



**Minutes
General Committee
May 16, 2016
Meeting Number 8**

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 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
Mohammed Hosseini-Ara, Acting Director of Culture
Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Robert Muir, Manager, Stormwater
Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investment
Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Tax
Andrea Tang, Senior Manager, Financial Planning
Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director, Culture
Barb Rabicki, Director, Operations
Gary Adamkowski, Senior Project Manager
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Jim Jones

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

General Committee recessed at 12:14PM and reconvened at 1:05 PM.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

1. STORMWATER FEES ON FARM PROPERTIES (5.5)

[Presentation](#)

Robert Muir, Manager, Stormwater and Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investments delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding stormwater fees on farm properties.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath advised that this item was discussed at the Agricultural Committee and that the Committee members were satisfied with staff's proposal. The Agricultural Committee are suggesting that they are provided an update after a year to review if there are any further issues and/or concerns.

There was brief discussion between vacant land and farmland. The Committee inquired about the methodology used to achieve the CVA per acre.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Robert Muir, Manager, Stormwater and Mr. Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investments entitled "Stormwater Fees on Farm Properties," be received.

Carried

**2. 2016 MARCH YEAR-TO-DATE
REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (7.4)**

[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Appendices 1-11](#)

Andrea Tang, Senior Manager, Financial Planning delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the March 2016 Year-to-Date (YTD) review.

There was brief discussion regarding recreation services and waterworks operating budget.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

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

**3. MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2016
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the May 2, 2016 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2016
FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM
FOUNDATION BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Friends of the Markham Museum Foundation Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2016
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the March 28, 2016 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2016
PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the minutes of the April 7, 2016 Public Realm Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2016
RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

There was discussion regarding \$2,500 funding request from the Race Relation Committee to the City. Regional Councillor Joe Li advised that he and Councillor Logan Kanapathi have met with Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer and agreed not to support the request. Regional Councillor Joe Li pointed out that he and Councillor Logan Kanapathi will be sponsoring \$500 each, and that the balance of \$1500 be raised by Committee members.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the minutes of the April 4, 2016 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION TENDER
017-T-16 WEST THORNHILL – PHASE 1C
STORM SEWER AND WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT (7.12)**
[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled “Award of Construction Tender 017-T-16 West Thornhill – Phase 1C Storm Sewer and Watermain Replacement” be received; and,
- 2) That the contract for Tender 017-T-16 West Thornhill – Phase 1C Storm Sewer and Watermain Replacement be awarded to the lowest priced Bidder, Kapp Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$2,391,469.60, inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) That a 10% contingency in the amount of \$239,146.96, 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 construction award in the amount of \$2,630,616.56 (\$2,391,469.60 + \$239,146.96) be funded from the following capital projects; 1) 058-6150-15014-005 “West Thornhill Flood Control Construction - Phase 1B & 1C” ; 2) 053-5350-15301-005 “Watermain Construction and Replacement Program – West Thornhill” and 3) 053-5350-16246-005 “Watermain Construction and Replacement Program” as outlined under the financial considerations section in this report; and,

- 5) That the budget remaining in project #15301 “Watermain Construction and Replacement Program – West Thornhill” in the amount of \$85,231.23 will be returned to the original funding source; and,
- 6) That a 5-year moratorium be placed on any major servicing and utility installation along restored areas in Canadian Road; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**9. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016 (7.12)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

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

Carried

10. FORT MCMURRAY (12.2.6)

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services addressed the Committee and provided a brief update regarding efforts being undertaken by Regional municipalities, communities and City of Markham with respect to assisting with relief efforts in Fort McMurray. She advised that staff polled lower tier municipalities and York Region and advised the following: York Region has not made a decision on any donation and no discussion has taken place; Town of Aurora has made a \$1000 donation through the Red Cross; East Gwillimbury has had no discussion; King a \$1000 donation has been made; Town of Richmond Hill there has not been anything approved; City of Vaughan there is an expectation that something will be done; Town of Newmarket will be promoting through their website donations to the Red Cross; Town of Stouffville there has been no discussion; Town of Georgina the issue has been discussed, but no final decision made.

Councillor Colin Campbell addressed the Committee to provide information regarding the staff BBQ he will be hosting on Thursday May 19, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. It was noted that Merlyn is willing to donate the cost of 1,000 food servings. He suggested if we can accept group orders from the satellite locations such as libraries, community centres, etc.

There was brief discussion regarding the potential of expanding the lunch on May 19, 2016 to local businesses.

The Committee suggested that staff report back in the future with any needs that the City of Markham can assist Fort McMurray to help them get back to normal if possible.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the verbal update from Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding Fort McMurray be received; and

That staff provide an update in future with respect to any needs that the City of Markham can assist Fort McMurray to help get the lives of those affected back to normal.

