

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE**

**Town of Markham
York Room - Civic Centre
January 19, 2011**

Members

Phil Howes
Diedre Kavanagh
Jonathan Mingay
Richard Morales
Diane More
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Peter Ross
Keith Thirgood
Helen Walter

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator
Robin Gauzas, Committee Clerk

Regrets

Ibrahim Ali
Diane Kobelansky

Guests:

Councillor Collin Campbell
Christine Matthews (*attending on behalf of
Diane Kobelansky*)

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:58 pm with Councillor Carolina Moretti as Chair.

Councillor Carolina Moretti introduced Ward 5 Councillor Colin Campbell, attending as an observer.

Kitty Bavington introduced Robin Gauzas Committee Clerk and informed members that Robin will now be taking over this committee from here on in. The Committee expressed appreciation to Ms. Bavington for her many years of support to the Committee, and welcomed Ms. Gauzas.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAIN STREET
MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010**

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on November 17th, 2010, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. UPDATES:

a) Main Street Markham Environmental Assessment

Peter Ross gave the new attendees some background information on the 12-year long planning and visioning projects that have occupied the Committee since it was created, resulting in several rejuvenation plans. Mr. Ross also advised that many of those on the Main Street Markham Committee were also part of the EA Community Advisory Committee and had met throughout the EA process to discuss the options in further detail. It was noted that a formal complaint was made regarding the area from Hwy 407 to Hwy 7, but it is expected to be resolved.

It is expected that the contract for first component of the Detailed Design Work (the area north of 16th Ave) will be awarded in next few weeks. The Request for Proposals for the second section will likely be sent out by the end of January and the Budget Subcommittee of Council is currently trying to find additional funds to extend the Detailed Design Work to include the entire area from Hwy 7 to 16th Avenue rather than doing the work in phases.

The Committee agreed that the entire project should be completed as one piece. The next Budget Sub-committee will occur on Monday January 24th; Councillor Moretti advised that she will bring forward the recommendation and report back to this committee.

The Detailed Design Work program for the area south of Hwy 7 was also discussed. The estimated design fees from Engineering staff in June 2010 were \$500,000 from Hwy 407 to Hwy 7, and the bridge would cost approximately \$900,000.

b) Interpretive Sub-Committee –Phase 2 of Interpretive Streetscape Program - Deferred

c) Public Washrooms - Regan Hutcheson advised that the contract was awarded over the Holidays. Construction begins next week and should be completed by the end of May.

d) Incoming Planning Applications - no new planning applications have been received.

e) Budget Subcommittee

Keith Thirgood advised that in addition to previous budget discussions, two additional items are being suggested for Councillor's Requests for budget money. \$5000 will be requested for Phase 2 of the Interpretive Streetscape Program. Funds will also be requested for plantings in the two parkettes. Deidre Kavanagh advised that she was of the understanding that the Committee received \$7000 for the parkettes last year. Staff was asked to confirm whether this was correct. Councillor Moretti advised that she will put forward a Councillor's request for the 2 parkettes and the \$5000 for the Interpretive Streetscape Program budget.

It was noted that the plants will be obtained through the Parks Department.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Mingay discussed the five-year Pathway implementation program, and questioned if the Committee should be commenting on it, with respect to the entrance point from Main Street. He will report back to committee next month with additional information. This item will be added to the next agenda. A public forum will be held for everyone to see the plans and have input.

4. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, February 16, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.