



**Minutes  
General Committee  
September 15, 2014  
Meeting Number 18**

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**Finance & Administrative Issues**

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

**Community Services Issues**

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu  
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

**Environment & Sustainability Issues**

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke  
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

**Building, Parks, & Construction Issues**

Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

**Alternate formats are available upon request.**

**Attendance**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Howard Shore  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Alan Ho  
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  
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services  
Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning  
Barb Rabicki, Manager of Parks Operations  
Mohammed Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture  
Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator  
Gary Adamkowski, Senior Manager, Facilities  
Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:08 AM with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 3:05 PM. Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items; Councillor Valerie Burke Chaired Environment and Sustainability and Councillor Logan Kanapathi Chaired Building, Parks and Construction related items.

General Committee recessed at 9:50 AM and reconvened at 10:53 AM. General Committee recessed at 12:02 PM and reconvened at 12:54 PM.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. 2014 JUNE YEAR-TO-DATE REVIEW OF  
OPERATIONS AND YEAR END PROJECTION (7.4)**  
[Presentation](#)

Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the June 2014 Year-to-Date review of Operations and Year-End Projection.

There was brief discussion regarding the potential of receiving Provincial support for the 2013 December Ice Storm.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the presentation provided by Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning titled "June 2014 Year-To-Date (YTD) Review of Operations & Year-End Projection" be received.

Carried

**2. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the September 8, 2014 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2014 AND JUNE 9, 2014  
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[May 12](#) [June 9](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the May 12, 2014 and June 9, 2014 Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2014 AND MAY 26, 2014  
FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD (16.0)**  
[April 28](#) [May 26](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the April 28, 2014 and May 26, 2014 Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2014  
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. CANCELLATION, REDUCTION OR REFUND OF  
TAXES UNDER SECTIONS 357 AND 358 OF  
THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 (7.1)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes under sections 357 and 358 of the *municipal act, 2001* be received; and,
- 2) That taxes totalling approximately \$78,658.57 be adjusted under section 357 (in the amount of \$19,037.64) and section 358 (in the amount of \$59,620.93) of the *municipal act, 2001*, of which the city's portion is estimated to be \$16,851.64; and,
- 3) That the associated interest be cancelled in proportion to the tax adjustments; and,
- 4) That the treasurer be directed to adjust the collector's roll accordingly; and further,

- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**7. 2014 JUNE YEAR-TO-DATE REVIEW OF  
OPERATIONS AND YEAR END PROJECTION (7.4)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “2014 June Year to Date Review of Operations and Year End Projection” be received.

Carried

**8. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR  
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2014 (7.12)**

[Report](#) [Attachments](#)

There was brief discussion regarding staff award 060-S-14 Highway 7 Watermain Replacement – Detailed Design from Warden Avenue to immediately west of CN railroad tracks in Unionville.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Months of June, July and August 2014” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**9. KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA  
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (9.0)**

[Report](#)

Kristian Alexander, Music Director addressed the Committee requesting that the City of Markham provide a \$23,000 financial support for 2014 and \$15,000 per quarter beginning in 2015 for Kindred Spirits Orchestra.

The Committee discussed the potential of using funds from section 37 to support the financial request by Kindred Spirits Orchestra.

There was discussion regarding the City of Markham's 2014 operating budget deficit and that if the financial request by Kindred Spirits Orchestra is approved it would be rolled into that deficit. It was noted that the deficit will be dealt with during the 2015 budget process and would be funded through reserves or considered through the calculation of municipal taxes for 2015.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled "Kindred Spirits Orchestra Request for Financial Assistance" be received; and,
- 2) **That the City of Markham support the financial request by Kindred Spirits Orchestra Markham in the amount of \$23,000 to the end of 2014; and,**
- 3) **That the City of Markham support up to \$15,000 quarterly to Kindred Spirits Orchestra beginning in 2015 until staff report back; and further,**
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

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Note\*\* At the September 23, 2014 Council meeting the recommendation for Kindred Spirits Orchestra was amended please see Council minutes.

