



**Minutes
General Committee
June 27, 2016
Meeting Number 11**

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 Valerie Burke
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
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
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
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Tony Casale, Senior Construction Buyer
Rosemarie Patano, Senior Construction Buyer
Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Policy, Planning & Project
Delivery, Culture & Economic Development
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation
Morgan Jones, Manager Roads Operation
Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:07 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair; Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items and Councillor Valerie Burke Chaired Environment and Sustainability related items.

General Committee recessed at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 1:07 PM.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

1. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2016 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0) [Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the June 13, 2016 General Committee meeting be confirmed. Carried

2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2016 CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0) [Minutes](#)

Councillor Amanda Collucci advised that page 4 of the minutes under "sponsorship" it should read "Fion Lau reported that Flato Developments...."

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes. Carried

3. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2016 (7.12) [Report](#)

The Committee discussed the following staff award reports:

- 058-T-16 Remove and Replace Fire Sprinklers at Milliken Mills Community Centre Arena
- 099-T-16 Tree Stumping
- 116-T-16 Grass Cutting and Maintenance Services
- 131-S-16 Traffic Data Collection & Data Submission
- 014-R-16 SharePoint 2013 Intranet and Collaboration Implementation
- 082-T-16 Security Guard Services for Various City Locations

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Month of May 2016” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution

Carried

**4. CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANT
PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING
- OCTOBER 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2017
- FUNDING APPROVALS (7.6)**

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#)
[Attachment 4](#) [Attachment 5](#) [Attachment 6](#)

Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Policy, Planning & Project Delivery, Culture & Economic Development addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the Celebrate Markham Grant Program supplement funding.

The Committee suggested that the Thornhill Village Festival funding be increased by an additional \$3,000.00.

The Committee discussed whether organizations such as Water Polo Canada should receive funding through the Celebrate Markham Grant, and whether Celebrate Markham grants should be awarded to Markham clubs only. The Committee suggested that when staff report back in the Fall that they include recommendations on whether larger sporting events should continue to receive grants through Celebrate Markham Grant program or through a different funding source.

There was considerable discussion regarding the additional requirement for grant recipients to provide Review Engagement or Audit Engagement reports with future applications. It was requested that staff advise the various major community festival representatives of the proposed requirement of having Review Engagement or Audit Engagement reports where applicable with their 2017 application submissions. The Committee suggested that the Markham Jazz Festival, Markham Village Music Festival, Night it Up, Taste of Asia Festival, Unionville Festivals ITTF N. American Olympic Qualification Tournament only provide 2016 Review Engagement or Audit Engagement reports where applicable and include 2015 Review Engagement or Audit Engagement reports only if they are available with their application submissions for 2017.

The Committee discussed the application submitted by Federation of Chinese Canadians in Markham (FCCM) for the 2017 Chinese New Year. Staff advised that the application requesting \$10,000 was not granted based on an incomplete/unsigned application; outstanding Financial reports and a deficit budget. Staff pointed out that FCCM is the same organization that receives funding for the Taste of Asia event, and that only one grant can be awarded per organization. There was discussion regarding whether a grant could be awarded to FCCM for the 2017

Chinese New Year, but subject to conditions such as submitting a complete application and submission of the required financial reports.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report titled, “Celebrate Markham Grant Program Supplemental Funding - October 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017 –Funding Approvals” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Staff Review Committee to fund 7 Celebrate Markham applicants, totaling \$28,675, as identified in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4; and,
- 3) That the following Celebrate Markham grants be approved for the Cultural Events and Programs Category (as per Attachment 1):
 - i) The Markham African Canadian Association (MAACA) be awarded \$4,000 for Markham Black History Month (2017 event) conditional on receiving the *Project Outcome/Financial Report* for the 2016 Black History Month event grant and MAACA securing the Markham Theatre for the event venue;
 - ii) The Centre for Tamil Heritage and Culture receive \$4,500 for Markham Thai Pongal Vizha (2017 event) conditional on receiving the *Project Outcome/Financial Report* for the 2016 Markham Thai Pongal Vizha event grant;
 - iii) The Seniors’ Extravaganza receive \$1,575 for their annual event at the Markham Theatre; and,
- 4) That the following Celebrate Markham grants be approved for the Major Community Festivals Category (as per Attachment 2):
 - i) The Society for Preservation of Historic Thornhill receive **\$5,000** for the Thornhill Village Wheatsheaf Festival to be held on September 17, 2016, in addition to the \$5,000 already granted by Council for this event, for a total grant of **\$10,000**;
 - ii) The Unionville BIA receive \$6,000 for the Unionville Olde Tyme Christmas Parade and activities; and,
- 5) That the following Celebrate Markham grants be approved for the Sport Events Category (as per Appendix 4):
 - i) MUMBA Basketball be awarded \$3,600 for the 2017 MUMBA Ontario Cup Provincial Championship, subject to receipt of a letter of confirmation from the Ontario Basketball Association for hosting rights for this event;

