



**Minutes  
General Committee  
October 17, 2016  
Meeting Number 15**

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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**

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  
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  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk  
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk  
Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Catherine Conrad, Acting Director of Human Resources

Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:02 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. VIDEO STREAMING OF MARKHAM CITY COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETINGS (7.14)**

[Presentation](#)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk addressed the Committee and provided brief introductory remarks relative to the proposed video streaming.

Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed video streaming of Markham City Council, Standing Committee & statutory public meetings that are held in the Council Chamber.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the proposed video streaming of Markham City Council, Standing Committee and Statutory Public meetings held in the Council Chamber:

- How soon can it be implemented
- Why can't the video streaming be an option for the Canada Room
- Consider having larger name plates for Members of Council that can be viewed by the camera
- Consider having a secondary light that indicates who is speaking
- Consider moving the General Committee meetings to the Council Chamber when the video streaming begins

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the presentation by Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk regarding the video streaming of Markham City Council, Standing Committee & statutory public meetings in the Council Chamber be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the proposed video streaming solution for implementation for Council, Standing Committee & statutory meetings held in the Council Chamber no later than January 2017.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

**That General Committee meetings be moved into the Council Chamber when video streaming begins.**

**Carried**

**2. UPDATE ON MARKHAM  
CONVERGENCE CENTRE (10.16)**

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Committee and provided some introductory remarks relative to the Markham Convergence Centre.

Jeremy Laurin, President and CEO of ventureLAB delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Markham Convergence Centre inside the IBM Innovation Space."

The Committee discussed the following relative to the proposal of having the Markham Convergence Centre inside the IBM Innovation Space:

- Proposed move in date
- Approximate yearly cost
- Should the entire Economic Development team move to this location
- Consider retrofitting the windows to meet the bird friendly guidelines

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That the presentation from Jeremy Laurin, President and CEO of ventureLAB regarding the Markham Convergence Centre inside the IBM Innovation Space, be received.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the September 26, 2016 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2016  
AND JULY 20, 2016  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
UNIONVILLE BUSINESS  
IMPROVEMENT AREA (16.0)**

[June 15](#) [July 20](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the June 15, 2016 and July 20, 2016 Board of Management Unionville Business Improvement Area Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2016  
YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM  
CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the June 27, 2016 York University Markham Campus Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2016  
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the June 27, 2016 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. CANCELLATION, REDUCTION OR REFUND  
OF TAXES UNDER SECTIONS 357 AND 358  
OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 (7.1)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Report for the Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes Under Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* be received; and,
- 2) That taxes totalling approximately \$137,582.34 be adjusted under sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* of which the city's portion is estimated to be \$22,723.52; and,
- 3) That the associated interest be cancelled in proportion to the tax adjustments; and,

- 4) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the Collector's Roll accordingly; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**8. KING JOHN ROAD PROPOSED  
PARKING PROHIBITION (2.17)**  
[Report](#)

Councillor Karen Rea requested that this matter be listed on the November 1, 2016 Council agenda.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled "King John Road Parking Prohibition," be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule "C" of Parking By-Law 2005-188 be amended to prohibit parking on the north side of King John Road, in its entirety; and,
- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through Operations Department account # 061-5350-16179-005 (Traffic Operational Improvements); and,
- 4) That the By-law Enforcement Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon installation of the signs and passing of the by-law; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REVIEW OF REGIONAL COUNCIL GOVERNANCE**

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong advised that there was discussion at the York Region meeting last week regarding the current Council composition. It was noted that this will be on the October 31, 2016 General Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

**IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters (10:19 AM):

- (1) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (MARKHAM CONVERGENCE CENTRE)**  
[Section 239 (2) (a)]
- (2) **A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (PROPERTY MATTER IN WARD 2) (8.6)**  
[Section 239 (2) (c)]
- (3) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD AND ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE (MARKHAM RUGBY CLUB) (8.7)**  
[Section 239 (2) (a) (f)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 12:11 PM.

Carried

- (1) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (MARKHAM CONVERGENCE CENTRE)**  
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

General Committee received the verbal update on the proposed lease for the Markham Convergence Centre.

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

General Committee received the update from staff.

- (3) THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD AND ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE (MARKHAM RUGBY CLUB) (8.7)  
[Section 239 (2) (a) (f)]

General Committee consented to direct staff to report back on this matter.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:11 PM.

Carried