**10. DEVELOPMENT CHARGE CREDIT/  
REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION -  
NORTH MARKHAM AVENUE 7 DEVELOPERS GROUP;  
1820266 ONTARIO INC. AND  
UNIONVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORP. (7.11)**  
[Report](#) [Appendices](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “Development Charge Credit/Reimbursement Application – North Markham Avenue 7 Developers Group; 1820266 Ontario Inc. and Unionville Development Corp.” be received; and,
- 2) That Council authorize Area Specific Development Charge credits and reimbursement from Area Specific By-laws for Areas 9, 42B-6 and 42B-8 not exceeding \$4,777,701, to the North Markham Avenue 7 Developers Group for the construction of the Sheridan pond, Sheridan storm sewer, and Highway 7 storm sewer from Village Parkway east along Highway 7 to the Sheridan pond; and,
- 3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Development Charge Credit and Reimbursement Agreement, in accordance with the City’s Development Charge Credit and Reimbursement Policy, with the North Markham Avenue 7 Developers Group, or their successors in title to the satisfaction of the Treasurer and City Solicitor; and,
- 4) That Council authorize Area Specific Development Charge credits and reimbursement from Area 9 not exceeding \$400,250, to 1820266 Ontario Inc. and Unionville Development Corp. for the construction of a roundabout on Village Parkway; and,
- 5) That Council authorize Area Specific Development Charge credits and reimbursement from Area 9 not exceeding \$44,553, to 1820266 Ontario Inc. and Unionville Development Corp. for the construction of a dedicated left turn lane on Village Parkway at Highway 7; and,
- 6) That Council authorize Area Specific Development Charge credits and reimbursement from Area 9 not exceeding \$206,409, to 1820266 Ontario Inc. and Unionville Development Corp. for the construction of dedicated bike lanes along Village Parkway; and,

- 7) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Development Charge Credit and Reimbursement Agreement, in accordance with the City's Development Charge Credit and Reimbursement Policy, with 1820266 Ontario Inc. and Unionville Development Corp., or their successors in title, to the satisfaction of the Treasurer and City Solicitor; and,
- 8) And that the Development Charge credits and reimbursement be phased as outlined in this report; and,
- 9) That a By-law be passed to amend the Fee By-law 2002-276 to include a cost recovery fee applicable to each credit and/or reimbursement request to be charged for the Engineering, Legal and Finance Departments costs incurred relating to the preparation and administration of a Development Charge Credit and/or Reimbursement agreement. The fee, which is structured in the following manner, will be payable at the execution of a credit and/or reimbursement agreement or any other relevant agreement:
  - A minimum fee of \$1,500 to review a development charge credit and/or reimbursement request
  - A fee equivalent to 1.0% of the value of the public works, to a maximum of \$10,000
  - In instances where the City's costs to prepare and administer a credit and/or reimbursement agreement exceed the fee structure set out above, such fees shall be separately quantified and invoiced to the applicant; and further,
- 10) And that staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this report.

Carried

**11. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
DURING THE 2014 ANNUAL SUMMER RECESS  
AS PER BY-LAW 4-2000 (7.0)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled "Delegation of Authority to Chief Administrative Officer during the annual 2014 summer recess as per By-law 4-2000" be received, and
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**12. 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET PRE-APPROVAL (7.5)**

[Report](#) [Appendices](#)

Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning addressed Committee and provided a verbal update relative to the 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Change "Boxgrove" to two separate words "Box Grove" Hill East Parkette
- Cornell Community Park - ensure consultation is done with respect to the proximity of this part to the Rouge National Park
- Emerald Ash Borer Program - should we consider putting more funds into 2015
- West Thornhill Flood Control Construction - consider including what is already completed
- Resurfacing program - provide an e-mail to Members of Council showing which roads have been completed
- Cornell Community Park - confirm the acreage of this park
- In future consider an off-leash dog park in the east end of Markham

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report dated September 15, 2014 entitled, "2015 Capital Budget Pre-Approval" be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the 2015 Capital Budget pre-approval which totals \$26,647,500 as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried



