



**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE**  
October 28, 2013  
**Meeting No. 22**

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**Finance & Administrative Issues**

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

**Environment & Sustainability Issues**

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

**Community Services Issues**

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu  
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

**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 Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investment  
Gary Adamkowski, Senior Manager Facilities  
Graham Seaman, Senior Manager, Sustainability  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Councillor Alan Ho

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:06 a.m. with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 10:08 a.m.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2013  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 21, 2013 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2013  
RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 16, 2013 Race Relations Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2013  
RBC MARKHAM MILLIKEN MILLS  
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 26, 2013 RBC Markham Milliken Mills Children's Festival Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2013  
SANTA CLAUS PARADE COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 11, 2013 Santa Claus Parade Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013  
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 10, 2013 Seniors Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2013  
SENIORS HALL OF FAME  
AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 17, 2013 Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

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

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 11, 2013 The Friends of the Markham Museum Foundation Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2013  
THEATRE BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the July 8, 2013 Theatre Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

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

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 9, 2013 Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**10. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, OCTOBER 11 AND OCTOBER 15, 2013  
BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Oct. 8](#) [Oct. 11](#) [Oct. 15](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 8, October 11 and October 15, 2013 Budget Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**11. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2013  
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE  
AND LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the August 15, 2013 Southeast Community Centre and Library Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**12. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2013  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Environmental Advisory Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That Council endorse the following resolution passed at the September 19, 2013 Environmental Advisory Committee:

“That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Markham Council that Carrie Sally be selected to serve another term on the Committee”.

CARRIED

**13. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013  
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#) [Appendix A](#) [Briefing Note](#)

It was noted that staff e-mailed a briefing note to Members of Council regarding the private member's Bill C-322 slaughter of horses for human consumption.

The Committee suggested that the draft letter to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency regarding the slaughter of horses for human consumption be brought back to General Committee for their comments and/or input. There was discussion regarding other agencies and government offices that should receive a copy of the letter. Committee suggested that the letter be copied to: York Region Medical Officer of Health, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Premier of Ontario, Prime Minister, all municipalities in York Region, Chair of Animal Care Committee, all York Region MP's and MPP's.

The Committee did not consider the motion relative to the Shriners.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 18, 2013 Animal Care Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) **That the briefing note entitled "Private Member's Bill C-322 Slaughter of Horses for Human Consumption" be received; and further,**
- 2) **That staff be directed to prepare a draft letter regarding slaughter of horses for human consumption.**

CARRIED

**14. CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR WATER METER READING & BILLING  
SERVICE AND CASHIERING SERVICES (7.12)**  
[Report](#)

There was discussion regarding the 3% annual escalation.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled "Contract Extensions for Water Meter Reading & Billing Service and Cashiering Services" be received; and,

- 2) That the contract for Water Meter Reading & Billing Services be extended for an additional two (2) years (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015) with PowerStream in the amount of \$1,241,435 for 2013, with 3% annual escalation per year; and,
- 3) That subject to Council approval of the City's 2014 Operating Budget, funds be provided from account #760-998-5390 Water Billing/Administration; and,
- 4) That the contract for the Hydro Cashiering Services reimbursement to the City be extended for an additional two (2) years (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014) with PowerStream in the amount of \$94,979 for 2014, with 3% annual escalation per year; and,
- 5) That subject to Council approval of the City's 2014 Operating Budget, the Hydro Cashiering Services reimbursement be allocated to accounts #890-890-8399 and #410-440-3621; and,
- 6) That the tender process be waived in accordance with Purchasing By-Law 2004-341 Part II, Section 7(1) C which states "when the extension of an existing contract would prove more cost effective or beneficial"; and,
- 7) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the extension of the agreement with PowerStream in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- 8) That the CAO be authorized to extend the contract, with the same terms and conditions, for up to three (3) additional years at any point during the term of the contract; and further,
- 9) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**15. ALLOCATION OF GAS TAX REVENUE (7.0)**

[Presentation](#)

Joel Lustig, Treasurer and Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Financial Strategy & Investment delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the allocation of Gas Tax revenue.

The Committee thanked staff for their informative presentation.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Lifecycle Reserve - why 25 years
- Importance of maintaining a sufficient reserve balance to meet the 25 year period
- Non-DC growth projects
- PowerStream and MDEI dividends
- Funding of stormwater management - is \$2 million per year sufficient
- Stormwater management needs to be a priority
- Other Unfunded Proposed Initiatives - include more detail with each item such as: dollar value of each initiative; impact if project is not advanced; list them according to priority

At the request of Committee staff delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the underlying principles of maintaining 25 year Lifecycle Reserve.

