



**Minutes  
General Committee  
February 3, 2014  
Meeting Number 5**

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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  
Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management  
Paul Ingham, Director of Operations  
Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services  
Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste & Environmental Management  
Bob Penner, Manager, Utilities, Survey & Asset Database  
Graham Seaman, Senior Manager Sustainability  
Warren Rupnarain, Accessibility Coordinator  
David Porretta, Supervisor, Traffic Operations  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee convened at the hour of 10:30 AM with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair; Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items and Councillor Valerie Burke Chaired Environment and Sustainability related items.

General Committee recessed at 1:40 PM and reconvened at 2:21 PM.

**Disclosure of Interest**

None disclosed.

**1. 2014 OPERATING BUDGET (7.4)**

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

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report dated February 3, 2014 entitled, “2014 Operating Budget” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve a 2.33% tax rate increase to the City’s tax levy to support the City’s day-to-day operations; and,
- 3) That Council approve an additional 0.16% tax rate increase to fund the response and recovery costs associated with the December 2013 ice storm; and,
- 4) That Council approve the 2014 Operating Budget for City services totalling \$187,466,019 (excluding the 2013 surplus/deficit) which includes a 2.49% tax rate increase over 2013 (\$180,795,409), of which the principal components are detailed in Appendix 1; and,
- 5) That the gross operating expenditures of \$187,466,019, (excluding the 2013 surplus/deficit), be funded from the following sources:

<b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>2014 Budget \$</u></b>
Taxation Levies	130,499,439
Grants-in-lieu of Taxes	1,209,007
Grant & Subsidy Revenues	1,554,994
General Revenues (Investment Income, Fines, Permits, Interest & Penalties)	26,498,941
User Fees & Service Charges (User Fees, Rentals, Sales)	23,158,473
Other Income / Recoveries	4,545,165
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>187,466,019</b>

- 6) That Council approve the 2014 Planning & Design Operating Budget totalling \$7,829,268, (excluding the 2013 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 2; and,
- 7) That Council approve the 2014 Engineering Operating Budget totalling \$6,527,807, (excluding the 2013 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 3; and,
- 8) That Council approve the 2014 Building Standards Operating Budget totalling \$8,386,048, (excluding the 2013 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 4; and,

- 9) That upon finalization of the 2013 audited financial statements, the 2014 Operating, Planning & Design, Engineering and Building Standards Operating Budgets be adjusted to reflect the 2013 operating results; and,
- 10) That a copy of the Budgets be made available to the public through the Clerk's Department, the City website and each of the Markham Public Libraries; and,
- 11) That the "Additional Financial Disclosure Requirements Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09" be received for information purposes; and further,
- 12) 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 February 11, 2014 Council meeting the clause (3) was amended as follows:  
"That Council approve an additional 0.16% tax rate increase to replenish the Corporate Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund to partially offset the costs associated with the December 2013 ice storm in the City of Markham"

**2. GERMAN MILLS MEADOW AND  
NATURAL HABITAT  
(FORMER SABISTON LANDFILL) SITE -  
STATUS UPDATE (5.7)**  
[Presentation](#)

Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management addressed the Committee to introduce the two consultants.

Bob Penner, Manager, Utilities, Survey & Asset Database delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation providing a status update for the German Mills Meadow and Natural Habitat (former Sabiston Landfill) site.

Mr. Bob James, Settlers Park Residents Association addressed the Committee with respect to the additional rehabilitation work and monitoring at the German Mills Meadow and Natural Habitat (former Sabiston Landfill) site and spoke in opposition to the installation of additional monitoring wells. He is requesting that the proposed project be delayed at least a year.

Ms. Eileen Liasi, German Mills Residents Association addressed the Committee regarding the additional rehabilitation work and monitoring at the German Mills Meadow and Natural Habitat (former Sabiston Landfill) site and stated some concerns. She is requesting that the proposed project be delayed for another 4-5 years considering the life cycle of the bird species.

The City Solicitor pointed out that the City has retained two experts/consultant firms to make recommendations to develop and implement a plan. If the City is going to reject their recommendations (which should only be done with contrary equally professional advice from another expert supporting Council's actions) it would highly increase the City's risk of liability if there were adverse affects found in the future. The City Solicitor also provided some offense provisions from various Acts with jurisdiction.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Importance of stopping leachate from affecting downstream/downgradient properties
- That the City must remain in compliance with regulatory requirements such as Ontario Water Resources Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Ontario Environmental Protection Act, Canadian Fisheries Act.
- Implementation of monitoring well prior to April 1, 2014 would be the least intrusive time
- Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has considered the impact to the natural environment and given approval with a deadline of April 1, 2014. These permits are not easily obtained
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) permit received
- Exceedances of Regulatory standards
- Importance of properly monitoring the surface water and the deep aquifer ground water
- The number of current wells and how many more proposed wells, and access road locations
- The consultants recommendations are based on multiple sets of monitoring data and exceedances
- Role of the MNR

Tim Westgate, Associate Hydrogeologist from AMEC Environment & Infrastructure and Ian Roul, Biologist from Dillon Consultant Limited responded to various questions raised by Committee.

