



**Minutes
General Committee
May 26, 2015
Meeting Number 18**

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

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Barbara Rabicki, Manager Parks Operation
Peter Shields, Parks Maintenance
Robert Muir, Manager Stormwater
Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investments
Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Tax
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Alex Chiu

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.

General Committee recessed at 12:03 PM and reconvened at 12:51 PM.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

**1. FRED WATT, PRESIDENT, CUPE 905
REGARDING POWERSTREAM MERGER UPDATE (13.7)**
[Deputation](#)

Fred Watt, President, CUPE 905 addressed the Committee regarding the privatization of Hydro One and spoke in opposition. He is suggesting that the City of Markham send a resolution to the Province of Ontario to stop the sale of any part of Hydro One.

Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Seconded Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the deputation by Mr. Fred Watt, President, CUPE 905 regarding the privatization of Hydro One be received; and,
- 2) That the proposed resolution from Fred Watt, President, CUPE be referred to staff.

Carried

**2. COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEES
PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR
SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2015 (16.0)**
[Presentation](#) [Calendar](#)

Martha Pettit, Deputy Clerk delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Council and Standing Committee proposed meeting schedule for September to December 2015.

Mayrose Gregorios addressed the Committee regarding the Council and Standing Committee proposed meeting schedule for September to December 2015 and stated concerns. She is suggesting that the meetings be spread out throughout the week.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the proposed Council and Standing Committee meeting schedule for September to December 2015:

- Managing the size of meeting agendas
- Do not schedule day and night time Standing Committee meetings on the same day
- Consider holding General Committee and Development Services Committee meetings on alternate Mondays
- Consider holding the Development Services Committee Public Meetings the first and third Tuesday evenings per month
- Council Recognition Meetings - should pictures be taken with all Members of Council, can Ward Councillors play a bigger part during the meeting and does it need to be an official meeting
- Consider moving Staff Award Presentations to General Committee
- Try to incorporate formal breaks when meetings are anticipated to run for a long time

It was suggested that the following be addressed as part of the Procedural By-Law review report in the Fall 2015: attendance reports for Members of Council, quorum requirements for Standing Committees, composition of current Standing Committees, should there be a time limit when Members of Council are speaking to an item and how often should a Member of Council be permitted to speak on an item.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Martha Pettit, Deputy Clerk entitled “Council & Standing Committees Proposed Meeting Schedule for September-December 2015,” be received; and,
- 2) **That the scheduling Council and Standing Committees be as follows:**
 - **General Committee and Development Services Committee meetings be scheduled on alternate Mondays (1st, 3rd and 2nd, 4th respectively)**
 - **Development Services Committee Public Meeting be scheduled on Tuesday evenings (twice monthly)**
 - **Council meetings on alternate Tuesdays with a maximum of two meetings a month**
 - **No regular Council and Standing Committee meetings be scheduled in July and August; and,**
- 3) **That the start time for Development Services Committee Public Meetings and Council meetings remain at 7:00 p.m.; and,**
- 4) **That the current structure and schedule of the Council Recognition Meetings be referred back to staff; and further,**
- 5) **That the proposed meeting schedule for July to December 2015 be approved as amended at the May 26, 2015 General Committee meeting.**

Carried

**3. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL COMMITTEE
AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETINGS IN JUNE (16.0)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

- 1) That the report entitled “Request for Additional GC and DSC Meetings in June” be received, and
- 2) That an additional General Committee (GC) meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.; and

- 3) That an additional Development Services Committee (DSC) meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.;
- 4) That any items from the GC and DSC meetings requiring ratification by Council be brought forward at the June 23, 2015 Council meeting;
- 5) That should any additional meetings be required during the summer months the usual meeting notice requirements and communication process be utilized; and further
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**4. STORMWATER FEE NON-RESIDENTIAL
CONSULTATION AND CITY
–WIDE IMPLEMENTATION (5.5)**

[Presentation](#) [Report](#) [Attachment A](#)
[Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#) [Attachment D](#)

Joel Lustig, Treasurer delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Stormwater fee non-residential consultation and City-wide implementations. It was noted that the proposed recommendations will be considered at the June 15, 2015 Council meeting.

Jennifer Webb, Honda Canada Inc. addressed the Committee regarding the Stormwater fee non-residential consultation and City-wide implementation and stated some concerns. She indicated she agrees that the fee is needed and should be shared by all. However, Ms. Webb suggested that the City consider an acknowledgement (both in recognition and monetary) for those who have made a significant effort to manage stormwater on their own site.

It was noted that this stormwater fee program is directly related to infrastructure improvements. A credit system would apply if the improvements made by developers decreases the cost of the City's program. Any credit to a property owner would require the increase of the stormwater rate to cover the fixed cost of the program

Richard Cunningham, Markham Board of Trade addressed the Committee with respect to the Stormwater fee non-residential consultation and City-wide implementation and stated support for option (4) Two-tiered fee. He also stated support for recognition for companies that make significant efforts in environmental initiatives beyond building code requirements.

