



**Minutes
General Committee
September 26, 2016
Meeting Number 14**

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
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci
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
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Catherine Conrad, Acting Director of Human Resources
Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services
Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste & Environmental Management
Christy Lehman, Licensing & Animal Services Coordinator
Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Public Libraries
Andrea Tang, Senior Manager, Financial Planning
Alex Moore, Senior Manager, Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Valerie Burke

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:02 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair and Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items.

General Committee recessed at 1:02 PM and reconvened at 1:52 PM.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

**1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT REVIEW
CITY OF MARKHAM COUNCIL (13.2)**
[Presentation](#)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk addressed the Committee advising that Diane Ploss, Municipal Advisor and Tristin McCredie, Municipal Advisory, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) will be delivering a presentation outlining the key changes that have been passed with respect to the Municipal Elections Act.

Diane Ploss, Municipal Advisor and Tristin McCredie, Municipal Advisor from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) delivered a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the key changes to the Municipal Elections Act.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Ranked Ballots:

- Can be very challenging with multi-member positions
- Importance of obtaining the proper tabulating equipment that can calculate the ranked ballots if a municipality chooses the option
- Why impose ranked ballots on municipal governments, but not with Provincial and Federal governments

The Committee discussed the following regarding Campaign Finance:

- The rules for campaign finance should be consistent at each level of government (Municipal, Provincial and Federal)
- Should have increased the nomination fee
- Campaign finance provisions should be very clear that candidates accepting money can not use personal bank accounts - in definitions use the word "accepting" as well as "fund raising"
- Should not permit any cash donations
- Financial limits

The Committee discussed the following with respect to Third Party Advertising:

- Should not be permitted
- If Unions, Corporation, etc are not permitted to donate then third party advertising should not be treated any different
- Auditors report - requested clarification as to whether it should be part of the campaign expenses
- Harmonize the rules with third party advertising with all levels of government (Municipal, Provincial and Federal)

The Committee discussed the following regarding the changes to the Election calendar:

- Should have a shorter campaign period
- Should permit a longer period for candidates to raise funds
- May 1st - nomination and campaign period begins - need a better and more specific definition of "campaign"

There was discussion regarding areas that can't be imposed through the Clerk's process such as eligibility requirements and nomination fees. It was noted that the municipality could not create a higher standard than the Provincial standard for these areas.

The Committee suggested that when staff report back to include some options with respect to the rebate program such as that the contributor will only receive a rebate if the candidate achieve a certain percentage of the votes.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the presentation provided by Diane Ploss, Municipal Advisor, and Tristin McCredie, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs titled "Municipal Elections Act Review – City of Markham Council," be received.

Carried

**2. MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY:
WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD
MARKHAM'S FUTURE (3.19)**

[Presentation](#) [Handbook](#)

Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Public Libraries addressed the Committee advising that members of the Library Board are in attendance today and will be delivering a PowerPoint presentation.

Markham Library Board members delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Working Together to Build Markham's Future." The following Board members presented: Alfred Kam, Marilyn Aspevig, Lillian Tolensky, Pearl Mantell and Ben Hendriks.

The Committee inquired about Provincial Grants that the Public Libraries receive. Staff advised that they receive approximately \$232,000 from the Provincial government that goes into the operating budget. It was noted that the Provincial Grant was capped many years ago. The Committee suggested that the Markham Library Board put together a resolution with respect to the need to increase the Province's public library operating grants.

There was discussion regarding the wide variety of programs offered by the Public Libraries for toddlers, youth, young adults, seniors, etc.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the presentation provided by Markham Public Library Board members titled "Working Together to Build Markham's Future," be received.

Carried

**3. 2016 JULY YEAR-TO-DATE REVIEW OF OPERATIONS
AND YEAR END PROJECTION (7.0)**

[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Appendix](#)

Andrea Tang, Senior Manager, Financial Planning delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the 2016 July Year-to-Date review of Operations and year end projections.

There was discussion regarding vacancies and over-time within the Fire Department.