It was noted that staff and the consultants have taken all the necessary steps to minimize environmental impacts.

The Committee suggested that staff set up some additional meetings with the Liaison Committees to explain the City's monitoring results, findings and recommendations.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the presentation entitled "German Mills Meadow and Natural Habitat (Former Sabiston Landfill) Site - Status Update" be received for information.

Carried

**3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2014  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 20, 2014 General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**4. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2014  
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 27, 2014 Special General Committee meeting be confirmed.

Carried

**5. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2013  
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the December 18, 2013 Animal Care Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**6. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2013  
VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION  
OF MARKHAM (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the December 9, 2013 Varley-McKay Art Foundation meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**7. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013  
FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM  
FOUNDATION BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Friends of the Markham Museum Foundation Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**8. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2014  
VICTORIA SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the January 16, 2014 Victoria Square Community Centre meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**9. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013  
BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the November 13, 2013 Box Grove Community Centre Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**10. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2013  
MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Markham Public Library Board meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**11. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2013  
MARKHAM CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the minutes of the September 16, 2013 Markham Canada Day Committee meeting be received for information purposes.

Carried

**12. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2013  
AND JANUARY 15, 2014 ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**  
[Nov. 20](#) [Jan. 15](#) [Communications](#)

Kim McKinnon, Community Legal Worker addressed Committee to provide some background information with respect to York Region's proposed plan to outsource the Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel.

Councillor Valerie Burke and Councillor Hamilton who are the Council representatives for the Advisory Committee on Accessibility advised Committee of some of the concerns raised at the January meeting with respect to York Region's proposed plan to outsource the Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel. It was noted that the proposed motion passed unanimously at the advisory committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the minutes of the November 20, 2013 and January 15, 2014 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meetings be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That based on the information presented by the Concerned Citizens for Accessibility and Mobility Group at the January 15, 2014 Advisory Committee on Accessibility meeting, the Advisory Committee on Accessibility expressed its concerns regarding York Region's proposal to outsource the Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel; and,
- 3) That Markham Council recommend to York Region that it maintain the current structure of the Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel until a more comprehensive review is conducted; and,
- 4) That Markham Council recommend to York Region that a Member of the Markham's Advisory Committee on Accessibility be included in this review; and,
- 5) That Markham Council recommend to York Region that all York Region Advisory Committees on Accessibility be consulted on any future changes to the structure of Mobility Plus; and,
- 6) **That the deputation from Kim McKinnon, Community Legal Worker be received; and,**
- 7) **That the correspondence dated January 30, 2014 from Arlene Juanillo, Member of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility, providing comments on the Advisory Committee on Accessibility's resolution on the Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel be received; and,**



- 8) That the correspondence dated January 31, 2014 from Sidney Polak, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility, providing comments on the Advisory Committee on Accessibility's resolution on the Mobility Plus Eligibility Appeal Panel be received; and,
- 9) That the correspondence dated February 3, 2014 from Joan Jenkyn, member of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility be received; and further,
- 10) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**13. 2013 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)**  
[Report](#) [Attachments](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report dated February 3, 2014 entitled "2013 Investment Performance Review" be received; and further,
- 2) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**14. PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL AT  
BUR OAK AVENUE AND SWAN PARK ROAD (5.12)**  
[Report](#) [Attachments](#)

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report entitled "Proposed All-way Stop Control at Bur Oak Avenue & Swan Park Road", be received; and,
- 2) That, to improve pedestrian safety within the school zone, Schedule 12 of Traffic By-law 106-71, pertaining to compulsory stops, be amended to include all approaches to the intersection of Bur Oak Avenue & Swan Park Road; and,

- 3) That the existing school crossing guard service be relocated from its current location to the subject intersection upon installation of the all-way stop control; and,
- 4) That the Operations Department be directed to install and remove the appropriate signs and pavement markings at the subject locations; and,
- 5) That the cost of materials for the installation and removal of applicable traffic signs, pavement markings and boulevard restoration be funded from capital project # 14228 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of \$2,000; and,
- 6) That York Region Police be requested to enforce the all-way stop control upon installation of these stop signs and passing of the By-law; and further,
- 7) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**15. REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS -  
DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY AND  
DELRAY DRIVE (5.12)**

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

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report entitled “Request for Traffic Signals – Donald Cousens Parkway & Delray Drive” be received; and,
- 2) That York Region staff be requested to evaluate the intersection to determine if traffic signals are justified, based on York Region’s Traffic Signal Warrant policy and recognizing the needs of pedestrians; and,
- 3) That York Region staff be requested to report back to City Council regarding the results and recommendations; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**16. REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS -  
BOX GROVE BYPASS AND  
RIVERWALK DRIVE (5.12)**

[Report](#) [Attachments](#) [A. Mohamed Letter](#)

David Porretta, Supervisor, Traffic Operations addressed Committee and briefly summarized the details outlined in the report.

