



**Minutes
General Committee
September 9, 2015
Canada Room
Meeting Number 22**

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

Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Amanda Collucci
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
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management
David Porretta, Acting Manager, Business & Technical Services
Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Taxation
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:19 AM with Councillor Alan Ho in the Chair and Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Chaired Building, Parks and Construction related items.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

1. TLC DAYCARE (8.2)

Elise Ho-Foong, Board member at TLC Daycare addressed the Committee regarding lease extension for TLC Daycare and requested that the lease be extended for one year and to reopen negotiations for Warden House and/or other City owned properties.

James Huo addressed the Committee with respect to the TLC Daycare lease agreement. He is requesting that a temporary lease extension be provided.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the depositions from Elise Ho-Foong, Board member at TLC Daycare and James Huo be received; and,
- 2) That the copy of e-mail dated February 10, 2015 be received.

Carried

**2. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2015
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the June 22, 2015 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2015 AND
JULY 13, 2015 CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June](#) [July](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the June 22, 2015 and July 13, 2015 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2015
HEINTZMAN HOUSE BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the April 30, 2015 Heintzman House Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2015
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the May 25, 2015 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2015
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the minutes of the May 25, 2015 Markham Public Library Board Annual General meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. TAX WRITE-OFFS UNDER SECTION 354
OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001
AND REPORTING (7.1)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That taxes totalling \$145,343 as set out in this report, of which the City's portion is \$45,315 be written off pursuant to the provisions of Section 354 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and,
- 2) That the Treasurer be directed to remove the taxes from the Collector's Roll; and,
- 3) That the Treasurer be directed to authorized to write-off the municipal tax portion account 820-820-7040; and further,
- 4) That staff be authorized to and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**8. CANCELLATION, REDUCTION OR REFUND OF
TAXES UNDER SECTIONS 357 AND 358 OF THE
MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 (7.1)**

[Report](#)

There was discussion regarding 141 Main St. Unionville and 145 Main Street Unionville that were improperly levied with BIA levy, but were not part of the BIA boundary. Staff confirmed that those errors are being corrected.

There was discussion regarding the process involved to establish boundaries for the Business Improvement Area (BIA) and objections to amendments to boundaries of the BIA.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report titled "Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes under Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*" be received; and,
- 2) That taxes totalling approximately \$151,610.54 be adjusted under Section 357 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* of which the City's portion is estimated to be \$37,371.59; and,
- 3) That the associated interest be cancelled in proportion to the tax adjustments; and,

- 4) That the Treasurer be directed to adjust the Collector's Roll accordingly; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

9. 14TH AVENUE & HOBBS GATE
- PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL (5.10)
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

- 1) That the report entitled "14th Avenue & Hobbs Gate – Proposed All-way Stop Control", be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule 12 of Traffic By-law 106-71, pertaining to compulsory stops, be amended to include all approaches to the intersection of 14th Avenue & Hobbs Gate; and,
- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs and pavement markings at the subject locations; and,
- 4) That the cost of materials and installation for the traffic signs and pavement markings be funded from capital project # 14228 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of \$500; and,
- 5) That York Regional Police be requested to enforce the all-way stop controls upon installation of these stop signs and passing of the By-law; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**10. BAYVIEW AVENUE AT PROCTOR AVENUE
-REMOVAL OF EXISTING “NO RIGHT TURN”
RESTRICTION (5.10)**

[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Ricardo Mashregi, Grandview Area Residents Association addressed the Committee regarding Bayview Avenue at Proctor Avenue – Removal of Existing No Right Turn Restriction and spoke in opposition.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the existing turn restriction at Proctor Avenue:

- Only remaining access into the community is via Steele Valley Road which is classified as a local road and John Street that has significant queuing occurring during peak periods
- Complaints received are primarily from Steele Valley Road residents
- Can Sprucewood be made a one-way street
- Can sidewalks be installed on Proctor Avenue
- Can a turn restriction be placed at Steele Valley Road

Staff advised that Engineering staff are looking at a long term transportation needs in the Thornhill Community, including mitigating the impact of new development in the Grandview area. Staff indicated that there is a Yonge/Steeles Transportation Study underway and that this issue should be referred to that study.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the report entitled “Bayview Avenue at Proctor Avenue – Removal of Existing No Right Turn Restriction”, be received **and referred back to staff**; and,
- 2) **That the deputation from Ricardo Mashregi on behalf of Grandview Area Residents Association and the communication from Marilyn Ginsburg, Thornhill resident dated September 8, 2015, be received; and further**
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**11. DANIELS-FAIRTY HOUSE EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST UPDATE – 7060 MARKHAM ROAD (5.0)**
[Report](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the report.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That Staff be authorized to issue a Expression of Interest (EOI) to seek external interests for a long term lease of the Daniels-Fairty House building/site and report back with the results for Council approval; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**12. REGION OF YORK
- PENDING WASTE REDUCTION AND RESOURCE
RECOVERY FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION UPDATE (12.2.6)**
[Letter](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the letter dated June 26, 2015 from Region of York regarding “Pending Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Framework Legislation Update” be received.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

13. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT (16.24)

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee and inquired when the appointments for Committee of Adjustment will be completed. It was noted that the interviews have been completed and that the Appointment Committee needs to meet to finalize the successful candidates.

14. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (7.3, 16.23 & 8.7)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters (11:05 AM):

- (1) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (PROPERTY TAX MATTER UNDER SECTION 373 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001) (7.3)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (REPORT OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REGARDING CONTRAVENTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT BY FORMER WARD COUNCILLOR HOWARD SHORE) (16.23)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (3) THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 5) (7.3)
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the General Committee rise and report from the in-camera session 11:54 AM.

Carried

- (1) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (PROPERTY TAX MATTER UNDER SECTION 373 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001) (7.3)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

This item has been forwarded to the September 28, 2015 Council meeting for adoption.

- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (REPORT OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REGARDING CONTRAVENTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT BY FORMER WARD COUNCILLOR HOWARD SHORE) (16.23)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

This item has been forwarded to the September 28, 2015 Council meeting for adoption.

- (3) DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND STOP UP AND CLOSE LANDS IN 1473092 ONTARIO LIMITED'S PHASE 1 RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (PLAN 65M-3759) (8.7)

General Committee reported out and approved this item for adoption at the September 28, 2015 Council meeting:

- 1) That the confidential report entitled "Declaration of Surplus and Stop Up and Close Lands in 1473092 Ontario Limited's Phase 1 Residential Subdivision (Plan 65M-3759)" be received; and,
- 2) That in accordance with By-law 178-96 the City declare certain lands described as Part of Lane W and Block 371 on Registered Plan 65M-3759 designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 65R-35808, City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York, as surplus, being lands originally set out for a small hydro notch shown on Attachments No. 1 and 2 to this report; and,
- 3) That subject to No. 2, above, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with 1473092 Ontario Limited to effect the re-conveyance of the surplus hydro notch, set out on Attachments No. 1 and 2 to this report; and,

- 4) That subject to No. 2 above, the City enact a By-law to stop up and close the lands described as Part of Lane W on Registered Plan 65M-3759, and designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 65R-35808, City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York, as set out in Attachment No. 5.; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 11:55 AM.

Carried