



**Minutes  
General Committee  
October 9, 2015  
Meeting Number 27**

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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**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Lisa Riegel, Assistant City Solicitor  
Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Public  
Library  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Colin Campbell

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 10:15 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

General Committee recessed at 11:20 AM to break out into round table discussions and reconvened at 12:25 PM.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN (3.19)**  
[Presentation](#) [Background Reports](#)

Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Public Library delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Library Strategic Plan 2015 to 2019.

The Committee discussed the following with respect to Markham Public Libraries:

- Partnerships is key for future program development
- Programs available for at risk youth
- The need of expanding library hours
- Cooperation between York University and Markham Public Libraries

Staff provided a synopsis of the feedback from the round table discussions regarding the following areas:

- Connecting people and communities
- Digital Inclusion
- Content that transforms lives
- Community Learning Hubs

Staff advised that they will prepare a document that will provide responses to the suggestions.

The Committee suggested that a memo be prepared for the October 26, 2015 General Committee meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:50 PM.

Carried