



**Minutes  
General Committee  
June 15, 2015  
Meeting Number 20**

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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 Joe Li  
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  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk  
Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer  
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services  
Mohammed Hosseini-Ara, Acting Director of Culture  
Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investments  
Alex Moore, Senior Manager, Purchasing & Accounts Payable  
Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

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.

General Committee recessed at 12:33 PM and reconvened at 1:16 PM.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS (CAMA)  
WILLIS AWARD FOR INNOVATION (12.2.6)**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the City of Markham receiving the Willis Award for Innovation.

Mr. Bruce Malcolm, President of Ravenhill Group Inc., CAMA's Awards of Excellence Partner addressed the Committee and presented the 2015 Willis Award for Innovation – over 100,000 population category to the City of Markham. The award recognises Markham's web portal – Digital Services for Citizens.

**2. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2015  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

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

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2015  
AND APRIL 15, 2015 ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**  
[February](#) [April](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the February 18, 2015 and April 15, 2015 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2015  
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Animal Care Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2015  
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the May 25, 2015 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2015  
FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM  
FOUNDATION BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the May 6, 2015 Friends of the Markham Museum Foundation Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2015, APRIL 9, 2015  
AND MAY 21, 2015 MARKHAM TRAIN STATION  
COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (16.0)**  
[March](#) [April](#) [May](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the March 12, 2015, April 9, 2015 and May 21, 2015 Markham Train Station Community Centre Board of Management meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2015  
RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2015  
AND MAY 6, 2015 SENIORS HALL  
OF FAME AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[April](#) [May](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the April 22, 2015 and May 6, 2015 Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2015  
VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2015  
VICTORIA SQUARE COMMUNITY  
CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

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

- 1) That the minutes of the March 23, 2015 Victoria Square Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 (7.12)**  
[Report](#)

There was discussion on the following staff awarded contracts:

- 082-T-15 Sanitary Trunk sewer & Manhole Inspection
- 093-T-15 Underground Streetlight Cable Replacement /Repair
- 083-Q-15 Consulting Services for Village Parkway Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction and Flow Diversion
- 096-T-15 Pomona Mills Erosion Restoration South of Kirk Drive
- 054-R-15 Detailed design and construction administration services for erosion restoration at Berczy Creek and the Rouge River

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

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

Carried

**13. 2016 BUDGET SCHEDULE (7.0)**  
[Report](#)

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

- 1) That the report dated June 15, 2015 entitled “Proposed 2016 Budget Schedule” be received; and,
- 2) That the following 2016 Budget schedule be approved with the dates and times below:

***Budget Committee Meeting #1*** – Tuesday, October 13, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #2*** – Friday, October 16, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #3*** – Tuesday, October 20, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #4*** – Friday, October 23, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #5*** – Tuesday, October 27, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #6*** – Tuesday, November 3, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #7*** – Tuesday, November 10, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Budget Committee Meeting #8*** – Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (9a.m. to 12p.m. – Canada Room)

***Public Meeting*** – Monday, December 7, 2015 (7p.m. to 9p.m. – Council Chamber)

***Special General Committee*** – Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (6p.m. to 6:30p.m. – Canada Room)

***Council Decision*** – Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (7p.m. – Council Chamber)

***Press Conference*** – Wednesday, December 16, 2015 (10a.m. – Canada Room); and,

- 3) That the draft presentation on the proposed 2016 Budget (based on the budget status following the November 17, 2015 Budget Committee meeting) for the public meeting be presented at the November 23, 2015 General Committee meeting; and,
- 4) That Councillor budget requests be forwarded to Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning, by Friday July 31, 2015; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**14. DEVELOPMENT CHARGES CREDIT APPLICATION  
- ANGUS GLEN VILLAGE LTD (7.11)**  
[Report](#) [Appendix A](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the City's credit reimbursement policy.

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

- 1) That the report entitled “Development Charges Credit Application – Angus Glen Village Ltd.” be received; and,
- 2) That Council authorize a City Wide Hard Development Charge credit for \$705,459.25, to Angus Glen Village Ltd. relating to the construction of a bridge over Bruce Creek connecting the East and West Villages in the Angus Glen community; and,
- 3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Development Charge Credit Agreement, if required, in accordance with the City’s Development Charge Credit and Reimbursement Policy, with Angus Glen Village Ltd., or their successors in title to the satisfaction of the Treasurer and City Solicitor; and further,
- 4) That staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this report.

Carried

**15. UPDATES TO MARKHAM’S POOL  
ENCLOSURE STANDARDS (2.15)**

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

There was brief discussion regarding the purpose of the By-law amendment. It was noted that the main amendment is changing it from the *Planning Act* to the *Municipal Act*.

