



**Minutes  
General Committee  
March 23, 2015  
Meeting Number 10**

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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  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services  
Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Taxation  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 11:22 AM with Councillor Colin Campbell in the Chair and Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. REASSESSMENT MARKET UPDATE IMPACT  
2015 TAX YEAR - YEAR 3 OF 4 OF THE  
ASSESSMENT PHASE-IN (7.0)**  
[Presentation](#)

Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Taxation delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on reassessment market impact 2016 tax year - year 3 of 4 of the assessment phase-in.

There was considerable discussion regarding the tax rate adjustments to ensure that the City collects the same amount of taxes dollars as in the previous year.

The Committee suggested that the Finance Department work together with the Corporate Communications Department to ensure that this information is communicated in simple terms for Markham constituents.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenues & Property Taxation entitled “Reassessment Market Update Impact 2016 Tax Year – Year 3 of 4 of the Assessment Phase-In,” be received.

Carried

**2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2015,  
MARCH 2, 2015 AND MARCH 9, 2015  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[February](#) [March 2](#) [March 9](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the February 27, March 2, 2015 and March 9, 2015 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014  
AND JANUARY 21, 2015 ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**  
[November](#) [January](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the November 19, 2014 and January 21, 2015 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2014  
AND JANUARY 21, 2015 ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[December](#) [January](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the December 17, 2014 and January 21, 2015 Animal Care Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2015,  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015, FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
AND FEBRUARY 18, 2015 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[February 4](#) [February 9](#) [February 10](#) [February 18](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the February 4, 2015, February 9, 2015, February 10, 2015 and February 18, 2015 Budget Sub-Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2015  
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2014,  
DECEMBER 18, 2014 AND JANUARY 15, 2015  
MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[November](#) [December](#) [January](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the November 27, 2014, December 18, 2014 and January 15, 2015 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2015 AND  
FEBRUARY 4, 2015 FRIENDS OF THE  
MARKHAM MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD (16.0)**  
[January](#) [February](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the proposed park adjacent to the Markham Museum.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 14, 2015 and February 4, 2015 Friends of the Markham Museum Foundation Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2014  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015 GERMAN MILLS  
COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**  
[November](#) [February](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the November 13, 2014 and February 3, 2015 German Mills Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2014  
HEINTZMAN HOUSE BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the November 27, 2014 Heintzman House Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2015  
RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Race Relations Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the February 10, 2015 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**13. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2014,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2014, JANUARY 8, 2015  
AND FEBRUARY 12, 2015 MARKHAM  
TRAIN STATION COMMUNITY CENTRE  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING (16.0)**  
[October](#) [November](#) [January](#) [February](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the October 9, 2014, November 6, 2014, January 8, 2015 and February 12, 2015 Markham Train Station Community Centre Board of Management meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**14. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2015  
VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**15. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2014  
AND JANUARY 19, 2015 VICTORIA  
SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**  
[December](#) [January](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the December 15, 2014 and January 19, 2015 Victoria Square Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**16. AWARD OF TENDER 213-T-14 WEST THORNHILL  
- PHASE 1B STORM SEWER AND WATERMAIN  
REPLACEMENT (7.12)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled “Award of Tender 213-T-14 West Thornhill – Phase 1B Storm Sewer and Watermain Replacement” be received; and,
- 2) That the contract for Tender 213-T-14 West Thornhill – Phase 1B Storm Sewer and Watermain Replacement be awarded to the lowest priced Bidder, Lancorp Construction Co. Ltd., in the amount of \$6,279,388.22, inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) That a 10% contingency in the amount of \$627,938.82, inclusive of HST, be established to cover any additional construction 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 staff be authorized to award the contract administration/ construction inspection, geotechnical inspection, material testing and environmental inspection services to R.V. Anderson Associates Limited. in the amount of \$385,566.60 inclusive of HST, in accordance with the Purchasing By-Law, Part II Section 7 Non Competitive Procurement, item 1 (h); and,
- 5) That a 10% contingency in the amount of \$38,556.66, inclusive of HST, be established to cover any additional contract administration/ construction inspection, geotechnical inspection, material testing and environmental inspection services and that authorization

to approve expenditures of this contingency amount up to the specified limit be in accordance with the Expenditure Control Policy; and,

