



**Minutes
General Committee
May 5, 2014
Meeting Number 12**

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
Bill Snowball, Fire Chief
Paul Ingham, Director of Operations
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Christopher Alexander, Supervisor Licensing & Standards
Brett Lucyk, Public Realm Coordinator
Andrea Tang, Manager Financial Planning
Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue & Property Tax
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee meeting convened at the hour of 9:06 AM with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items.

Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

1. PET OWNER LOYALTY CARD PROGRAM (2.8)

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks relative to the Pet Owner Loyalty Card Program.

Deb Lind, Pet Connect delivered a brief oral presentation regarding the reward program.

There was brief discussion regarding the relationship between Markham veterinarian clinics and the reward program.

The Committee thanked Trinela Cane, Christopher Alexander and the Animal Care Committee for moving this program forward.

The Committee inquired whether condo corporation boards can prohibit owners from having pets in the building. Staff confirmed that prohibition on pets in condos is enforceable.

There was discussion regarding the definition of "responsible pet owner." It was suggested that a definition be included in their handouts, website, etc.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the presentation provided by Deb Lind from Pet Connect regarding the Pet Owner Loyalty Card Program be received.

Carried

**2. ONTARIO SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS NEW CONTRACT AND INITIATIVES (2.8)**

Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services provided some brief opening remarks with respect to the new contract and initiatives between the City of Markham and OSPCA.

Judi Cannon, Regional Manager Central Region, OSPCA delivered a presentation regarding the contract and initiatives between the City of Markham and the OSPCA.

The Committee congratulated Ms. Cannon on all their positive initiatives.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the OSPCA:

- Pet adoption
- Volunteer program
- Toronto Wildlife Centres
- Definition of a "pet" (it was noted that municipalities have by-laws to control exotic animal ownership)

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the presentation provided by Judi Cannon, Regional Manager Central Region, from the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) regarding the new contract and initiatives be received.

Carried

3. GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS (12.2.6)

Andrea Tang, Manager Financial Planning provided some opening comments with respect to the Government Finance Officers Association Awards.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti on behalf of all Members of Council congratulated 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.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the verbal presentation from Andrea Tang, Manager Financial Planning regarding the Government Finances Officers Association Awards, be received.

Carried

**4. SHARED PLACES OUR SPACES,
MARKHAM'S PUBLIC REALM (5.6)**
[Presentation](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and provided some opening remarks with respect to Markham's Public Realm. She thanked the Subcommittee members for all their efforts in bringing this forward.

Brett Lucyk, Public Realm Coordinator delivered a presentation entitled "Share Places Our Spaces, Markham's Public Realm."

The Committee discussed the following relative to Markham's Public Realm:

- Ensure that parks engage and connect community members
- Importance of gateways into communities
- Need to increase horticultural displays
- Include more photographs with individuals with disabilities when presenting to the public
- Include a preamble that outlines all the objectives together
- Developers who also include public realm in their development projects
- Public realm is enhanced with well planned urban design and architectural designs

David McBeth, Markham resident addressed the Committee regarding Markham's Public Realm and spoke in support. He suggested that principles and objectives of the public realm be incorporated with the various planning application process.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the presentation provided by Brett Lucyk, Public Realm Coordinator entitled "Share Places Our Spaces, Markham's Public Realm" be received; and,
- 2) That the deputation from Mr. David McBeth, be received.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2014
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

There was considerable discussion regarding the recommendation to schedule a Public Information Meeting prior to the end of Spring 2014 relative to the Ice Storm of December 2013 (Item #4 of the April 28, 2014 General Committee meeting minutes).

The Committee suggested that communications relative to the Ice Storm be enhanced through the City's website and the Markham Page, and that a Public Information meeting be scheduled in the beginning of November 2014. It was suggested that representatives of PowerStream be invited to this meeting to provide an update.