The Committee suggested that staff consider developing a non-monetary recognition program for companies that make significant efforts in environmental design initiatives for stormwater management.

The Committee requested that staff provide a brief memo outlining a history of watermain breaks.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Joel Lustig, Treasurer, entitled “Stormwater Fee Non-Residential Consultation and City-wide Implementation” be received; and,
- 2) That the report “Stormwater Fee Non-Residential Consultation and City-wide Implementation” be received; and,
- 3) That billing of the annual stormwater fee for Non-Residential property classes commence in 2016 at a rate of \$29 per \$100,000 of current value assessment (CVA); and,
- 4) That billing of the annual stormwater fee for vacant land properties commence in 2016 at an rate of \$29 per \$100,000 of CVA; and,
- 5) That the Treasurer be authorized to adjust the annual stormwater rate for Non-Residential and vacant land properties to compensate for the average change in City CVA; and,
- 6) That any property with a CVA of less than \$100,000 shall not have a stormwater fee imposed upon it; and,
- 7) That billing of the stormwater fee be included as a separate line item on the tax bill of the property; and,
- 8) That Staff identify and integrate short term flood risk reduction measures into the flood control program, predominantly in the Don Mills Channel area, to an upset limit of \$100,000 annually inclusive of HST; and,
- 9) That By-law 2014-168 be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the Stormwater Fee By-law as outlined in Appendix “A” to this staff report; and,
- 10) That staff be directed to develop and report back on a non-monetary recognition program for companies that make significant efforts in stormwater management; and,**
- 11) That the correspondence from Daryl Clemance, General Manager, Cadillac Fairview be received; and further,**
- 12) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2015 AND
MAY 13, 2015 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[May 11](#) [May 13](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the May 11, 2015 and May 13, 2015 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2015 AND MAY 12, 2015
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[April](#) [May](#) [Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the April 22, 2015 and May 12, 2015 Environmental Issues Committee meeting be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the below recommendations from the report entitled “Markham Trees for Tomorrow Fund, Funding Recommendations - Spring 2015” adopted at the May 12, 2015 Environmental Issues Committee be endorsed:
 - (a) That the funding application for 10,000 Trees for the Rouge in the amount of \$19,000 for their 26th Annual Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project in the south-east section of the Milne Park be approved; and,
 - (b) That the funding application for Friends of the Rouge Watershed in the amount of \$15,000 to support their 2015 Habitat Restoration Project in the south-east section of Milne Park be approved; and,
 - (c) That the funding application for Evergreen in the amount of \$24,000 for their Urban Stewards: Community Greening Initiative, be approved; and,
 - (d) That the funding application for LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) in the amount of \$23,000 to support LEAF's Backyard Tree Planting Program be approved; and,
 - (e) That the total amount of \$81,000 be funded from the 2015 Markham Trees for Tomorrow Capital Project account #700-101-5399-15224; and further,
 - (f) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these recommendations.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2015
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

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

The Committee discussed the following staff award contracts:

- 041-Q-15 Condition Assessment of Watermains on Crossing Structures
- 052-T-15 Roof Replacement at the Milliken Mills Library and Crosby Arena

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

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

Carried

**9. CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CAFETERIA
SERVICES AT THE MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE (7.12)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled “Contract Extension for Cafeteria Services at the Markham Civic Centre” be received; and,
- 2) That Contract for Cafeteria Services at the Markham Civic Centre be extended to 2267644 Ontario Inc. (Unique Caterers) for an additional two (2) years with same financial terms and conditions, commencing June 1, 2015 – May 30, 2017; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10. 2015 TAX RATES AND LEVY BY-LAW (7.3)
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report dated May 26th, 2015 entitled “2015 Tax Rates and Levy By-law” be received; and,
- 2) That a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of property taxes totalling \$609,326,272 required by the City of Markham, The Regional Municipality of York, Boards of Education and Business Improvement Areas, in a form substantially similar to Appendix A (attached), satisfactory to the City Solicitor and provides for the mailing of notices and requesting payment of taxes for the year 2015, as set out as follows, be approved;

Taxation Category	2015 Levy Amount
City of Markham	\$133,528,401
Region of York	\$265,617,816
School Boards	\$209,750,628
Markham Village BIA	\$223,445
Unionville BIA	\$205,982
Total	\$609,326,272

; and,

- 3) That staff be authorized to levy against Markham Stouffville Hospital and Seneca College the annual levy pursuant to Section 323 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as outlined in Section 9 of the attached by-law once the required information is received from the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities; and,
- 4) That the attached by-law be passed to authorize the 2015 Tax Rates and Levy By-law; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**11. 2015 UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
AREA AND MARKHAM VILLAGE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA OPERATING BUDGETS (7.4)**
[Report](#) [Exhibits I-IV](#)

