



**MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ONTARIO ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

Minutes

Meeting No. 4.

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members

Paul Cosburn
Taleen Der Haroutiounian
Frankie Ip
Adam Keung
Stephen Lusk
Alina Tarbhai
Julie Tiefenbach
Jenny Tung
Ken Wightman

Council

Councillor Alan Ho

Staff

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator
Laura Gold, Council and Committee
Coordinator
Mohammed Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture

REGRETS

Rahul Shastri

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Art Advisory Committee convened at 6:05 pm with Paul Cosburn presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 2015**

Moved by Ken Wightman
Seconded by Jenny Tung

That the May 27, 2015, Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was noted that reports would be made on these items during the meeting.

6. "CHARITY" SCULPTURE

The artist of the "Charity" sculpture will be meeting with the Mayor to discuss the sculpture. The Committee declined the donation of the sculpture at the May 27, 2015 meeting.

7. HENDERSON BRIDGE MURAL PHASE II

The second phase of the Henderson Bridge has been completed. Pictures of the mural were displayed to the Committee.

8. MARKHAM MUSEUM

The installation at Markham Museum has been completed. Feedback on the project has been very positive to date.

9. TOOGOOD POND PROJECT

The installation at Toogood Pond is completed with the exception of the installation of one additional sculpture, which will be installed in the spring. Feedback on the project has been positive. Staff are working on having the maintenance of the sculptures added to the Life Cycle Reserve.

10. WILLIAM BERCZY COMMEMORATIVE MONUMENT

The Berczy Commemorative Monument is ready for installation, but the project has been put on hold until the construction of the park is complete.

11. CORNELL COMMUNITY CENTRE PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

The public art to be installed at the Cornell Community Centre must be completed by October 31, 2015. The artist has committed to this deadline. Pictures of the artwork to date were displayed to the Committee.

12. TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX WRAPS PHASE II

Phase II of the Traffic Control Box Wraps has been completed. Most of the newly wrapped traffic boxes are located around the Pan Am Centre. The majority of the standard sized traffic boxes in Markham have now been wrapped.

13. OTHER PUBLIC ART UPDATES

South East Community Centre

The construction of the South East Community Centre has been delayed, which will delay the installation of the public art works.

Funding of Public Art

The Committee discussed funding sources for public art, and some of the challenges municipalities face in obtaining/securing funding for public art. There is also a new bill being passed by the Province that would prohibit municipalities from asking developers for money for public art. Member suggested reaching out to private business (other than developers) for sponsorship of public art works.

Veteran's Square

The City has obtained a grant to revitalize the cenotaph located at the corner of 48 and Highway 7. The project includes a substantial amount for public art, \$600K. While Linda Irvine will lead the project, she has asked the Culture Department to take the lead on the public art component. The project is a Council driven project being led by the Urban Design Department.

Benjamin Thorne

The City has received a grant for the Benjamin Thorne monument, which was to be located in front of the Thornhill Community Centre. The City is considering potentially moving the project to be located at the entrance of Pomona Mills Tennis Club. This location is actually within the Thornhill heritage district and closet to Benjamin Thorne's homestead. Staff will work with Canada 150 to determine if the move is acceptable and whether it will impact the grant.

Brainstorming Session

It was suggested that the Committee do a brainstorming exercise at its next meeting. The purpose of the exercise would be to provide the Committee with more structure, and with some key items it could work towards. A Member suggested hosting a public art event.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Paul Cosburn stepped down from the role of the Chair. He also advised that his term is up November 30, 2015, and that he is hoping to serve a second term on the Committee. The Committee elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Moved by Jenny Tung
Seconded by Adam Keung

That Steven Lusk be elected as Chair of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by Jenny Tung
Seconded by Alina Tarbhai

That Taleen Der Haroutiounian be elected as Vice - Chair of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Art Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:43 p.m.