Carried

11. DRAFT PARK RENAISSANCE STRATEGY (6.3)
[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Appendix A](#)

Barb Rabicki, Director, Operations, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Parks Renaissance Strategy.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the Park Renaissance Strategy:

- 2016 approved Capital Budget
- The use of Development Charges for new parks (adding new amenities)
- Engage the Adopt-a-Park groups
- Be mindful of extra pavement
- Evaluation criteria
- Importance of looking at gaps and opportunities
- Connectivity to other pathways
- Consider opportunities to expand parks
- Opportunities for naturalization
- Outdoor games, tables, and adult exercise equipment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Barb Rabicki, Director, Operations entitled “Parks Renaissance Strategy,” received; and,
- 2) That the Report titled “Draft Markham Parks Renaissance Strategy” be received; and,
- 3) That the Draft Parks Renaissance Strategy for the purposes of engaging our community and to guide the launch of a pilot program for 2016 be approved; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**12. CORPORATE VOLUNTEER
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (6.5)**
[Presentation](#)

Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director, Culture delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update with respect to the Corporate Volunteer Management Program.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director, Culture entitled “Corporate Volunteer Management Program,” be received.

Carried

**13. SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY
- PROJECT UPDATE (6.6)**
[Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Gary Adamkowski, Senior Project Manager delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update with respect to the Southeast Community Centre and Library project.

There was discussion regarding the contract process and how a project of this size is conducted.

It was suggested that discussion related to the how the contract is to be interpreted and the end result that those discussions should be discussed in-camera.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Gary Adamkowski, Senior Project Manager entitled “Southeast Community Centre and Library - Project Update,” be received; and,
- 2) That the correspondence from Eira Keay, Markham resident be received.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the following recommendations be referred directly to the May 17, 2016 Council meeting

- 3) That the report entitled “Southeast Community Centre and Library - Project Update” be received; and,

- 4) That the construction contingency be increased in the amount of \$2,571,000.00 (excluding HST) to fund anticipated and potential additional costs required to complete the construction phase of the project; and,
- 5) That the funding shortfall of \$2,571,000 (excluding HST) be funded as follows:
 - a. That 90% of the shortfall be funded from the Development Charges Reserve in the amount of \$2,313,900, and,
 - b. That 10% of the shortfall be funded from the Ramp Up Reserve in the amount of \$257,100; and,
- 6) That Staff be authorized to approve the expenditure of this contingency amount up to the specified limits in accordance with the City's Expenditure Control Policy; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**14. EUCLID STREET, PAVILLION STREET AND
UNION STREET PROPOSED PARKING PROHIBITION (2.17)**
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled "Euclid Street, Pavillion Street and Union Street 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 Euclid Street, south side of Pavillion Street and east side of Union Street north of Pavillion Street, in its entirety; and,
- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through the Operations Department account # 061-5350-15238-005; and,
- 4) That the Parking Control 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

15. BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE (2.0)

Councillor Karen Rea requested that staff forward via e-mail the rules of boulevard maintenance. Staff will forward the information to all Members of Council.

16. SOCCER TOURNAMENT (12.2.6)

Councillor Alan Ho advised the Committee that on July 9, 2016 he will be hosting a soccer tournament and that all funds raised will be donated to through the Red Cross for Fort McMurray and he is looking for support from his colleagues.

17. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 7.6, & 7.3)

DEPUTATION

Kristian Alexander, Kindred Spirit Orchestra (KSO) addressed the Committee regarding KSO's grant request and advised that he can not address the points in the staff report because he was not permitted to review the in-camera materials. He pointed out that KSO was created in 2009 and hopes Council will continue to support them.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

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 (1:13PM):

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES|
- APRIL 4, 2016 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e)]
- (2) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES.
ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE,
INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE
(KINDRED SPIRIT ORCHESTRA) (7.6)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (f)]
- (3) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES. (WARDS 3&4)
(7.3)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

- (4) **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD. ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE (SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY)**
[Section 239 (2) (e)(f)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 3:05 PM.

Carried

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES|
- APRIL 4, 2016 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e)]

General Committee confirmed the April 4, 2016 in-camera minutes.

- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES. ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE (KINDRED SPIRIT ORCHESTRA) (7.6)
[Section 239 (2) (b) (f)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the May 17, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- (3) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES. (WARDS 3&4) (7.3)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the May 17, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- (4) LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD.
ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE
(SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY)
[Section 239 (2) (e)(f)]

General Committee referred this item directly to the May 17, 2016 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 3:06 PM.

Carried