### 13. MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (16.24)

#### [Report](#)

The Committee briefly discussed that there is only one Thornhill representative.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Report Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 be received; and,
- 2) That the following Appointments of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council be confirmed for the term September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015; and further,

Name	Ward in which the Youth resides	School	Grade
Loreta Chan, Co-Chair	3	Markville S.S.	11
Joeffre Braga, Co-Chair	5	St. Brother Andre C.H.S.	12
Nirushi Mohan	7	Markham District H.S.	12
Tina Zhong	1	Thornhill S.S	12
Jeffrey Li	3	Markville S.S	12
Jennifer Cheng	7	Markham District H.S.	12
Michelle Lu	4	Markham District H.S.	12
Yu Xin Shi	8	Milliken Mills H.S.	12
Justin Jen	4	St. Augustine C.H.S.	10
Joyce Chan	5	Unionville H.S.	10
Scott Zhang	6	Unionville H.S.	11
Gary Li	4	Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.	12
Monica Xu	4	Bayview S.S.	11
Nikolai Peram	2	Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.	9
Januut Nadeem	6	Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.	10
Ethan Wong	7	St. Brother Andre C.H.S.	11
June Xu	2	St. Roberts C.H.S.	11
Nicholas Vadivelu	8	Marc Garneau C.I.	10
Jessica Duncon	5	Markham District H.S.	10

Eason Gao	6	Unionville H.S.	11
Jasmyne Eastmond	4	Markham District H.S.	11
Megan Niu	4	Marc Garneau C.I.	9
Vruksha Vakeeswaran	4	Markville S.S.	11
Marie Song	2	Bayview S.S.	11
Aman Mathur	7	Markville S.S.	10

- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

#### **14. EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE (5.0)**

##### [Presentation](#)

Barb Rabicki, Manager of Parks Operations delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Emerald Ash Borer.

There was discussion regarding the importance of having an inventory of all the trees throughout the City that will assist with the approach of replanting and ensuring that the diversification of trees is maximized.

The Committee briefly discussed the damaged trees along Highway 407 right-a-way. Staff will follow up on that. There was considerable discussion regarding the total number of ash trees removed to date and the expected number of trees to be removed prior to the end of 2014.

The Committee suggested that staff report back with a summary of what trees will be planted.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the presentation provided by Barb Rabicki, Manager of Parks Operations titled “Emerald Ash Borer 2014 Update” be received.

Carried

**15. PUBLIC ART UPDATE/PAN AM PUBLIC ART (6.0)**

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

Mohammed Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update relative to Public Art.

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator delivered a PowerPoint providing an update regarding the various forms of public art being done throughout the City.

The Committee briefly reviewed the proposed recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee and consented to approve the artwork proposal from Marlene Hilton Moore. The Committee suggested that the consideration for the artwork proposal for the Markham Museum be considered at the September 16, 2014 Development Services Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the report entitled “Public Art Update/Pan Am Public Art” be received; and,
- 2) That the presentation entitled “Public Art Update” be received; and,
- 3) That a new Culture Department 2014 capital project be created for ‘Pan Am Public Art’; and,
- 4) That the remaining funds from the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Buzz Events’ in the amount of \$15,717.35 in account 031-222-0074 be transferred to the new ‘Pan Am Public Art’ account; and,
- 5) **That the Public Art Advisory Committee extract dated September 10, 2014 be received; and,**
- 6) **That Council approves the recommendation of the Public Art Committee that approved the artwork proposal for TACC Development’s Upper Unionville Development submitted by Marlene Hilton Moore; and further,**
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**16. EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE (5.0)**

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

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the report entitled “Emerald Ash Borer Update” be received; and,
- 2) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. MARKHAM ARTS COUNCIL  
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (6.0 & 7.6)**

[Report](#) [Appendices](#)

Jane Milrose, Chair of the Markham Arts Council addressed the Committee and distributed a financial spreadsheet and briefly reviewed it.

The Committee discussed providing Markham Arts Council with the same financial assistance as suggested for Kindred Spirits Orchestra.

