of this contingency amount up to the specified limit be in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,
- 4) That the detailed design in the amount of \$709,069.80 be funded from the capital projects 16211 “West Thornhill Flood Control Design – Phase 3” and project 16247 “Watermain Construction Design for 2017” as outlined under the financial considerations section in this report; and,
- 5) That the budget remaining in project 16211 “West Thornhill Flood Control Design – Phase 3” and project 16247 “Watermain Construction Design for 2017” in the amounts of \$285,565.10 and \$8,166.40 respectively, be returned to original funding sources; and,
- 6) That the contract administration services award (inclusive of 10% contingency) for Phase 3A in the amount of \$390,992.44 (\$355,447.68 + \$35,544.76), Phase 3B in the amount of \$394,843.04 (\$358,948.22 + \$35,894.82) and Phase 3C in the amount of \$402,589.02 (\$365,990.02 + \$36,599.00) as outlined under the financial considerations section of this report be requested as part of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Capital budget process, subject to Council approval; and,
- 7) That the future Purchase Order for contract administration of Phases 3A, 3B & 3C be updated to reflect the actual construction time required based on the final design; and further,
- 8) 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**

**12. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS – FEDERAL BILL TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA BY JULY 2018 (13.1)**

Federal Bill to legalize marijuana by July 2018

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong addressed the Committee inquiring what the next steps are for the City relative to the Federal Bill to legalize marijuana by July 2018. Staff advised that they will need to review the bill, and determine what actions the municipality has authority to undertake under the Federal legislation.

**13. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS – SPADINA SUBWAY EXTENSION (7.3)**

Spadina Subway Extension

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee advising of the potential tax levy that will be imposed by York Region relative to the Spadina Subway extension.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:12 PM.

Carried