



**THIRD MEETING OF THE  
2016 BUDGET COMMITTEE  
CANADA ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE  
October 20, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio) Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Chair Councillor Amanda Collucci, Vice-Chair Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Karen Rea</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Regional Councillor Jim Jones</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Councillor Alan Ho</p>	<p><b>Staff Present:</b> Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community &amp; Fire Services Joel Lustig, Treasurer Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Alan Brown, Director of Engineering Brian Lee, Deputy Director of Engineering Graham Seaman, Director of Sustainability Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture Laura Gold, Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Budget Committee convened at 9:10 a.m. with Councillor Logan Kanapathi presiding as Chair.

**1. Answers to Questions from the Previous Budget Committee Meeting on the Engineering Items**

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering answered questions from the previous meeting on the Capital Budget Engineering Items.

*Capital Budget No. 16043, Illumination*

Alan Brown provided a breakdown of how the funds will be used under the capital budget request No. 16043, illumination. Most of the funds will be used to add streetlights to areas without streetlights or that have inadequate street lighting and some of the funds will be used for

miscellaneous streetlight requests. A verbal update was given on the intersections where additional street lighting would be provided.

A Committee Member asked staff to look at improving the street lighting at Highway 7 and 9<sup>th</sup> Line.

A Committee Member asked why it takes so long to fix streetlights that are out. Fixing of existing streetlights falls under the mandate of Community & Fire Services Commission. Staff advised that most streetlights are fixed right away, but if a wire underground needs to be replaced it can take several months to fix, as the work can only be done in the spring or summer.

The Budget Committee went into an in-camera session at 9:20 am.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Budget Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters:

- 1) ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE,  
INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE**  
[Section 239 (2) (f)]

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the Budget Committee resolve its in-camera session at 10:10 am.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

That the Budget Committee approve Engineering Capital Budget Item No. 16043 for Illumination.

CARRIED

*Capital Budget No. 16044, Intersection Improvements*

Alan Brown committed to reviewing the intersections under Markham's jurisdiction that require improvements in 2016, and prioritize for the 2017 budget process. The Committee requested that

staff to also approach the Region about improving regional intersections in Markham, and the City of Toronto about improving intersections along Steeles that border Markham.

The Committee requested that staff to consider improving the following intersections:

- Denison and Coppard
- Markham Road and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 9<sup>th</sup> Line and Fincham
- Highway 7 and McCowan (note: residents are coming south on McCowan and are having difficulty turning into the plaza so they make a u turn onto Southdale)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Deputy Jack Heath

That the Budget Committee approve Engineering Capital Budget Item No. 16044, Intersection Improvements.

CARRIED

*Capital Budget Item No. 16048, Multi Use Pathways (Phases 3 and 4)*

Alan Brown reviewed the funding and phases of the multi use pathway project. An update on the pathway development was provided.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Budget Committee approve Engineering Capital Budget Item No. 16048, Multi Use Pathways.

CARRIED

*Capital Budget Item No. 16049, Side Walk Improvements*

The Committee discussed the sidewalk improvement program and asked why it is taking so long for existing sidewalks marked for repair to be fixed. Brenda Librecz will ask the Asset Management Department to look into the inquiry and report back.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
 Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Budget Committee approve Engineering Capital Budget item No. 16049, Side Walk Improvements.

CARRIED

## 2. Continuation of the Review of the Capital Budget

The Committee continued its review of the Capital Budget:

<b><u>CAO, Legal, HR, &amp; Sustainability Office</u></b>			
	<i>Sustainability Office</i>		
16054	Bayview Glen SNAP - Parks Revitalization (Glencrest)	92,500	
16055	Centralized Building Automation System	106,300	<p>The Committee asked why the energy conservation projects are only being undertaken in certain Wards and what the projected annual savings are. Staff advised that the projects are first being undertaken in the Wards with larger Community Centres, as they are the largest utility users. The projected savings from the project is approximately \$58K per annum.</p> <p>The Committee requested that staff to ensure that the capital budget item “Centennial Community Centre Lighting Retrofit” is not a duplication of an energy conservation project being budgeted under this budget request. Staff will look into the inquiry and report back.</p> <p>A Committee Member provided staff with positive feedback on the energy conservation projects , and inquired when an update on the projects will be</p>