The Committee suggested that clause 6 in the staff report be deleted from the proposed recommendation.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report dated September 5, 2014 entitled “Markham Arts Council Request for Financial Assistance” be received; and,
- 2) That staff do not recommend approval of the requested \$150,000 per year grant for the years 2015-2018; and,
- 3) That MAC be requested to complete a strategic plan outlining clear strategic imperatives and outcomes for the next 3-5 years and report back the results to Council in Q1 2015; and,
- 4) That Council defer the 2014 loan repayment in the amount of \$6,600 to November 2015 with the remainder to be repaid in equal installments of \$6,600 annually until paid in full; and,
- 5) **That the City of Markham support the financial request by MAC in the amount of \$23,000 for 2014; and,**

- 6) **That the City of Markham support up to \$15,000 per quarter to MAC beginning in 2015 until staff report back; and further,**
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

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Note\*\* At the September 23, 2014 Council meeting the recommendation for the Markham Arts Council was amended please see the Council minutes.

**18. CITY-WIDE STREAM EROSION MASTER STUDY UPDATE  
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (5.7)**  
[Report](#) [Attachments](#)

Robert Muir, Manager, Stormwater delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City-Wide Stream Erosion Master Study Update – Class Environmental Assessment.

There was brief discussion regarding other potential funding sources for erosion in parks.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the report entitled “City-wide Stream Erosion Master Study Update, Class Environmental Assessment,” dated September 8, 2014 be received; and,
- 2) That the recommendation to complete erosion restoration at priority erosion sites along Markham’s water courses as detailed in the Environmental Study Report (ESR) be endorsed; and,
- 3) That staff be authorized to file the ESR for the mandatory 30 day public review; and,
- 4) That staff report back in 2015 with a 5-year implementation plan for restoration of priority sites including funding, easement, inspection and maintenance requirements for private property erosion restoration sites; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**19. SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY  
PROJECT UPDATE (6.6)**

[Presentation](#)

Gary Adamkowski, Senior Manager, Facilities delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update relative to the Southeast Community Centre and Library project.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the presentation provided by Gary Adamkowski, Senior Manager, Facilities “South East Community Centre and Library Project Update” be received.

Carried

**20. SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT  
STATUS REPORT AND NEXT STEPS (6.6)**

[Presentation](#)

Ronji Borooah, City Architect delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Southeast Community Park Project – Status Report and Next Steps.”

There was brief discussion relative to the proposed draft conceptual park plan and it was suggested to consider having the “water play” area become an ice skating area in the winter. It was also suggested that the Junior Play area be moved closer to the parking lot.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the presentation provided by Ronji Borooah, City Architect titled “Southeast Community Park Project Status Report” be received.

Carried

**21. COMMUNICATION FROM  
UNIONVILLE BIA REGARDING  
MARKHAM ARTS COUNCIL REQUEST  
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (6.0 & 7.6)**

[Letter](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the letter from Shauna Podrunzy, Chair and Mary Pan, Executive Director of the Unionville BIA providing comments with respect to the item titled "Markham Arts Council Request for Financial Assistance" be received.

Carried

**22. SAFETY ISSUES ON SENATOR REESOR'S DRIVE NORTH (5.10)**

[Letter](#)

Regional Councillor Gord Landon advised the Committee that an e-mail was sent regarding traffic infiltration and safety issues on Senator Reesor's Drive north. It was suggested that this be referred to staff and York Region.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the letter dated September 14, 2014 from Gord Walter, President, Sherwood Amber Glen Ratepayers Association be received; and,
- 2) That the letter be referred to City of Markham staff and York Region staff.

Carried

## **23. IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

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 (3:05 PM):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 (16.0)  
[Section 239 (2) (c) (c) (b), (b) (b) (c)]
- (2) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 5) (7.0 & 16.11)  
[Section 239 (2) (c)]
- (3) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 7) (8.6)  
[Section 239 (2) (c)]
- (4) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (WARD 2) (8.6)  
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 3:35 PM.

Carried

## **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 3:36 PM.

Carried