- ii) Water Polo Canada be awarded \$7,000 for the 2017 Seniors' National Championships; and,
- 6) That subject to approval by Council, recommended applications be posted on the Celebrate Markham website for applicant's and the public's information, along with Council's resolution; and,
- 7) That the Celebrate Markham funding criteria, application forms and the Project Outcome Report be amended (in a form approved by the City Solicitor) to include the required minimum levels of financial reporting as described in this report; and,
- 8) That in addition to the financial reporting requirements identified in Recommendation 7, grant recipients must provide Review Engagements or Audit Engagements for their organizations, relating to the most recent fiscal years if available, **and that the Markham Jazz Festival, Markham Village Music Festival, Night it Up, Taste of Asia Festival, Unionville Festivals ITTF N. American Olympic Qualification Tournament only provide 2016 Review Engagement or Audit Engagement reports where applicable and include 2015 Review Engagement or Audit Engagement reports only if they are available with their application submissions for 2017;** and,
- 9) That the financial requirements in Recommendations 7) and 8) be applied to all grant recipients beginning in the next Funding Cycle (Cycle 4) for events being delivered April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018; and,
- 10) That Canada 150 be promoted through the Celebrate Markham Fund in the next funding cycle (Funding Cycle 4) for events being delivered April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 by prioritizing applications that contribute to this important celebration; and,
- 11) That in accordance with Council's resolution of March 22, 2016, \$5,000 of the remaining Celebrate Markham funds of \$68,325 be used for purchase of software and development of an improved website to better manage application processing, as well as improve the efficiency, tracking and reporting on Celebrate Markham applications (such applications forms be in a form approved by the City Solicitor); and,
- 12) That the remaining funds of **\$60,325** will be included as part of the 2016 year end results of operations; and further,
- 13) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

NOTE: Council amended the resolution for Celebrate Markham Grant Program Supplement Funding at its meeting held on June 28, 2016. See Council minutes for final recommendation.

**5. WINTER MAINTENANCE WINDROW AND
PATHWAY WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW (5.10)**
[Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Morgan Jones, Manager, Roads Operations delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding winter maintenance windrow rebate/pathway program review.

The Committee discussed whether the City should try a pilot rebate program.

The Committee suggested that the proposed recommendation to increase the 2017 budget for windrow clearing program to be dealt with during the budget process.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Morgan Jones, Manager, Roads Operations entitled “Winter Maintenance Windrow Rebate/Pathway Program Review”, be received; and,
- 2) That the report titled “Winter Maintenance Windrow and Pathway Winter Maintenance Report Review” be received; and,
- 3) That the existing practice for clearing snow from windrows of qualified residents be continued **and not proceed with a pilot rebate program at this time**; and,
- 4) That the existing practice for winter snow clearing maintenance of pathways be continued; and,
- 5) That the 2017 budget for the windrow clearing program be increased by \$37,000 from \$237,270 to \$274,270 to accommodate growth; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2016
MARKHAM SPORT HALL
OF FAME COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Markham Sport Hall of Fame Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS
- PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS (5.12)**

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

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “Traffic Control Signals – Proposed By-Law Amendments”, be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule 19 of Traffic By-Law 106-71, pertaining to “Traffic Control Signals”, be amended by including the following intersections:
 - Main St. Markham, 60 metres north of Wilson Street (Mid-block Pedestrian Signal)
 - Main St. Markham at Fisher Court (Mid-block Pedestrian Signal)
 - Main St. Markham, 25 metres south of Mill Street (Mid-block Pedestrian Signal)
 - Bur Oak Avenue at Greensborough Village Circle (Mid-block Pedestrian Signal)
 - Birchmount Road and Rougeside Promenade
 - Bur Oak Avenue and William Berczy Boulevard
 - Bur Oak Avenue and Stonebridge Drive
 - Rodick Road & Miller Avenue; and,
- 3) That Schedule 12 of Traffic By-Law 106-71, pertaining to “Compulsory Stops”, be amended by rescinding the stop controls at the following intersections:
 - Birchmount Road and Rougeside Promenade
 - Bur Oak Avenue and William Berczy Boulevard
 - Bur Oak Avenue and Stonebridge Drive
 - Rodick Road & Miller Avenue; and,
- 4) That York Region Police be requested to enforce the traffic signals upon 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