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

- 1) That the report titled “Updates to Markham’s Pool Enclosure Standards” dated June 15, 2015, be received; and,
- 2) That Council repeal the current *Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law* (By-law 59-75); and,
- 3) That Council enact the proposed new By-law entitled “Pool Enclosure By-law” as outlined in this report and Attachment “A”; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**16. MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING  
- MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION REVIEW (13.2)**

[Memo](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#)

Attachment “B” - [Municipal Legislation Review](#) (Municipal Act, the City of Toronto Act & the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act)

Attachment “C” - [Municipal Elections Act Review](#)

The Committee suggested that the Clerk provide them with a list of proposed amendments.

There was discussion regarding whether Council should pass a resolution requesting an extension on the July 27, 2015 deadline for receiving comments. Staff noted that the Province has extended their consultation period for the Municipal Legislation Review to October 31, 2015.

The Committee suggested that the proposed clause (2) providing delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to submit comments be deleted.

There was discussion relative to the proposal of ranked ballots.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the memo entitled “Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Municipal Legislation Review”, be received; and,
- 2) **That City of Markham Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing extend the July 27, 2015 deadline for receiving comments to the *Municipal Election Act* to October 1, 2015; and,**
- 3) **That this recommendation be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all the municipalities within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); and further,**
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. ENBRIDGE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT  
- RENEWAL (8.2)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

**That the following recommendation be deferred to the June 22, 2015 General Committee meeting:**

- 1) That the report entitled “Enbridge Franchise Agreement - Renewal”, dated June 15, 2015, be received; and,



- 2) That Council approve the form of the Franchise Agreement and draft By-law attached hereto and authorize the submission thereof, and any other documents required, to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*; and,
- 3) That Council request the Ontario Energy Board to make an order dispensing with the assent of the municipal electors of the Franchise Agreement and attached draft By-law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*; and,
- 4) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into the Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. to give effect to the forgoing, said agreement to be in a form and content satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**18. RCC MEDIA DIGITAL SIGN PILOT PROGRAM (2.16)**

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

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the proposal for a digital sign pilot program.

Tony Romanelli, RCC Media addressed the Committee and provided a brief summary of the proposal for a digital sign pilot program.

The Committee discussed the following with respect to digital signs:

- How many billboards would be digital
- The amount of funds received by the City
- Are any electronic sign boards permitted with the City's current sign by-law?
- Potential driver distraction
- The need for public consultation

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

- 1) That the report entitled "RCC Media Digital Sign Pilot Program" dated June 15, 2015 be received.

Carried

**19. THE CITY OF MARKHAM'S CELEBRATE  
MARKHAM GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW (7.6)**

[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Attachment 1](#)  
[Attachment 2](#) [Attachment 3](#) [Attachment 4](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and provided some brief opening remarks with respect to the Celebrate Markham Grant program.

Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Celebrate Markham Grant Program review.

The Committee discussed the following with respect Celebrate Markham Grant program review:

- Have additional meetings with the stakeholders, the consultant, staff and Members of Council
- How many new groups are requesting funding?
- Current application deadline - should it be a longer period for submission ?
- Look closer at all applicant's financial position
- Funding options going forward –budget should be maintained at the current level of \$370,000 not reduced to \$345,000
- Concerns raised about supporting Kindred Spirits Orchestra and how to continue to fund it within this program?
- the Senior Clubs application process should be streamlined for ease of users
- The application process is important and should remain as part of the program
- The three major City run festivals should be treated differently within the Celebrate Markham Grant. Consider multi-year support for annual funding of three original festivals (Thornhill, Unionville and Markham Village. ) but ensure they provide financial documents annually.
- Can the consultations be held across the City to ensure inclusion of a variety of residents, businesses and organizations
- Consider a performance measurement /evaluation of events to determine the greatest value to the largest number of Markham constituents
- “City Operated Events - \$84,000” should not be moved to Corporate Communications but should be remain within the overall program under the stewardship of the Culture Department
- Consider streamlining the standard festivals (Thornhill, Unionville, Markham) that they will only need to apply every three years,
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The Committee suggested that the proposed clause 4 and clause 14 of the staff report be deleted.

