



**Minutes  
General Committee  
October 26, 2015  
Meeting Number 28**

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**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 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  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk  
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Bill Snowball, Fire Chief  
Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement  
& Regulatory Services  
David Porretta, Manager (Acting) Business & Technical  
Services  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Regional Councillor Joe Li

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:06 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair and Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

## **1. ROOMING/BOARDING HOUSES (10.0)**

Billy Van Gardanis, Markham resident addressed the Committee regarding illegal rooming houses and is requesting that the City update their by-law to ensure this issue can be regulated.

It was noted that although a dwelling might be violating current municipal zoning by-laws staff only have access through voluntary access into a dwelling, unless there is grounds to believe that an immediate threat to the life of an individual is at risk.

The Committee discussed the increasing number of complaints received related to safety conditions in areas where there are suspected illegal rooming house operations and the need for proper legislative authority.

There was discussion regarding the comprehensive zoning by-law review that is currently underway and the importance of public input. The Committee suggested that the Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Markham and the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing be invited to the public consultations regarding the comprehensive zoning by-law.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the deputation from Billy Van Gardanis, be received; and,

That staff be directed to invite all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) for Markham, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the public consultation relative to the comprehensive zoning by-law amendment.

Carried

## **2. STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA DISTRIBUTION (16.0)**

Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding standing committee agendas distribution.

The Committee suggested that when staff are preparing the 2016 Standing Committee and Council meeting calendar to keep to past practice of holding Council meetings on Tuesday evenings and Standing Committee meetings to a Monday or Tuesday. It was also suggested that the report deadline calendar be included.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the presentation by Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk regarding standing committee agenda distribution be received.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2015  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the October 7, 2015 General Committee meeting be confirmed.  
Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, OCTOBER 7, 2015  
AND OCTOBER 9, 2015 SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[September](#)   [October 7](#)   [October 9](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the September 28, 2015, October 7, 2015 and October 9, 2015 General Committee meeting be confirmed.  
Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015  
MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the September 24, 2015 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.  
Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.  
Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2015,  
APRIL 27, 2015, MAY 25, 2015 AND AUGUST 17  
2015 FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD (16.0)**  
[March](#) [April](#) [May](#) [August](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the minutes of the March 23, 2015, April 27, 2015, May 25, 2015 and August 17, 2015 Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 (7.12)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Month of September 2015” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution

Carried

**9. MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION REVIEW  
- MUNICIPAL ACT AND MUNICIPAL  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT (13.0)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#)

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk addressed the Committee and provided some background information relative to the Municipal Legislation Review - Municipal Act and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

The Committee reviewed the City of Markham recommendations for reforming the Municipal Act and suggested the following:

- Include clause stating that the municipalities want the same flexibility provided at the Provincial level
- Item #3 - 1. Strategic Planning; 2. Commercial Negotiations; and 3. Intergovernmental Discussions
- Library Boards should be included
- Include a standard code of conduct for all municipalities
- Item #12 - Ward Boundary reviews should be mandatory every 10 years

- Item #13 - delete
- Item #19 - include the word "immediately" update the current...
- Item #23 - delete

The Committee reviewed the City of Markham recommendations for reforming the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and suggested the following:

- Item #6 - include "and able to rely on the advice received"

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Report entitled "Municipal Legislation Review - Municipal Act and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act" be received; and,
- 2) That Markham City Council endorse the recommendations in Attachment "A" and Attachment "B" **as amended at the October 26, 2015 General Committee meeting**; and,
- 3) That the City Clerk be authorized to submit **Attachment "A" and Attachment B as amended**, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on behalf of Markham City Council; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**10. HALSTEAD DRIVE  
PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION (2.17)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

The Committee suggested that staff provide a memo outlining the results of the technical zoning by-law amendments made in 2012 relative to parking standards for Places of Worship and how it has affected older places of worship.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report entitled "Halstead Drive Parking Restriction," be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule "C" of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to restrict parking on the south side of Halstead Drive, from the west property line 57 Halstead Drive to Hollingham Drive, during the hours of 8am – 2pm, Saturday – Sunday only; and,
- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through the Operations Department account # 061-5350-14228-005; and,

- 4) That the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon installation of the signs and passing of the by-law; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**11. QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OPERATIONAL PLAN  
ENDORSEMENT AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW OUTCOMES (5.3)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report “Quality Management System Operational Plan Endorsement and Management Review Outcomes” be received; and,
- 2) That Council, as the Owner of the City’s drinking water system, acknowledges and endorses the revisions made to the City’s Quality Management System (QMS) Operational Plan; and,
- 3) That the Quality Management System Management Review Outcomes be received; and,
- 4) That Council, as the Owner of the City’s drinking water system, acknowledge and support the outcomes and action items identified from the second 2015 Management Review; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**12. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (11.0)**

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

**That the in-camera agenda be referred directly to the October 27, 2015 Council meeting:**

- (1) LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS  
(COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE) (11.0)  
[Section 239 (d)]

Carried

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:57 PM.

Carried