It was suggested that clause three be amended to have York Region report back by April 2, 2014.

Councillor Logan Kanapathi distributed a letter received by Ashma Mohammed requesting that traffic signals be installed.

There was discussion regarding traffic data for this intersection. Staff advised that York Region would have that data.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report entitled “Request for Traffic Signals - Box Grove Bypass & Riverwalk Drive” be received; and,
- 2) That York Region staff be requested to evaluate the intersection to determine if traffic signals are justified, based on York Region’s Traffic Signal Warrant policy and recognizing the needs of pedestrians; and,
- 3) That York Region staff be requested to report back to City Council **by April 2, 2014** regarding the results and recommendations; and,
- 4) **That the letter dated November 18, 2013 from Ashma Mohamed, be received; and further,**
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**17. ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT  
(JANUARY - DECEMBER 2013) (5.3)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#)

Peter Loukes, Director Environmental Services summarized the details outlined in the report.

It was suggested that future reports have a chart outlining the adverse water quality.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the report titled “Annual Water Quality Report (January-December 2013)” 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 2013 Regulatory Water Quality Report (Attachment “A”), containing information for the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) 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 directs staff to post the Annual 2013 Detailed Regulatory Water Quality Report on the City’s website and that it be made available and provided to residents upon request in hard copy version by February 28, 2014; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**18. YORK REGION SM4RT LIVING LONG  
TERM WASTE MASTER PLAN -  
STAFF COMMENTS (5.1)**  
[Report](#)

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste & Environmental Management summarized the details outlined in the report.

There was brief discussion regarding clear bags.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report entitled "York Region SM4RT Living Long Term Waste Master Plan - Staff Comments" be received; and,
- 2) That a copy of this report is forwarded to York Region and the Local Municipalities for their information; and further,
- 3) 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 February 11, 2014 Council meeting the following clauses were added:

"That York Region be requested to support and promote the implementation of Clear bags for garbage residue, Zero Waste for Schools and enhanced strategies to recycle electronic waste and batteries with its municipal partners; and,

That York Region request Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) to accept and report out Markham's 2013 diversion results as part of the WDO's 2013 Municipal Datacall release."

**19. COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
ACCESSIBILITY'S RESOLUTION  
ON THE MOBILITY PLUS ELIGIBILITY  
APPEAL PANEL (16.0)**  
[Communications](#)

**Note: Please see item #12.**

**20. MARKHAM EARTH HOUR 2014 (12.2.6)**  
[Presentation](#)

Councillor Colin Campbell and staff delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Markham Earth Hour 2014.

The Committee thanked Councillor Colin Campbell and staff for all their efforts in putting this proposal together.

It was suggested that funds be taken from the Irish Heritage Fund and the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament fund for this proposal.

- 1) That the presentation provided by Colin Campbell, Ward 5 Councillor, and Graham Seaman, Senior Manager Sustainability, entitled “Markham Earth Hour 2014” be received; and,
- 2) That Markham City Council endorse the “Markham Earth Hour 2014” event; and,
- 3) That the City of Markham provide the following to the “Markham Earth Hour 2014” event:
  - a) Promotional and event management resources from Corporate Communications.
  - b) Potential Staging and audio visual equipment.
  - c) Use of the Cornell Community Centre and grounds; and further,
- 4) That the City of Markham make a financial contribution to the “Markham Earth Hour 2014” event to cover incidental costs not covered by private sponsorship; and,
- 5) **That \$265.00 from the Irish Heritage Fund and \$600.00 from the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament Fund be transferred to support this proposal; and further,**
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

**21. IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

**Note: General Committee consented not to resolve into an in-camera session and voted in public on the following matters.**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- (1) General Committee In-Camera Minutes - January 20, 2014 (16.0)  
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (b) (d)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- (2) Personal Matters About An Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal Or Local Board Employees (Board/Committee Resignation) (16.24)  
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

Carried

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- (3) Personal Matters About An Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal Or Local Board Employees (Board/Committee Appointments) (16.24)  
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

Carried

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM

Carried