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the April 28, 2014 General Committee meeting be confirmed **as amended below:**

Item #4 (Ice Storm Response and Recovery Plan Update) Recommendation #2

Delete the following Recommendation No. 2:

"That staff be authorized to schedule a Public Information Meeting prior to the end of Spring 2014"

and replace with the following revised Recommendation No. 2:

"That staff be directed to schedule a Public Information meeting in early November 2014 and that representatives of PowerStream be invited to provide an update."

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2014
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the March 19, 2014 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2014
BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

There was discussion regarding the Pest Control contractor.

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Box Grove Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2014
SENIORS HALL OF FAME
AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

There was discussion regarding the Senior Hall of Fame nomination forms. It was suggested that the poster and business card for the Senior Hall of Fame be forwarded to Commissioner Cane and Commissioner Librecz to have the information placed in the City's Community Centres and hand out at any City festival that have a City of Markham booth. It was confirmed that the Senior Hall of Fame will be promoted at the City of Markham Canada Day Event again this year.

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the March 27, 2014 Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27 AND
MARCH 17, 2014 CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Jan. 27](#) [Mar. 17](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the January 27 and March 17, 2014 Canada Day Committee meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2014
FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM
FOUNDATION BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Friends of the Markham Museum Foundation Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2014
MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the April 17, 2014 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**13. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2014
RBC MARKHAM-MILLIKEN CHILDREN'S
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the March 27, 2014 RBC Markham Milliken Children's Festival Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**14. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19 AND
APRIL 16, 2014 UNIONVILLE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (16.0)**
[Mar 19](#) [Apr 16](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the March 19 and April 16, 2014 Unionville Business Improvement Area Board of Management meetings be received for information purposes.

Carried

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

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report dated April 28, 2014 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, 2013 and the Canadian Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the annual financial report for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) be received.

Carried

**16. 065-T-14 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY TWENTY
FOUR (24) VARIOUS VEHICLES (7.12)**
[Report](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “065-T-14 Supply and Delivery Twenty Four (24) Various Vehicles” be received; and,
- 2) That the contract for supply and delivery of various vehicles be split and awarded to the lowest priced bidders for each respective vehicle in the following amounts:

➤ Woodbine Truck Centre Ltd.	\$302,430.72
➤ Performance Chrysler	\$126,681.02
➤ Giles Chevrolet Ltd.	\$115,826.28
➤ Airport Nissan	\$ 42,444.10
➤ Maciver Dodge Limited	\$158,447.44
➤ East Court Ford Lincoln	<u>\$ 77,377.28</u>
➤ Total Award	\$823,206.84 (Inclusive of HST); and,
- 3) That the award be funded from the various accounts as identified within the financial considerations section of this report in the amount of \$823,206.84; and,

- 4) That \$96,100.00 of the remaining balance of \$127,444.39 be utilized for “Markhamizing” the units and \$31,344.39 be returned to the original funding source; and,
- 5) That upon delivery of the new vehicles, the following 23 units: 1231, 3336, 3374, 3375, 1246, 1248, 1268, 1269, 3338, 3319, 3352, 3353, 3357, 3377, 8056, 8057, 9410, 9411, 9412, 9097, 3332, 2175, and 2192 be sold in accordance with Purchasing By-law 2004-341, Part V, Disposal of Personal Property and proceeds be posted to account 890 890 9305; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. 2014 UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
AREA AND MARKHAM VILLAGE BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA OPERATING BUDGETS (7.4)**
[Report](#) [Attachments](#)

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “2014 Unionville Business Improvement Area and Markham Village Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets” dated May 5, 2014 be received; and,
- 2) That the 2014 Operating Budget in the amount of \$234,098 for the Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA) be approved; and,
- 3) That the 2014 Operating Budget in the amount of \$301,796 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 \$215,327 for the MBIA members be included in the 2014 Tax Levy By-law; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

18. 2014 TAX RATES AND LEVY BY-LAW (7.3)
[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

The Committee discussed the following:

- Residential condominium properties entitled to receive a rebate for waste collection and requested that the dollar figure be included in the by-law
- Markham Stouffville Hospital and Seneca College levy
- Railway Rights of Way levy
- Owners' portion of debt charges pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 390/02*

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report dated May 5th, 2014 entitled “2014 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 \$581,288,631 required by the City of Markham, 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 2014, as set out as follows, be approved:

Taxation Category	2014 Levy Amount
City of Markham	\$127,272,021
Region of York	\$250,447,258
School Boards	\$203,148,043
Markham Village BIA	\$215,327
Unionville BIA	\$205,982
Total	\$581,288,631

; 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 2014 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

**19. UNIONVILLE THEATRE COMPANY
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (7.6)**
[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

There was discussion regarding the suggestion for the Unionville Theatre Company to try and raise funds through the Gala for Giving.