- 6) That Council pre-approve \$600,000 of the total \$4,925,700 from project 053-5350-15301-005 “Watermain Construction and Replacement Program; and,
- 7) That the construction and contract administration award in the amount of \$7,331,450.30 be funded from the following capital projects; 1) 058-6150-14271-005 “Flood Control Implementation – West Thornhill (Phase 1B),” 2) 058-6150-15014-005 “West Thornhill Flood Control Construction - Phase 1B” , and 3) 053-5350-15301-005 “Watermain Construction and Replacement Program” (details outlined in the Financial Considerations section); and,
- 8) That the Internal Project Management fee be funded from project 058-5350-15609-005 “West Thornhill Flood Control – Internal Project Management” in the amount of \$288,000; and,
- 9) That a 5-year moratorium be placed on any major servicing and utility installation along restored areas including Poinsetta Drive (west leg, from Daffodil Ave to 100 metres north of Laureleaf Road), Laureleaf Road (between Bayview Avenue and Daffodil Avenue), Wildrose Crescent (north leg, from Laureleaf Road to 20 metres east of Laureleaf Road) and Multiflora Place (from Laureleaf Road to 25 metres north of Laureleaf Road); and further,
- 10) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR  
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015 (7.0)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

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

Carried

**18. BANKING AND MERCHANT SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION (7.0)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report “Banking and Merchant Services Contract Extension” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized to extend contract 006-R-02 with TD Commercial Banking (TD Bank) for five years, ending on April 30th, 2020; and,
- 3) That Staff be authorized to enter into a Merchant Services Agreement with TD Merchant Services for five years May 1st, 2015 – April 30th, 2020; and,
- 4) That the Treasurer be authorized to extend the contract for Banking and Merchant Services for an additional five year period, May 1st, 2020 – April 30th, 2025, subject to the approval of the annual operating budget, performance and mutually agreed upon by both parties; and,
- 5) That the Request for Proposal (RFP) process be waived in accordance with Purchasing By-Law 2004-341, Part II, Section 7, 1(c), Non-Competitive Procurement, when the extension of an existing contract would prove more cost-effective or beneficial; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**19. ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT (JANUARY – DECEMBER) (5.3)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#)

There was discussion regarding the required number of water samples tested and the few adverse water quality incidents.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report titled “Annual Water Quality Report (January-December 2014)” as required by Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03, under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, enclosed herein be received; and,
- 2) That the Annual 2014 Regulatory Water Quality Report (Attachment “A”), containing information for the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on water



supply and quality as required by Section 11 of Ontario Regulation 170/03, under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, be received; and,

- 3) That Council acknowledge that staff posted the Annual 2014 Detailed Regulatory Water Quality Report on the City's website and that it has been made available electronically and in hard copy version by February 28, 2015 as per regulations; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **20. FIRST MARKHAM VILLAGE - 10 COX BLVD (5.1)**

Councillor Alan Ho addressed the Committee and advised that the condo at 10 Cox Blvd. has their own private disposal company that looks after the waste of the condominium. He would like staff to report back on whether this building could receive municipal waste collection or a tax rebate.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Alex Chiu

That staff be directed to report back at a future General Committee meeting with respect to whether the condominium dwelling at 10 Cox Blvd. can receive municipal waste collection or a tax rebate.

Carried

### **21. MORGAN PARK (6.3)**

Councillor Karen Rea advised the Committee that she has a petition requesting that the baseball diamond at Morgan Park not be removed.

There was discussion regarding previous studies advising that the current diamond is unsafe and substandard.

It was suggested that Linda Irvine be requested to attend a future General Committee meeting to provide an update the Morgan Park's proposed programming and design, to include the baseball diamond.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the petition regarding Morgan Park be received and referred to staff.

Carried

**22. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 16.0 & 16.24)**

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

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 (12:44 PM):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES  
- March 2, 2015 (16.0)**  
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (e)]
- (2) GERMAN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD  
- November 13, 2014 (16.0)**  
[Section 239 (2) (a)]
- (3) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL,  
INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES  
(BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT) (16.24)**  
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 12:49 PM.

Carried

**23. GERMAN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD MINUTES  
- November 13, 2014 (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

The Committee consented to receive the following German Mills Community Centre Board minutes in open session.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the German Mills Community Centre Board in-camera minutes dated November 13, 2014 be received for information purposes.

Carried

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:51 PM.

Carried