The Committee discussed the unfavourable variances within the waterworks operating budget.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Andrea Tang, Senior Manager, Financial Planning, entitled "2016 July Year-to-Date Review of Operations and Year end Projection," be received;
and,
- 2) That the report entitled "2016 July Year-To-Date Review of Operations and Year End Projection" be received.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2016 AND
JUNE 28, 2016 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June 27](#) [June 28](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 27, 2016 and June 28, 2016 General Committee meetings be confirmed.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2016
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 18, 2016 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2016,
JUNE 15, 2016 AND JULY 20, 2016
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[May 18](#) [June 15](#) [July 20](#)

The Committee asked for clarification of the proposed recommendation from the Animal Care Committee. Staff indicated that the OSPCA has advised the City of Markham that they have lowered the adoption fee at the Markham Cat Adoption & Education Centre (CAEC) for both cats and kittens to \$175.00 effective immediately as a result, the Animal Care Committee recommendation is not necessary.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the May 18, 2016, June 15, 2016 and July 20, 2016 Animal Care Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2016
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
MARKHAM VILLAGE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the April 21, 2016 Board of Management Markham Village Business Improvement Area Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2016
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
UNIONVILLE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 18, 2016 Board of Management Unionville Business Improvement Area Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2016,
JUNE 27, 2016 AND JULY 25, 2016
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June 7](#) [June 27](#) [July 25](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 7, 2016, June 27, 2016 and July 25, 2016 Canada Day Committee meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE MAY 30, 2016
YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM
CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 30, 2016 York University Markham Campus Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE MAY 30, 2016
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 30, 2016 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2016
RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**13. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2016,
JULY 7, 2016 AND JULY 28, 2016
MARKHAM – MILLIKEN CHILDREN’S
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[June 9](#) [July 7](#) [July 28](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 9, 2016, July 7, 2016 and July 28, 2016 Markham-Milliken Children’s Festival Committee meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**14. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2016
AND JULY 14, 2016
MARKHAM SPORTS HALL
OF FAME BOARD (16.0)**

[June 9](#) [July 14](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 9, 2016 and July 14, 2016 Markham Sports Hall of Fame Board meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**15. MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2016,
JUNE 8, 2016 AND JULY 27, 2016
SENIORS HALL OF FAME
AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[May 25](#) [June 8](#) [July 27](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 25, 2016, June 8, 2016 and July 27, 2016 Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**16. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2016
PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 9, 2016 Public Realm Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**17. MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2016,
JUNE 14, 2016 AND JULY 12, 2016
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[May 10](#) [June 14](#) [July 12](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 10, 2016, June 14, 2016 and July 12, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**18. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2016
VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the June 21, 2016 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**19. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS
FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2016 (7.0)**
[Report](#)

The Committee discussed the following:

- 107-T-16 Storm Sewers Cleaning & Inspection
- 147-T-16 Angus Glen Pool & Clatworthy Arena HVAC Replacement

- 170-Q-16 Haul and Disposal of Soil
- 189-Q-16 Citywide Pest Control Services
- 199-Q-16 Supply and Install Shade Structure
- 064-R-16 Engineering Consulting Services for Building Envelope and Structural Review of Various Buildings (Warden House)
- 235-Q-13 Retro-reflectivity Inspection of Regulatory Signs - Contract Extension
- 153-S-16 Replace Library Shelving and Lighting at Unionville Branch
- 167-T-16 Construction of Infrastructure for the Mount Joy Artificial Air Support Structure

It was noted that service connections from water, sanitary and storm sewer connections are fully recoverable.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts during the months of June, July and August 2016” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**20. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DURING ANNUAL
SUMMER RECESS AS PER BY-LAW 4-2000 (7.0)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled “Delegation of Authority to Chief Administrative Officer during the annual 2016 summer recess as per By-law 4-2000” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**21. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MARKHAM
MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 (16.24)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the Report Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 2, 2016 to June 30, 2017 be received; and,
- 2) That the following Appointments of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council be confirmed for the term September 2, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

Name	Residential Ward	School	Grade
Jaemin Han	2	Unionville H.S	9
Julia Ip	3	Markham District H.S	10
Kaitlin Mak	4	Bur Oak H.S.	11
Megan Niu	4	Marc Garneau C.I.	10
Justin Jen	4	St. Augustine C.H.S.	11
Jessica Duncan	5	Markham District H.S.	10
Joyce Chan	5	Unionville H.S.	10
Vanessa Chan	2	Bayview S.S	11
Jeffrey Zhang	3	Bayview S.S	11
Victor Wang	6	Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	9
Karthik Ganapathiraju	6	Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	9
Aman Mathur	7	Markville S.S.	10
Jennifer Chen	7	Markham District H.S.	10
Nicholas Vadivelu	8	Marc Garneau C.I.	10
Leo Xu	3	Bayview S.S	11
Olivia Chan	4	Greensborough	7
Janice Xu	6	Bayview S.S	10
Vivian Liu	5	Thornhill S.S	9
Hayley Banks	4	Markham District	11
Ashley Vadivelu	8	Markville S.S	9
Ashlee Jiang	2	PACE	11
Lindsay Lee	7	Markham District	11
Jake Tyler Koszczewski	4	Markham District	10
Jessica Li	6	Bayview S.S	11
Benny Lam	5	Bur Oak High School	11