There was discussion of newly constructed business properties located within the Markham Village BIA (MVBIA) boundary and when the new levies for these properties would commence. Staff advised Committee that supplementary MVBIA levies will commence upon completion of the construction on the property and the MVBIA levies shall be calculated retroactive to the date of occupancy.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled “2015 Unionville Business Improvement Area and Markham Village Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets” dated May 26, 2015 be received; and,
- 2) That the 2015 Operating Budget in the amount of \$290,319 for the Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA) be approved; and,
- 3) That the 2015 Operating Budget in the amount of \$271,870 for the Markham Village Business Improvement Area (MBIA) be approved; and,
- 4) That the Special Tax Rate levy, in the amount of \$205,982 for the UBIA members and \$223,445 for the MBIA members be included in the 2015 Tax Levy By-law; and,
- 5) That the MBIA provide the City with a resolution of the membership of the MBIA authorizing execution of an agreement with the City, pertaining to an interest free loan of \$32,000 to be paid back to the City of Markham over a 4 year period in the amount of \$8,000 per year from 2015 to 2018, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**12. AWARD OF CONTRACT 053-R-15 SANITARY
SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM (7.12)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled “Award of Contract 053-R-15 Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Program” be received; and,

- 2) That the Contract 053-R-15 for the Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Program be awarded to D.M. Robichaud Associates Ltd., in the total amount of \$1,056,122.00 inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 3) That a contingency in the amount of \$31,684.00 (3%), inclusive of HST impact, be established to cover any additional contingency costs, and that authorization to approve expenditures of this contingency amount up to the specified limit be in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,
- 4) That the award in the amount of \$1,087,806.00 (\$1,056,122.00 + \$31,684.00) be funded from the approved Waterworks capital budget for Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Program (account 053-6150-15293-005); and,
- 5) That the budget shortfall of \$60,641.00 inclusive of HST impact be funded from the Waterworks Capital Contingency Fund; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

13. POWERSTREAM MERGER UPDATE (13.7)

[Report](#) [Presentation](#)

Graham Seaman, Senior Manager, Sustainability delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update relative to a potential PowerStream merger.

There was discussion regarding the industry experts retained.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) That the report dated May 21, 2015 entitled “PowerStream Merger Update” be received; and,
- 2) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

14. MARKHAM PAN AM CENTRE
- “CELEBRATE THE POSSIBLE” (6.0)
[Presentation](#)

Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation addressed the Committee and provided some brief opening remarks relative to the Markham Pan Am Centre.

Janis Cookson, Manager, Sports Development delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Markham Pan Am Centre - Celebrate the Possible."

The Committee stated their content with the location of the Pan Am Centre and having a facility that will host major sports events at various levels such as Provincial, National, etc.

There was discussion regarding the operational costs.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation and Ms. Janis Cookson, Manager, Sports Development, entitled “Markham Pan Am Centre “Celebrate the Possible” be received.

Carried

15. EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE
- SPRING 2015 (5.0)
[Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Barbara Rabicki, Manager Parks Operation delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The Committee discussed the following relative to the EAB:

- Budget required
- Importance of completing the woodland assessment
- Importance of planting a variety of trees based on the various planting criteria
- Insecticide treatment considerations
- Further analysis on whether treatment should be continued or just replace the tree canopy
- Overlap between the tree replacement programs as a result of EAB and due to the December 2013 Ice Storm
- Selection process for tree replacements

The Committee commended staff for their achievements with the EAB program.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Barbara Rabicki, Manager, Parks Operations, entitled “Emerald Ash Borer - Update” be received; and,
- 2) That the staff report dated May 26, 2015 entitled “Emerald Ash Borer Update – Spring 2015” be received; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution

Carried

16. FIRE ANNUAL REPORT (7.15)
[Report](#) [Annual Service Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the Markham Fire and Emergency Services 2014 Annual Service Report be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. ANNUAL FIELD AGREEMENT
-YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (6.4)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report titled Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board be received; and,
- 2) That the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services be delegated authority to execute the Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board of Education, on an annual basis; and further,
- 3) That staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

18. MARKHAM SPORT HALL OF FAME (6.0)

[Report](#) [Terms of Reference](#)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the following recommendation be deferred to the June 1, 2015 General Committee meeting:

- 1) The report titled “Markham Sport Hall of Fame” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the establishment of a Markham Sport Hall of Fame at the Markham Pan Am Centre as described in the report; and,
- 3) That the Sport Development Sub Committee be thanked for their commitment and work in developing the Markham Sport Hall of Fames framework; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

19. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 11.0, & 8.0)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the in-camera agenda be referred directly to the May 26, 2015 Council meeting.

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
- May 11, 2015 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (e)]
- (2) **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (11.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (3) **THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL
BOARD (WARD 7) (8.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 2:56 PM.

Carried