It was suggested that this item be deferred to the May 26, 2014 General Committee meeting to allow the opportunity for Carlene Flynn, President of the Unionville Theatre Company to meeting with Regional Councillor Gord Landon to discussion the potential of raising funds through the Gala for Giving event.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That the following item be deferred to the May 26, 2014 General Committee meeting:

- 1) That the report dated April 28, 2014 entitled "Unionville Theatre Company Request for Financial Assistance" be received; and,
- 2) That Council not approve a gift or loan in the amount of \$35,000 to the Unionville Theatre Company; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

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

There was discussion regarding "rest period" for natural fields.

Moved Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 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 authorized to execute the 2014 Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board of Education in a form satisfactory to the City solicitor; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**21. SHARED PLACES OUR SPACES,
MARKHAM'S PUBLIC REALM
DRAFT STRATEGY (5.6)**
[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the staff report titled "Shared Places Our Spaces - Markham's Public Realm Draft Strategy", dated May 5, 2014 be received; and,
- 2) That the document "Shared Places Our Spaces - Markham's Public Realm Draft Strategy" dated May 5, 2014 be endorsed in principle including the Public Realm Vision and Strategy; and,
- 3) That Council direct the Commissioner of Community & Fire Services to engage the community for input on the draft strategy and document, and report back based on public feedback and any recommended changes by February 2015; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

22. TENNIS CLUBS POLICY (6.0)

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

There was brief discussion regarding the City's insurance policy.

The Committee inquired about the City's responsibility and the Club's responsibility. Staff advised that minor repairs are the responsibility of the Club and that major repairs are split 50/50 between the City and the Club.

There was discussion regarding public access times. Staff was asked about the status of signage at Unionville Tennis Club for 911 situations.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report entitled "Tennis Clubs Policy" be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the revised Tennis Clubs Policy as per Attachment A; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

23. FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY (4.0)

[Report](#)

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the report entitled "Fire Underwriters Survey" be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**24. COMMUNICATION REGARDING A
PROPOSED MARKHAM CULTURAL
UNITY AND DIVERSITY FESTIVAL (6.0)**

[Letter](#)

It was noted that the Markham Village Business Improvement Area already has a "Unity Festival."

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the letter dated April 23, 2014 from Dr. Roz's Healing Place of Scarborough, Ontario regarding a proposed Annual Markham Cultural Unity and Diversity festival be received; and,
- 2) **That Deputy Mayor Jack Heath and Councillor Logan Kanapathi be appointed to work with Dr. Roz to sort out the conflict in the proposed name of the festival and the logistics of the event.**

Carried

25. SCHOOL CROSS GUARD (5.12)

Councillor Don Hamilton advised the Committee that there is currently no cross guard at the busy intersection of Kennedy Road and Bridal Trail and that there is no back up. Staff confirmed that they will follow up with David Porretta to try and find a replacement cross guard for this location.

26. IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho

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 (1:00 PM):

- (1) **GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES - APRIL 7 AND APRIL 28, 2014 (16.0)**
[Section 239 (2) (c) (b) (b), (b) (b) (d) (b) (c), (c) (f)]

- (2) SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES - APRIL 14, 2014 (16.0)
[Section 239 (2) (a) (c) (f)]

- (3) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING
MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES (BOARD/COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS) (16.24)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

- (4) THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL
BOARD (FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY) (4.0)
[Section 239 (2) (a)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session 1:31 PM.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:33 PM.

Carried