Ms. Karen Rea, Markham resident addressed the Committee regarding the allocation of Gas Tax revenue and asked questions. Bruce Ander, Markham District Energy Inc and City staff responded to her enquires.

Eileen Liasi, German Mills Residents Association addressed the Committee relative to the allocation of Gas Tax revenue and stated some concerns. She stated her support of the proposed \$2 M annually in Gas Tax revenues to fund the stormwater management.

It was suggested that staff provide a map outlining the work that has already been completed and future work to be done with respect to stormwater management. There was discussion regarding the importance of staging the work.

Eira Key, Markham resident addressed the Committee regarding the allocation of Gas Tax revenue and stated some concerns with the past and future business plan relative to stormwater management.

Councillor Valerie Burke read a deputation from Toinette Bezant, 2 Sunflower Court, Ward 1, Thornhill requesting that Committee defer the consideration of the Gas Tax revenue allocation.

There was brief discussion regarding whether the proposed recommendation should be deferred.



Committee suggested that clause 5 in the proposed recommendation be amended to allocate the \$2M annually in Gas Tax revenues for stormwater management beginning in 2014.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the presentation titled "Allocation of Gas Tax Revenue" dated October 28, 2013 be received.
- 2) That Council approve the allocation of \$1.51M per year of the Gas Tax revenues to address the shortfall in the Lifecycle reserve in order to meet the 25 year funding level starting in 2015; and,
- 3) That Council approve the allocation of 50% of the Gas Tax revenues, up to a maximum of \$4.0 million per year, for the years 2014-2017, to MDE; and,
- 4) That Council approve the allocation of Gas Tax revenues to fund the unfunded portion of growth related projects approved in the 2013 Development Charges Background Study, estimated to be approximately \$4.0 million annually beginning in 2018; and,
- 5) That \$2M annually in Gas Tax revenues beginning in 2014 **be approved for stormwater management funding**; and further,
- 6) That the remaining annual balance of \$0.5M to \$1.5M be considered as a potential funding source for the unfunded proposed initiatives from 2015 to 2018.

CARRIED

**16. SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY PROJECT –  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD (6.6)**

[Report](#)

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services addressed the Committee and provided opening remarks regarding the Southeast Community Centre & Library Project.

Gary Adamkowski, Senior Manager Facilities delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Southeast Community Centre & Library Project.

There was brief discussion regarding the \$4,337,855 under budget funds.

There was discussion regarding the Solar Photovoltaic System.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the report entitled “Southeast Community Centre & Library Project – Construction Contract Award” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized to award Contract 180-T-13 to the lowest priced qualified Bidder, Bondfield Construction Company Ltd, for the construction of the Southeast Community Centre & Library, in the amount of \$47,767,225 (excluding HST); and,
- 3) That a contingency amount of \$2,388,361 (excluding HST), representing 5% of the Contract Award, be established to cover any unforeseen additional construction costs that may be incurred during construction, and that Staff be authorized to approve the expenditure of this contingency amount up to the specified limits in accordance with the City’s Expenditure Control Policy; and,
- 4) That the Contract Award be funded from the Southeast Community Centre & Library project budget account 070-5350-13500-005 in the amount of \$50,155,586 (excluding HST); and,
- 5) That the Solar Photovoltaic System cost be funded from the Life Cycle Replacement and Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,035,000 (excluding HST) with the associated revenues to be repaid to the Reserve; and,
- 6) That the funds remaining in the approved budgets which total \$4,337,855 be returned to the original funding sources; and,
- 7) That the contingency purchase order for Architectural/Engineering Services fee by Perkins and Will be increased by \$146,040 (excluding HST) to account for additional project scope to be funded from the “Southeast Community Centre Architect Consulting Services” capital account 070-5350-11318-005; and,
- 8) That Council express its intention to recover any future excess capacity that may be created from the addition of this facility from future Development Charges; and,
- 9) That this report be brought forward to the October 29, 2013 Council Meeting; and further,
- 10) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**17. IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti  
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 (12:25 p.m.):

- (1) LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (Ward 3) (8.2)  
[Section 239 (2) (e)]
- (2) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES - OCTOBER 21, 2013 (16.0)  
[Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)]
- (3) THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (PROPOSED LEASE) (8.7)  
[Section 239 (2) (a)]
- (4) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES AND LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA MATTER) (UBIA) (3.0)  
[Section 239 (2) (b) (e)]
- (5) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD (8.7)  
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (12:47 p.m.).

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the General Committee meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

CARRIED