



**Minutes  
General Committee  
June 28, 2016  
Meeting Number 12**

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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  
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  
Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services  
Catherine Conrad, Acting Director of Human Resources  
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services  
Linda Irvine, Manager, Park and Open Space Development  
Meg West, Manager, Strategic Initiatives  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 12:07 PM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair and Councillor Colin Campbell Chaired Building, Parks and Construction related items.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. E.A. DANBY AWARD  
- BACKFLOW PREVENTION PORTAL (12.2.6)**

The City of Markham has been awarded the 2016 E.A. Danby Award in the Municipal Administration Category for the City of Markham Backflow Prevention Portal – Automating the Administrative Process.

Ms. Yvonne L. Robert, Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) presented the 2016 EA Danby Award to the Mayor and Members of Council.

The Committee thanked Ms. Robert for coming personally to present the 2016 EA Danby Award and congratulated all the staff involved.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the 2016 E.A. Danby Certificate of Merit in the Municipal Administration Category for the City of Markham Backflow Prevention Portal – Automating the Administrative Process be received; and,

That the following staff be congratulated with their efforts in achieving the 2016 E.A. Danby Certificate of Merit: Rebecca Fei, Daphne Ross, Mustafa Rahman, Misbah Ifran, Yves Legault, and Peter Loukes.

Carried

**2. 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION ONTARIO (PRO)  
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INNOVATION  
- HEALTH & WELLNESS PARTNERSHIP WITH  
MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL (12.2.6)**

General Committee recognized the following individuals from the Health & Wellness Partnership with Markham Stouffville Hospital for receiving the 2016 Pro Award of Excellence Innovation from Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO).

- Heather Atherton, Community Manager, East Area
- Luke Hilts, Program Supervisor, East Area
- Barb Lant, Fitness Counsellor, East Area
- Martha Neely, Program Coordinator- Seniors & Programs, East Area
- Warren Watson, Program Coordinator- Aquatics & Fitness, East Area
- Joanne Marr- President & CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital
- Lisa Joyce- Vice President, Communications & Public Affairs, Markham Stouffville Hospital
- Liz Lalingo- Patient Care Manager, Respiratory Therapy & Ambulatory Services, Markham Stouffville Hospital
- May Chen, VP Finance, Markham Stouffville Hospital
- Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation

- Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the 2016 Pro Award of Excellence Innovation from Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) Awards of Excellence for Innovation – Health & Wellness Partnership between City of Markham and Markham Stouffville Hospital, be received; and,

That the following be congratulated on their efforts in achieving the 2016 Pro Award of Excellence Innovation from Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) Awards of Excellence for Innovation – Health & Wellness Partnership between City of Markham and Markham Stouffville Hospital: Heather Atherton, Community Manager; Luke Hiltz, Program Supervisor, East Area; Barb Lant, Fitness Counsellor, East Area; Martha Neely, Program Coordinator – Seniors & Programs, East Area; Warren Watson, Program Coordinator – Aquatics & Fitness, East Area; Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation; Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services; Joanne Marr, President & CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital; Lisa Joyce, Vice-President, Communication & Public Affairs, Markham Stouffville Hospital; Liz Lalingo, Patient Care Manager, Respiratory Therapy & Ambulatory Services, Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Carried

**3. 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET PRE-APPROVAL  
FOR NEW GROWTH RELATED PARK  
DEVELOPMENT (6.3)**

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

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer and Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the 2017 Capital Budget pre-approval for new growth related park development.

There was discussion regarding the proposed greenway link from Cornell Wismer park to Donald Cousens Parkway (DCP). It was noted that it has not been confirmed whether the walkway connection will go over or under DCP.

The Committee briefly discussed the staff resources required to deliver the proposed 17 park development projects.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report dated June 27, 2016 entitled “2017 Capital Budget Pre-Approval for New Growth Related Park Development” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the 2017 Capital Budget pre-approval for park development which totals \$12,016,600 as outlined in this report; and,

- 3) The 2017 park development capital program of \$12,016,000 will be funded 90% from Development Charges in the amount of \$10,814,400, and 10% will be funded from the Operating Non-Lifecycle funds in the amount of \$800,000 and the remaining balance of \$401,600 from the Non-DC Growth Reserve Fund; and,
- 4) That staff bring forward the corresponding Capital Request Forms for each of the pre-approved projects as part of the 2017 Capital Budget process; and,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**4. EABAMETOONG FIRST NATION PARTNERSHIP (12.2.6)**  
[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Committee and provided some brief opening remarks relative to the Eabametoong First Nation Partnership.

Meg West, Manager, Strategic Initiatives delivered a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the City of Markham working together with Eabametoong First Nation.

The Committee thanked staff for bringing forward this partnership. It was suggested that a Committee be established with Members of Council and staff to assist in facilitating the partnership.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Meg West, Manager, Strategic Initiatives entitled “Working Together – City of Markham & Eabametoong First Nation,” be received; and,
- 2) That the report titled “Eabametoong First Nation Partnership” be received; and,
- 3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Partnership Agreement between the City and Eabametoong First Nation, in a form satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, to promote community and cultural exchange between the two communities and to encourage activities that will promote collaboration and partnership; and,
- 4) That Markham Council support a cultural and economic collaboration with Eabametoong First Nation as part of Markham’s Canada 150 Celebration in 2017; and,
- 5) That Council endorse providing strategic support for Eabametoong First Nation Legacy Projects subject to finalization of the project list and determination of project feasibility; and,

- 6) **That a Committee be established with Members of Council and staff to facilitate the partnership between the City of Markham and Eabametoong First Nation and report back to General Committee; and further,**
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

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NOTE: At the June 28, 2016 Council meeting an additional clause was added to the resolution regarding Eabametoong First Nation Partnership. See Council minutes for final recommendation.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:27 PM.

Carried