



**Minutes
General Committee
February 23, 2015
Meeting Number 6**

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 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
Lisa Riegel, Assistant City Solicitor
Jacqueline Chan, Assistant City Solicitor
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Phil Alexander, Deputy Fire Chief
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications & Community Engagement
Andrea Tang, Manager Financial Planning
Graham Seaman, Senior Manager, Sustainability
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Jim Jones

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:08 AM with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath in the Chair.

General Committee recessed at 10:45 AM and reconvened at 10:57 AM.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

**1. EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSION
-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (5.0)**

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the education and training session for emergency management.

Morris Faccin, Manager, York Region Emergency delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding York Region Emergency Management.

The Committee discussed the following relative to emergency management:

- The liaison roles between the City of Markham and York Region
- Potential duplication of fire safety roles between the municipalities and York Region
- Importance of community group volunteers during emergency situations
- Implementing improvements to ensure that a proactive approach to manage emergency situations is in place to reduce any significant risks
- Purpose of the annual emergency preparedness fair

Tom Lewis, Justice Institute of British Columbia delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the role of elected officials in emergency situations.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the role of elected officials in emergency situations:

- Various ways of communicating information when power is not available such as amateur/hand radio
- The role of the Mayor and members of Council as outlined in the City's Emergency Plan
- Importance of consistent, validated and most recent information being provided on regular basis

The Committee thanked Morris Faccin and Tom Lewis their presentations.

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

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

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

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2015
BUDGET COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the minutes of the January 23, 2015 Budget Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2014
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the Capital Budget request amount noted in the minutes.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the minutes of the December 15, 2014 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2015
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

6. 2015 BUDGET UPDATE (7.0)

[Presentation](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the presentation titled "2015 Budget Update", dated February 23, 2015, be received.

Carried

**7. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014 (7.12)**

[Report](#)

There was brief discussion regarding staff award 143-R-14 Consulting Services for the Detailed Design of Intersection improvements including Feasibility Studies.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

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

Carried

**8. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 220-R-14
CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICE FOR
SHORT-TERM SANITARY FLOW MONITORING (7.11)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the report entitled “Request for Proposal (RFP) 220-R-14 Consulting Engineering Services for Short-term Sanitary Flow Monitoring” be received; and,
- 2) That contract (220-R-14) for Consulting Engineering Services for Short-Term Sanitary Flow Monitoring be awarded to the highest ranked bidder/lowest priced bidder “Calder Engineering Ltd.”; and,
- 3) That the term of the contract be for one (1) year with the option to renew for additional two (2) one year periods in the total award amount of \$431,910.15 inclusive of HST:
2015 - \$143,970.05
2016 - \$143,970.05
2017 - \$143,970.05
Total \$431,910.15; and,
- 4) That an annual contingency amount of \$14,397.00 (inclusive of HST) be established to cover any additional 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,

- 5) That the award be funded from the 2014 capital account 760-101-5699-14300 (12 Month Wastewater Flow Monitoring – Phase 2 of 8) and capital account 760-101-5399-14313 (Sanitary System Downspout Disconnection Program – Phase 2 of 8) as outlined under the financial template section of the report; and,
- 6) That the remaining funds in the amount of \$69,233.00 be returned to the original funding source; and,
- 7) That the Director of Environmental Services be authorized to exercise the option to renew the contract in year 2 and 3 subject to performance and Council approval of the annual budget; and further,
- 8) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**9. 2015 REASSESSMENT MARKET
UPDATE REPORT- YEAR 3 OF 4 (7.0)**

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

It was suggested that staff provide a brief presentation to further explain market value update impact by residential home.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the report entitled “2015 Reassessment Market Update Report– Year 3 of 4” along with the detailed attachment “2015 Reassessment Market Update – Ward by Ward Analysis” be received for information; and,
- 2) That staff be authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

10. 2015 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE (7.4)

[Memo](#) [Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the Memorandum dated February 23, 2015 entitled “2015 Waste and Wastewater Rate Increase”; and,
- 2) That the minutes of the February 10, 2015 Water and Waste Water Public Information meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MARKHAM CELEBRATES
EARTH MONTH -2015 (12.2.6)**
[Report](#)

Staff provided a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding Earth Month.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report titled Markham Celebrates Earth Month 2015 be received; and,
- 2) That as Council proclaimed on January 27, 2015 that Earth Month 2015 be from March 28 to April 30, includes the following events;
 - a. Earth Hour at Cornell Community Centre and Library on March 28, 2015
 - b. Earth Month Celebration at Thornhill Community Centre and Library on April 11, 2015
 - c. Keep Markham Beautiful clean up events throughout the month of April
 - d. 10,000 Trees for Rouge annual habitat restoration event being held on Sunday, April 26, 2015; and,
- 3) That the Environmental Issues Committee coordinate Earth Month's annual organization, funding and promotion; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

12. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GRANT (6.0)
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the Age Friendly Community Grant report be received; and,
- 2) That Council support the application of the Age Friendly Community Planning Grant; and,

- 3) That Council endorse the development of a local age-friendly planning process; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

13. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 16.24 & 8.0)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

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 (12:54 PM):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
–February 2, 2015 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (e)]
- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS) (16.24)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (3) LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (OMB - WARD 8) (8.0)
[Section 239 (2) (e)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 1:00 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:00 PM.

Carried