



**Minutes
General Committee
January 12, 2015
Meeting Number 3**

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
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
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Laurie Rose, PanAm Strategic Activation Team Lead
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:07 AM with Councillor Colin Campbell in the Chair and Councillor Alan Ho Chaired Community Services related items.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

**1. GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION AWARDS (12.2.6)**

Councillor Logan Kanapathi on behalf of all Members of Council congratulated Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Joel Lustig, Treasurer, Andrea Tang, Manager Financial Planning and all the staff involved in the budgeting process for achieving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting.

**2. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2014
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the December 15, 2014 General Committee meeting be confirmed.
Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2014,
OCTOBER 6, 2014 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2014
BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**

[August](#) [October](#) [November](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the August 11, 2014, October 6, 2014 and November 3, 2014 Box Grove Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.
Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
GERMAN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the September 30, 2014 German Mills Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.
Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2014
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
MARKHAM ENTERPRISES CORPORATION (13.7)**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the following Members of the Markham Enterprises Corporation be adopted for the City of Markham, for a term ending November 30, 2018, to take effect immediately:

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Vice-Chair: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Members: All Members of Council

Carried

**7. GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION AWARDS (12.2.6)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report dated January 12, 2015 entitled "Government Finance Officers Association Awards" be received and;
- 2) That the formal presentation on the receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and the Canadian Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the annual financial report for the year ended December 31, 2013 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) be received.

Carried

**8. CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANTS
PROGRAM REVIEW (7.6)**

[Presentation](#) [Grant Application](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner, Community & Fire Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding a proposed process to undertake a review of the current Celebrate Markham Grant program.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the program review of the Celebrate Markham Grants:

- Investigate what other municipalities are doing including City of Toronto
- Provide information on grant programs offered by the Province and York Region for social services areas
- Role and cost of the external consultant

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Brenda Librecz, Commissioner, Community & Fire Services, entitled “Celebrate Markham Grants Program Review,” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the process outlined in the presentation to undertake a program review of the Celebrate Markham Grant Program for implementation in 2016; and further,
- 3) That General Committee approve that a Council workshop be held in February to establish *vision/principles/outcomes/funding envelope formula*.

Carried

9. MARKHAM PAN AM UPDATE (6.0)

[Presentation](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner, Community & Fire Services provided opening remarks with respect to the opening and use of the Markham Pan Am Centre, as well as preparations underway to be ready for the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

Laurie Rose, Pan Am Strategic Activation Team Lead, outlined some of TO2015 Organizing Committee’s recent actions along with the overarching strategy and actions of the Markham Pan Am Host Advisory Committee for community activation.

The Committee discussed the importance of engaging Markham residents and business community including the City’s Business Improvement Areas (BIA's), as well as multicultural media, into this international event to embrace sport and cultures.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Brenda Librecz, Commissioner, Community & Fire Services, and Ms. Laurie Rose, Pan Am Strategic Activation Team Lead, entitled "Markham Pan Am Update," be received.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

10. MARKHAM SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL CENTRE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS (6.0)

Councillor Karen Rea addressed the Committee requesting permission to access all past confidential reports related to the Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre.

**Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke**

That Council approve access to the confidential consultants' report relative to the Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre, through the Legal Department, under controlled circumstances with the City Solicitor, for the new Members of Council, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Karen Rea and Councillor Amanda Collucci.

Carried

12. CANADA POST SERVICE CHANGES (13.0)

There was brief discussion regarding Canada Post's announcement with respect to transitioning door-to-door mail delivery to community mailboxes.

It was suggested that a similar motion to the one that the Town of Richmond Hill passed be considered.

**Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea**

Whereas Canada Post requested a key staff person to assist Canada Post in their efforts to replace door to door mail delivery with community mailboxes (C.M.B.) in affected wards; and,

Whereas moving to C.M.B. delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people living with mobility and health challenges and could undermine their ability to live independently and will be compounded during inclement weather; and,

Whereas the proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, such as paving, lighting, snow removal, and policing related to vandalism and mail theft; and,

Whereas this proposed change would have an adverse economic effect on our communities with regards to the loss of jobs; and,

Whereas this proposed change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries;

Therefore be it resolved that:

Prior to any service adjustments being implemented by Canada Post and prior to any assistance by City of Markham Staff, the City of Markham as part of our service responsibilities to our residents requires:

- 1) That Canada Post conduct Town Hall meetings or open communication (in addition to the Canada Post mailed surveys with the residents being affected by the service change) for all concerned residents; and,
- 2) That the Town Hall meetings be hosted by the local member of Parliament (M.P.) and/or other elected representatives of the community, with Canada Post representatives and all other local councillors to discuss what kind of postal services City of Markham residents need; and,
- 3) That the City of Markham not endorse Canada Post actions prior to the consultation process being satisfactorily completed; and,
- 4) That the City of Markham send a letter to Deepak Chopra, Chief Executive Officer, Canada Post, to inform Canada Post that the City of Markham supports the existing delivery system and wishes to retain this valuable service for our communities; and further,
- 5) That the City of Markham send a copy of this motion to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, York Regional Council and all other municipalities in the York Region and the G.T.A. for endorsement and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, all York Region M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s.

Carried

13. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 16.0, 8.0 & 8.6)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

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 (10:59 AM):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
– DECEMBER 15, 2015 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (e)]
- (2) GERMAN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD
- SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (3) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE
MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 2) (8.0)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]
- (4) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE
MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 8) (8.6)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 12:24 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:25 PM.

Carried