



**Minutes
General Committee
May 2, 2016
Meeting Number 7**

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
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Jim Jones

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:05 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.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

1. STORMWATER FEES ON FARM PROPERTIES (5.5)
[Presentation](#)

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 **deferred to the May 16, 2016 General Committee meeting.**

Carried

**2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2016
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the April 18, 2016 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2016
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the March 30, 2016 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2016
MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the March 17, 2016 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Environmental Issues Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2016
MARKHAM SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Markham Sports Hall of Fame Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2016
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the March 8, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2016
YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM
CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the minutes of the March 21, 2016 York University Markham Campus Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2016 (7.12)**

[Report](#) [Correspondence](#)

The Committee discussed the following:

- 275-Q-15 Canopy Renovations at Cornell Community Centre
- 044-S-16 Firefighter Recruitment Processing Services
- 004-R-15 Plumbing Service Contract for City Facilities
- 255-Q-15 Printing & Delivery of Councillors' Ward Newsletters

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

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

Carried

**10. 2016 FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT
PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.1)**

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

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the report dated May 2, 2016 entitled “2016 First Quarter Investment Performance Review” be received.

Carried

11. BAN ON DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES ACTIVITIES (13.4)

Superintendent Fred Moffat, York Region Police addressed the Committee and provided some comments relative to fraud related crimes within York Region.

It was noted that Liberal MPP Yvan Baker will be introducing a private bill at the Ontario Legislature that would ban the sale, rent or lease of water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces and water treatment at the door.

Lauren Black, Enercare addressed the Committee regarding the proposed ban on door-to-door sales activities and spoke in support.

There was discussion regarding whether all private sector door-to-door services should be banned.

The Committee suggested that staff investigate whether a by-law can be passed at the local level banning door-to-door services.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Whereas the Provincial Government implemented the *Stronger Protection for Ontario Consumers Act* in April 2015 to address, among other things, aggressive and misleading door-to-door sales tactics;

Whereas Ontarians over the last twelve months continue to experience unsolicited, aggressive and misleading sales tactics at their door from companies seeking to sell home energy products, despite this provincial legislation;

Whereas the door to door agents acting on behalf of these companies misrepresent their purpose and/or identity, often posing as utility inspectors and government agents needing to gain access to the homes of Ontarians;

Whereas people across Ontario, and in particular Markham residents, have been targeted by these door to door misrepresentations and misleading sales tactics;

Whereas one such company has been recently charged with 142 breaches of the Consumer Protection Act due to this fraudulent and misleading sales conduct, previous attempts by the Province to protect Ontarians have failed;

Whereas the province has implemented a ban on door-to-door sales for electricity and natural gas contracts by passing the *Strengthening Consumer Protection and Electricity System Oversight Act, 2015*;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council:

- 1) Urge the Provincial Government to ban all door-to-door sales in the home services sector (more specifically the sale or lease of HVAC equipment, water heaters, water filtration systems and other related home energy products and services by door-to-door sales agents) as soon as possible, and before the spring session of the Ontario legislature concludes;

- 2) Issue an Alert via News Release and other forms of communication to Markham residents to warn them about ongoing door-to-door sales activities, and encourage Markham residents to sign the online petition at Change.org;
- 3) Encourage other GTA municipalities to join with Markham in calling on the province to act;
- 4) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

12. CITY OF MARKHAM: CHANGING LANDSCAPES (13.4)

[Presentation](#)

Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships, Community and Health Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled City of Markham Changing Landscapes.

The Committee discussed the change in demographics within York Region and percentage of working age population within Markham.

There was discussion regarding what the Region or local municipalities can offer to make market rental and/or affordable housing development more feasible for the private sector.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships, Community and Health Services entitled “City of Markham Changing Landscapes,” be received; and,
- 2) That the City of Markham join the York Region Data Consortium.

Carried

13. SENIORS STRATEGY (13.4)

[Presentation](#)

Ms. Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community & Health Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding York Region Seniors Strategy.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the York Region Seniors Strategy:

- Affordable housing
- Affordable transportation
- The importance of standardizing the age
- Importance of integration and collaboration between York Region and the municipality

- Community care supports - look at different models
- Diversity within the Senior population
- How to ensure Seniors are not isolated
- Current stereotypes that many modern Seniors face will need to be redefined

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation from Ms. Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community & Health Services regarding York Region Seniors Strategy be received.

Carried

**14. BAYVIEW GLEN SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD
RETROFIT ACTION PLAN (SNAP)
- APPROVAL OF PHASE 2&3:
ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (5.7)**
[Report](#) [Appendix A](#) [Appendix B](#)

The Committee suggested that staff report back on whether more land can be acquired by the municipality to create a larger public area, and if any opportunity to plant trees on Regional or City of Toronto roads.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the report “Bayview Glen Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) – Approval of Phase 2&3: Action and Implementation Plan” be received; and,
- 2) That the Bayview Glen SNAP – Phase 2&3: Action and Implementation Plan (Appendix A) as commissioned and paid for by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) be received and referred to staff; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:41 PM.

Carried