**8. MARKHAM FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
2015 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT (7.15)**

[Report](#) [2015 Annual Service Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Markham Fire and Emergency Services 2015 Annual Report be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2016
MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the May 19, 2016 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. ONTARIO CAP AND TRADE AND
CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (5.7)**

[Presentation](#)

Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Ontario Cap and Trade and Climate Change Action Plan.

There was brief discussion regarding GHG emissions such as district cooling and heating.

The Committee discussed the objective of trying to achieve net zero emissions.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability entitled “Ontario Cap and Trade and Climate Change Action Plan Summary,” be received.

Carried

11. REGIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS (13.4)

Councillor Valerie Burke addressed the Committee stating her disappointment with York Region booking public meetings with respect to the Bayview Avenue Environmental Assessment without consulting her availability and during a time where many residents will be away on summer vacation.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That York Region staff be requested to hold an additional public information meeting regarding the Bayview Avenue Environmental Assessment in September 2016.

Carried

NOTE: At the June 28, 2016 Council meeting the Y recommendation was only received.

12. SHRINERS CIRCUS (2.8)

Councillor Valerie Burke addressed the Committee advising that she has received some complaints regarding the upcoming Shriners Circus that will be held at the Markham Fairgrounds. She is requesting that the Mayor send another letter to the Shriners Circus requesting them to eliminate all animal acts from their circus events.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That Mayor Frank Scarpitti be requested to write a letter to the Shriners Circus requesting them to eliminate all animal acts from their circus events.

Carried

NOTE: At the June 28, 2016 Council meeting the resolution regarding Shriners Circus was amended. See Council minutes for final recommendation.

13. MILNE DAM CONSERVATION AREA (5.7)

Councillor Logan Kanapathi addressed the Committee requesting if the parking entrance fee can be waived at the Milne Dam Conservation Area during special events and/or fundraising events. Staff advised that they do not waive parking fees, but will provide the Councillors information regarding group rate parking.

14. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 16.24, 8.6 & 10.2)

Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor addressed the Committee advising that item #3 of the in-camera agenda relates to a real estate matter that is routine and non-controversial. She indicated that there is some urgency on this matter as the matter requires an approval at the June 28, 2016 Council meeting and is suggesting that the item be moved to the public portion of the agenda and make the General Committee's resolution in public. If the recommendation is adopted staff will place the matter on the revised June 28, 2016 Council agenda.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

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 (2:54 PM):

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
-JUNE 13, 2016 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e) (f)]**
- (2) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES
(APPOINTMENTS & 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 (WARD 5) (8.6)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]**
- (4) **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS
BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE
MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD AND
ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE,
INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE
[Section 239 (2) (e) & (f)]**

Carried

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the General Committee rise and report from the in-camera session 3:13 PM.

Carried

15. **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
-JUNE 13, 2016 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e) (f)]**

General Committee confirmed the June 13, 2016 in-camera meeting minutes.

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

General Committee consented to place this item on the June 28, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

17. A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LANDS [BLOCK 359, 65M-3388] ADJACENT TO CORNELL ROUGE DEVELOPMENT CORP.'S PHASE 7 RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION [BLOCK 339, PLAN 65M-3888]) (8.6)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

General Committee consented to report the following in public session:

- 1) That the confidential report entitled “Declaration of Surplus Lands adjacent to Cornell Rouge Development Corp.’s Phase 7 Residential Subdivision (Plan 65M-3888)” be received; and,
- 2) That in accordance with By-law 178-96 the City declare certain lands described as Block 359, on Registered Plan 65M-3388, City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York, as surplus, being lands originally set out as a temporary reserve, shown as the “Subject Property” on Attachments No. 1 and 2 to this report; and,
- 3) That subject to No. 2, above, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Cornell Rouge Development Corp. (“Cornell”) for a nominal sum (\$1.00) to effect the re-conveyance of the surplus temporary reserve set out on Attachments No. 1 and 2 to this report; and,
- 4) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

18. LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD AND ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE (WARD 8) (10.12)
[Section 239 (2) (e) & (f)]

General Committee was provided an update on the above matter.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 3:15 PM.

Carried