				provided to Council. Staff advised that an update will be provided at a General Committee meeting in 2016.
	16056	PowerStream Embedded Energy Projects	150,600	
<p>Moved Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Alex Chui</p> <p>That the Budget Committee approve the Sustainability Office Capital Budget Items.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>				
<b><u>Community &amp; Fire Services</u></b>				
	<b><i>Culture</i></b>			
	16078	Culture Public Art Program	395,000	<p>Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture, provided a breakdown of the costs and funding sources of the bronze monument of Benjamin Thorne proposed to be located in Thornhill in front of the Pomona Mill Tennis Club entrance. The project was originally proposed to be located at the Thornhill Community Centre, but the location was changed in an effort to reduce the cost of the project and to situate the monument closer to the heritage district, and to where Benjamin Thorne lived. Staff are seeking Canada 150's approval to change the location and scope of the project.</p> <p>The Committee asked why it would cost more to locate the monument at the Thornhill Community Centre than in front of the Pomona Mills Tennis Club. Staff advised that the cost is higher due to a driveway that would need to be moved to open up the space in front of the Community Centre, which adds an additional \$200k to the project cost.</p> <p>The Committee asked why the monument is so expensive. Staff advised that the monument is expensive because it is made out of bronze to sustain harsh weather conditions, and to last 100 years or more.</p> <p>The Committee asked about the maintenance of the</p>

				<p>monument. Staff advised that the monument will need to be re-finished every 3 to 5 years.</p> <p>The Committee asked if there is a risk that the monument could be stolen, as it is made out of bronze. Staff advised that the monument will be secured to the ground, which will make it difficult to steal.</p> <p>The Committee asked why this project was chosen. Staff advised that Council chose the project as it closely aligned with Canada 150's grant criteria, which requires making an improvement to existing infrastructure.</p>
<p>Move by Councillor Don Hamilton Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu</p> <p>That the Budget Committee approve Culture Capital Budget Item No. 16078, Culture Public Art Program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>				
	<b><i>Museum</i></b>			
	16079	Museum - Wilson Variety Hall Repairs	152,300	
	16080	Museum Site and Facility Maintenance and Improvements	200,200	
<p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu</p> <p>That the Budget Committee approve the Museum Capital Budget items.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>				
	<b><i>Theatre</i></b>			
	16081	Theatre Inclined Platform Lift Replacement	32,600	<p>The Committee requested that the Director of Culture to speak to the Theatre Manager about requiring the railing on the stairs going up to the stage be installed at all times to manage the risk of someone falling.</p> <p>Staff advised that the railings to stairway are sometimes removed at the request of the performers, as they can interfere with stages site lines. The Director of Culture will speak to the Theatre Manager about this matter.</p>

	16082	Theatre Stage and Audio Visual equipment replacement	157,600	
	16083	Theatre Stage Floor Replacement	63,200	
	16084	Theatre Washroom Upgrades (Phase 1 of 2)	148,000	A Committee Member suggested that staff look at improving the design of the washrooms when upgrading the washrooms at the Theatre.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath

That the Budget Committee approve the Theatre Capital Budget Items.

**CARRIED**

	<b>Arts Centres</b>			
	16085	Gallery Kathleen McKay Accessibility and Upgrades	48,300	A Committee Member suggested that the cost of the budget request may be underestimated. Staff advised that the cost is based on an estimate received from the City's Asset Management Department.
	16086	Gallery Washrooms	60,800	A Committee Member suggested that the Gallery washrooms need to be completely re-done.  Staff advised that they are no longer recommending that renovations be undertaken for cosmetic purposes due to current pressures on the Life Cycle Replacement and Capital Reserve.
	16087	Gallery Window/Door/Envelope Repair	32,600	

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That Budget Committee approve the Art Centres Capital Budget Items.

**CARRIED**

## **Adjournment**

The Budget Committee Adjourned at 11:27 p.m.