Judi McIntyre on behalf of Markham Jazz Festival and addressed the Committee regarding the Celebrate Markham Grants program. She spoke in support of the program changes and requested that the City continue to support the Markham Jazz Festival.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture entitled “Celebrate Markham Grant Program Review”, be received; and,
- 2) That this report, *The City of Markham’s Celebrate Markham Grant Program Review*, be received **and endorsed in principle**; and,
- 3) That a meeting be held with various stakeholder groups including: existing community groups receiving funds through Celebrate Markham; members from the business community; and potential future applicants to communicate recommended changes to the Celebrate Markham Program which will ensure a transparent and equitable process for awarding the limited funds to qualified community groups; and,
- 4) That Council adopt the Vision for the Celebrate Markham Program - *Celebrate Markham is a transparent, inclusive and sustainable grant program that reflects Council’s vision for Markham as a City that enhances art & culture, active living, community engagement and social cohesion through the support of events and programs that bring the community together, attracts visitors and increases tourism*; and,
- 5) That Council adopt in principle the general criteria for Celebrate Markham eligibility (Part A) and the detailed criteria for the 3 individual funding streams (Part B), as outlined on Attachments 3 and 4; and,
- 6) That \$231,000 in funding, be divided into 3 funding categories: Cultural Events & Programs (\$65,000); Major Community Festivals & Sports Events (\$130,000); Seniors’ Programs (\$36,000); and \$30,000 remain for future allocation; and,
- 7) That decisions regarding funding for the Markham Arts Council (MAC) be brought forward as part of a separate report to Council following MAC’s presentation to Council on their strategic plan; and,
- 8) That the Culture Department lead and administer the Celebrate Markham Program by establishing a Staff Grant Review Committee, consisting of Staff from various Departments including: Recreation; Finance; Corporate Communications & Community Engagement, Human Resources, Economic Development and Culture to review and make recommendations on funding applications on an annual basis; and,
- 9) That the Staff Grant Review Committee provide an *Annual Funding Review* report, including recommendations on the Celebrate Markham Funding envelope for the following year along with allocations to the 3 funding streams to Budget Committee; and,
- 10) That all future funding requests from community and cultural groups be directed to the Celebrate Markham Program to be reviewed and decided upon through the Celebrate Markham process, as approved by Council; and,

- 11) That mandatory reporting of outcomes and financials be incorporated as a part of the application criteria requirements to ensure that groups receiving funding achieve their outcomes and that the granted funds are used appropriately; and,
- 12) That depending on the level of funding received, recipients be required to provide financial reporting, either a review engagement report, or profit loss statements (audited), as set out in the funding criteria; and,
- 13) That the funding envelope be based upon a \$1.00 per capita formula reviewed and updated every 4 years in accordance with Region of York population statistics; and,
- 14) That following the stakeholder meeting staff will report back with feedback from the community; and further,
- 15) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**20. AQUATIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM  
- A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CITY OF  
MARKHAM AND YORK REGION DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD (6.0)**

[Report](#)

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

- 1) The report titled “Aquatic Leadership Program – A Partnership between City of Markham and York Region District School Board” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the Aquatic Leadership Program partnership between the City of Markham and York Region District School Board as described in the report; and,
- 3) That the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services be delegated authority to execute the Aquatic Leadership Program partnership Memorandum of Understanding with York Region District School Board, based on approval by the City Solicitor; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**21. 2015 FUNDING FOR KINDRED SPIRITS  
ORCHESTRA & MARKHAM ARTS COUNCIL (7.6)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

**That the following recommendation be deferred to the June 22, 2015 General Committee meeting:**

- 1) That the report dated June 15, 2015 entitled “2015 Funding for Kindred Spirits Orchestra & Markham Arts Council” be received; and,
- 2) That the City of Markham not provide any further funding to Markham Arts Council (MAC) in 2015 beyond the third quarterly payment of \$15,000 and that MAC be directed to apply for funding in 2016 under the new Celebrate Markham Grant Program; and,
- 3) That the City of Markham not provide any further funding to Kindred Spirits Orchestra (KSO) in 2015 beyond the third quarterly payment of \$15,000 and that KSO be directed to apply for funding in 2016 under the new Celebrate Markham Grant Program; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**22. TO2015 PAN AM/PARAPAN AM GAMES  
- JUNE 2015 STATUS UPDATE (6.0)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

**That the following recommendation be deferred to the June 22, 2015 General Committee meeting:**

- 1) That the report TO2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games – June 2015 Status Update be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**23. YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM CAMPUS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti addressed the Committee and suggested that a Chair and Vice Chair be appointed to the York University Markham Campus Committee. He indicated that he would like to be the Chair. Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong addressed the Committee advising that she would like to be Co-Chair of the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong be appointed as Co-Chairs of the York University Markham Campus Committee and that Mayor Frank Scarpitti Chair the Committee meetings.

Carried

**24. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0 & 8.0)**

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

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 (1:16 PM):

- (1) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD AND A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM CAMPUS) (8.0)**

[Section 239 (2) (a)(c)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the General Committee rise and report from the in-camera session 1:45 PM.

Carried

- (1) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD AND A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM CAMPUS) (8.0)**

[Section 239 (2) (a)(c)]

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That staff be authorized to disclose, in general terms, the terms of the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) entered into with York University for York at York in Markham Centre; and,
- 2) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:59 PM.

Carried