



**Minutes
General Committee
April 4, 2016
Meeting Number 5**

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 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
Barb Rabicki, Director Operations
Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability
Mohammed Hosseini-Ara, Acting Director of Culture
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:11 AM with Councillor Colin Campbell in the Chair. Deputy Mayor Jack Heath assumed the Chair at 10:15 AM. Councillor Valerie Burke Chaired Environment and Sustainability related items.

General Committee recessed at 9:58 AM and reconvened at 10:16 AM. General Committee recessed at 1:00 PM and reconvened at 1:48 PM.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

1. PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S PORTRAIT (12.2.6)

Mayor Frank Scarpitti addressed the Committee and provided some background information about the artist, Ms. Bronwen Stanley Jones. They unveiled the portrait of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2016
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the March 21, 2016 General Committee meeting be confirmed.
Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016 AND
FEBRUARY 17, 2016 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**

[January](#) [February](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the January 20, 2016 and February 17, 2016 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.
Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016
AND FEBRUARY 17, 2016
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[January](#) [Letters](#) [February](#)

Councillor Valerie Burke addressed the Committee and thanked the Mayor for taking the leadership. She suggested that copy of the letter and photos be sent to: Provincial and Federal Ministers of Environment & Climate Change; Ministry of Natural Resources; York Region Council; Markham MP's and MPP's; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the January 20, 2016 and February 17, 2016 Animal Care Committee meeting be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the following resolutions passed at the January 20, 2016, Animal Care Committee meeting be received:

“That the Animal Care Committee request that the City of Markham show its support in mitigating injuries to wildlife, as consistent with Markham’s Green Print Plan, by encouraging restaurant establishments in Ontario to find an alternative, preventative, solution to the use of dome shaped refreshment lids that can trap and cause injury to wildlife; and,

That the Animal Care Committee request that the attached letter to McDonalds, Tim Hortons, and the Restaurant Association of Ontario, on the matter, be signed by Mayor Frank Scarpitti.”; and further,

- 3) That the letters addressed to Mr. John E. Betts, President and Chief Executive Officer, McDonald’s Canada and Mr. David Clanachan, President and Chief Operating Officer, Tim Hortons Canada be received; and further,
- 4) **That a copy of the photos and letters be sent to: Provincial and Federal Ministers of Environment & Climate Change; Ministry of Natural Resources; York Region Council; Markham MP's and MPP's; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Kathleen Wynne.**

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2015,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, OCTOBER 15, 2015,
NOVEMBER 19, 2015 AND JANUARY 21, 2016 BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MARKHAM VILLAGE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[August](#) [September](#) [October](#) [November](#) [January](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the August 27, 2015, September 17, 2015, October 15, 2015, November 19, 2015 and January 21, 2016 Board of Management Markham Village Business Improvement Area Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2015 BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MARKHAM VILLAGE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Board of Management Markham Village Business Improvement Area Committee Annual General meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2016
MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the February 18, 2016 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2015,
NOVEMBER 23, 2015, AND JANUARY 25, 2016
FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD (16.0)**

[October](#) [November](#) [January](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the October 26, 2015, November 23, 2015 and January 25, 2016 Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2015
PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Public Realm Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2015,
DECEMBER 7, 2015, JANUARY 11, 2016
AND FEBRUARY 1, 2016 RACE RELATIONS
COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[November](#) [December](#) [January](#) [February](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the November 2, 2015, December 7, 2015, January 11, 2016 and February 1, 2016 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2016
VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2016
YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM
CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the minutes of the January 25, 2016 York University Markham Campus Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**13. AWARD OF TENDER 286-T-15 SUPPLY
AND DELIVERY OF SEVENTEEN (17)
VARIOUS VEHICLES (7.12)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled “Award of Tender 286-T-15 Supply and Delivery of Seventeen (17) Various Vehicles” be received; and,
- 2) That the contract for supply and delivery of various vehicles awarded to the lowest priced bidders for each respective vehicle in the following amounts;

➤ East Court Ford Lincoln	\$223,049.77
➤ Pine View Auto Sales Inc.	\$ 49,862.40
➤ Airport Nissan Corp.	\$ 85,478.40
➤ Highland Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac Ltd.	\$ 82,481.01
➤ Total Award Inclusive of HST	\$440,871.58; and,
- 3) That the Manager of Fleet and Supplies be authorized to “Markhamize” the vehicles in the amount of \$29,400.00; and,
- 4) That the award of \$440,871.58 and “Markhamizing” cost of \$29,400.00, totaling \$470,271.58 be funded from the various accounts as identified within the Financial Considerations section of this report with available budget of \$421,164.29; and,
- 5) That the net shortfall in the amount of \$49,107.29 (\$470,271.58-\$421,164.29) be funded from the Waterworks Capital Contingency in the amount of \$50,458.13 and the remaining surplus amount of \$1,350.84 be returned to the original funding source; and,
- 6) That upon delivery of the new vehicles, the following 17 units: Units 1244, 1245, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2172, 2176, 2177, 2179, 2188, 2198, 6080, 8050, 8051, 8052, 9090 and 9095 will be sold upon delivery of the new units in accordance with Purchasing By-law

2004-341, PART V Disposal of Personal Property and proceeds will be posted to account 890 890 9305 (proceeds from the Sale of Other Fixed Assets); and further,

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

Carried

**14. UPDATE TO DEVELOPMENT CHARGES
DEFERRAL POLICY AND CHANGES TO THE
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT (7.11)**

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

Kevin Ross, Manager, Development Finance summarized the required amendments to the City's Development Charges Deferral Policy as a result of changes made by the Province to the *Development Charges Act*.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the proposed update to Development Charges Deferral Policy and changes to the *Development Charges Act*:

- Interest charged on DC's that are deferred
- Does York Region a similar deferral policy
- Is there a review process for deferral charges
- Bill 73 - revision to the *Development Charges Act*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled "Update to Development Charges Deferral Policy and Changes to the Development Charges Act" be received; and,
- 2) That the Development Charge Deferral Policy as amended in Appendix A and noted in this report, be approved by Council; and,
- 3) **That staff be directed to provide a review of the updated Development Charges Deferral Policy at the same time of the Development Charges By-law update; and,**
- 4) **That staff be directed to provide quarterly updates on Development Charges Deferrals; and further,**
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**15. MARKHAM ARTS COUNCIL
CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANT ALLOCATION (7.6)**
[Report](#) [Appendix A](#) [Appendix B](#) [Appendix C](#)

Jane Milrose, Chair, Markham Arts Council (MAC) delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Markham Arts Council. She noted that that Deepti Aurora, Vice-Chair and Awni Mamdani, Treasurer were in attendance.

The Committee complimented the Markham Arts Council Board of Directors for all their work to date.

There was considerable discussion regarding audited financial statements versus review engagement reporting and whether audited financial statements are necessary for groups such as MAC.

The Committee suggested that clause 5 from the staff report be deleted. The Committee requested that staff report back with a process for applicants to the Celebrate Markham Program that includes the type, frequency and dollar threshold for financial statements that would be submitted to the City of Markham as part of their funding request.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the report titled, “Markham Arts Council Celebrate Markham Grant Allocation” be received; and,
- 2) That Markham Arts Council (MAC) be approved for a net amount of \$23,400 (Celebrate Markham grant of \$30,000 less 2016 loan repayment of \$6,600); and,
- 3) That in future years, should MAC receive a Celebrate Markham grant, the loan repayment of \$6,600 will be deducted from the grant amount; and,
- 4) That as a part of their annual Celebrate Markham funding request, Markham Arts Council provide an annual report to Council including a **2016 financial audit to be conducted in 2017**, annual business plan, marketing plan and key projects and initiatives demonstrating clear alignment and connections with City of Markham’s strategic initiatives, including the City’s Culture Plan; and,
- 5) **That staff be directed to report back with updated criteria with respect to financial reporting requirements for Celebrate Markham Grant recipients, including dollar thresholds, level of audit and frequency of reporting; and further,**
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**16. CANADA'S FIRST MONARCH
BUTTERFLY FRIENDLY CITY (5.7)**

[Report](#) [Appendix 1](#) [Appendix 2](#)

Barb Rabicki, Director of Operations and Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability addressed the Committee and provided a verbal presentation regarding Canada's First Monarch Butterfly Friendly City.

The Committee congratulated staff for being proactive. There was discussion regarding the opportunity of planting fruit trees in backyards and in community gardens.

There was a suggestion to have a proclamation for bees.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That Council issue a Proclamation, proclaiming Markham as Canada's First Monarch Friendly City in order to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat; and,
- 2) That the Sustainability Office and Operations Department implement the following actions to make Markham a Monarch Friendly City;
 - a. Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
 - b. Communicate with community garden groups **and Adopt a Park groups** and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
 - c. City staff to continue to identify opportunities for milkweed / nectar plant planting & seeding programs.
 - d. Convene a meeting with gardening leaders in the community to discuss partnerships to support monarch butterfly conservation.
 - e. Continue to support the monarch & pollinator friendly demonstration garden at City Hall.
 - f. Consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants on city properties where appropriate; and,
- 3) That the City of Markham encourage residents to sign the David Suzuki Foundation's Monarch Manifesto; and,
- 4) That Staff **report back by October 2016 with a City of Markham Bee Strategy to protect bees, and include exploring a Bee Proclamation and** evaluate opportunities for bee hives within the City of Markham in partnership and/or hosting on City properties; and,
- 5) **That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Environment & Climate Change; Ministry of**

Natural Resources; York Region Council; all Markham MP's and MPP's; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Kathleen Wynne; and further,

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

Carried

17. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 16.0, 7.12 ,7.12, 16.24 & 6.3)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

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 (11:47 AM):

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
- MARCH 21, 2016 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c)]
- (3) **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS
BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE
MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY) (7.12)**
[Section 239 (2) (e)]

Carried

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That General Committee rise from in-camera session (12:40 PM)

Carried

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burk
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 (1:49 PM):

- (2) **FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD IN-CAMERA MINUTES
- NOVEMBER 23, 2015 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c)]

- (4) **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (AWARD OF CONTRACT) (7.12)**
[Section 239 (2) (e)]
- (5) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT) (16.24)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (6) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (NAMING OF CITY OF MARKHAM PARKS) (6.3)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That General Committee rise from in-camera session.

Carried

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
- MARCH 21, 2016 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c)]

General Committee confirmed the March 21, 2016 minutes.

- (2) **FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD IN-CAMERA MINUTES
- NOVEMBER 23, 2015 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c)]

General Committee received the Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Board in-camera minutes.

- (3) **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY) (7.12)**
[Section 239 (2) (e)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the April 5, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- (4) **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (AWARD OF CONTRACT) (7.12)**
[Section 239 (2) (e)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the April 5, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- (5) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT) (16.24)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee consented to place this item on the April 5, 2016 Council agenda for consideration.

- (6) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (NAMING OF CITY OF MARKHAM PARKS) (6.3)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

General Committee referred this item directly to the April 5, 2016 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 3:50 PM.

Carried