; and further,

- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**22. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2016
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#) [TreesForTomorrow](#) [MESF](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the minutes of the August 10, 2016 Environmental Issues Committee meeting be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the following recommendations regarding “Markham Trees for Tomorrow Funding” adopted at the August 10, 2016 Environmental Issues Committee be endorsed:
 - "1. That the report entitled "Markham Trees for Tomorrow Fund: Funding Report 2016," be received; and,
 2. That the funding application for 10,000 Trees for the Rouge in the amount of \$19,000, for their 27th Annual Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project in the Southeast section of Milne Park be approved; and,
 3. That the funding application for Friends of the Rouge Watershed in the amount of \$19,500 to support their 2016 Restoration Project proposal to restore more than 2 hectares of new forest cover by planting 3,500 trees and 1,000 shrubs at 3 sites in the Rouge Watershed be approved; and,
 4. That the funding application for Evergreen in the amount of \$24,000, for their Watershed Champions: Community Greening Initiative, be approved; and,
 5. That the funding application for LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) in the amount of \$16,700 to support LEAF's Backyard Tree Planting Program be approved; and,
 6. That the total amount of \$79,200 be funded from the 2016 Markham Trees for Tomorrow Capital Project account #700-101-5399-16171; and further,
 7. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution"; and further,
- 3) That the following recommendations regarding “Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF) Funding” adopted at the August 10, 2016 Environmental Issues Committee be endorsed:
 - "1. That the report entitled "Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF), Funding Application Spring 2016," be received; and,
 2. That the funding application by Unionville Public School for an Outdoor Classroom initiative, for \$5,000, be approved; and,

3. That the funding application by the Markham Sustainability Office for the Glencrest Park Revitalization project, for \$10,000, be approved; and,
4. The funding application by Re-Play Ontario for a Sports Equipment Reuse Program, for \$10,000, be received; and,
5. That the funding application by Canadian Urban Transit Research & Innovation Consortium (CUTRIC) for an Electric School Bus Feasibility Study, for \$10,000, not be approved due to concerns with the efficiency and effectiveness of the study, including technology concerns and lack of School Board participation; and,
6. That the funds totalling \$15,000 be provided from the 2016 Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF), account #87 2800168; and further,
7. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution."

Carried

**23. MULTI-RESIDENTIAL BULK
COLLECTION SERVICES REPORT (5.1)**
[Report](#)

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste & Environmental Management addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the report.

There was discussion regarding the need for improved data collection information from multi-residential sector.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled "Multi-residential Bulk Collection Services Update" be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized to include multi-residential bulk collection services (including the multi-residential collection system enhancements outlined in this report) in the collection contract with Miller Waste Systems, in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner, Community & Fire Services and the City Solicitor; and,
- 3) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the multi-residential bulk collection services contract with Miller Waste Systems, in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner, Community & Fire Services and the City Solicitor; and,
- 4) That the Diversion Sub Committee develop a multi-residential diversion program including expanded on site diversion opportunities for textiles, electronics and household goods; and further,

- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

24. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0; 16.24; 8.6; 8.7)

General Committee did not resolve into an in-camera session and dealt with the following in public session.

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES -
JUNE 27, 2016 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e) (f)]
- (2) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES
(RESIGNATIONS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEE) (16.24)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (3) **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)]
- (4) **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)]

- 25. GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES -
JUNE 27, 2016 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e) (f)]

General Committee confirmed the June 27, 2016 in-camera meeting minutes.

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

General Committee consented to place this item on the September 27, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- 27. 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 consented to place this item on the September 27, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- 28. 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 have this item deferred to the October 17, 2016 General Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 3:05 PM.

Carried