



**FIFTH MEETING OF THE
2014 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE
October 23, 2013**

MINUTES

Attendance:

<p>Members Present: Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio) Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Chair Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Howard Shore</p> <p>Guests: Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Carolina Moretti</p> <p>Regrets: Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Alan Ho</p>	<p>Staff Present: Andy Taylor, CAO Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services Paul Ingham, Director of Operations Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management Joel Lustig, Treasurer Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Budget-Sub-Committee convened at 9:12 a.m. with Regional Councillor Gord Landon presiding as Chair without quorum. Quorum was obtained at 9:17 a.m.

1. REVIEW OF THE 2014 COUNCILLORS REQUESTS

The Committee continued reviewing the 2014 Councillor Requests:

No.	Item	Response
11	Senior Recreational Community Centre	Staff will work with the Victoria Square Community Centre to investigate if there is an opportunity to access the Community Centre for seniors programs.
13	Revamping the Fourth Floor	There was a discussion on having the fourth floor revamped so that there are adjoining offices between the Councillor and their Assistant.

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		<p>Staff advised that this was examined several years ago and it was rejected due to the high costs, as it would require structural changes to the building design. The option of having all 12 Councillors on the fourth floor was also examined which would require the removal of the Councillors Lounge.</p> <p>It was suggested that the City ramp-up for the costs associated with revamping the fourth floor to have adjoining offices between the Councillors and their Assistants.</p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p> <p>That Regional Councillor Landon and Councillor Moretti meet with Phoebe Fu, Director of Asset Management to examine options ib revamping the third and fourth floors at Markham Civic Centre; and,</p> <p>That a report be provided back to the General Committee on this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
14	Improvements to Rizal Parkette	The City has recently acquired additional parklands nearby at the corner of Rizal Avenue and Malborough Road. Provision of additional neighbourhood play facilities, including swings, will be provided in this park.
16	Intersection Improvements Markham Road/Elson Street	<p>This intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Region of York.</p> <p>Staff have requested Regional staff to follow up on this request.</p>
17	Intersection Improvement Ninth Line and Steeles Avenue East	<p>This intersection is under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto</p> <p>Staff will attend a meeting with the City of Toronto on this matter.</p>
18	Markham Road/14 th Avenue	<p>This intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Region of York.</p> <p>Staff have requested Regional staff to follow up on this request.</p>
19	Install a Series of Automated Public Toilets	Staff advised that the public washrooms will be investigated as part of the Parks Amenities Policy Review. A suggestion was made to work with the School Boards to see if washrooms adjacent to the parks on school properties can be used by park patrons. Staff will investigate this suggestion and report back.

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		There was a discussion on the benefits of having automoted toilets at parks and the new technology that is available.
20	Park Fitness Equipment	A Member noted the importance of revitalizing older parks in Markham. Staff advised they will be looking at sustainable ways of revitalizing parks as part of the Park Amenities Review. This review will be brought forward to the General Committee in 2013.
21	Gazebo at Duncan Park	<p>It was suggested that the club house that was removed from Duncan Park should be replaced with a new park amenity. The community has requested that a gazebo with a seating area be built to replace the club house so that parents can watch their children play tennis.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Howard Shore Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath</p> <p>That item No. 21 to have a gazebo at Duncan Park be referred back to staff and that a report be brought back to the General Committee on this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
23	Park Pathway Lighting	The Committee suggested that parks with pathways that are frequently used after dark may require pathway lighting. Staff advised that pathway lighting after dark at some parks requires a review of the current policy for park lighting, as this will have city wide implications. Staff will report back to the General Committee on this matter.
24	Establish Organic Children's Learning Gardens	The Committee requested the Sustainability Office work with Corporate Communications to promote the Organic Children's Learning Gardens through the Schools.
28	Gateway Improvements to Yonge and Steeles at Esso Station	<p>The Committee suggested that the City work with the private owner of the Esso gas station located on the corner of Yonge and Steeles to make improvements to the corner/gateway to Markham.</p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p> <p>That Deputy Mayor Jack Heath and Councillor Valerie Burke will meet with the owner of the Esso Gas Station located on the corner of Yonge and Steeles to discuss the possibility of enhancing the corner/gateway to</p>

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		<p>Markham.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
30	Extended Library Hours	<p>There was a discussion on the need to review the service level at Markham Public Libraries to determine if there is a need to extend the hours. This review should be undertaken by both City staff and the Markham Public Library Board. Data from the new people counters can be reviewed as part of the process, and a survey can be conducted on library patrons' preferences with respect to the library service level.</p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore</p> <p>That staff work with the Markham Public Library Board to review the library service level to determine if the library hours should be extended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
31	Start Infrastructure and Lease Work in Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP)	<p>It was clarified that these funds are being requested to understand the leases of the properties currently located within the Rouge Park. This will help the City advocate the needs of the tenants when transferring the lands to Parks Canada. This should be undertaken in partnership with Parks Canada. It was advised that Parks Canada would also contribute to the cost of reviewing the leases.</p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p> <p>That \$25K be approved to conduct an analysis on the leases of the properties located within the Rouge Park.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
32	Growing Celebrate Markham	<p>A Member suggested increasing the amount of funds allocated to the Celebrate Markham Grants, as the Committee struggles each year with new applications and current applications asking for an increase.</p> <p>Staff will bring forward a summary on the past two years approved Celebrate Markham Grant allocations to the next Budget Sub-Committee meeting.</p>
33	Washroom Improvements for Main Street Markham	<p>Staff advised that painting the interior of the facility and the exterior doors (a forest green colour) will be completed next time the site requires painting due to vandalism. Washroom fixtures will be replaced</p>

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		<p>with a more durable product when the existing units require replacement.</p> <p>Councillor Moretti advised that she would like to be involved in this process and suggested also involving a York Region Police Officer.</p>
36	Tents for Community events	Staff advised it would be difficult for staff to administer a tent rental program for community groups. Rather it was suggested that the City enter into an agreement with a third party for a preferred rate for tent rentals for City and community events. The Committee requested that this idea be explored.
37	<p>Equipment/ Facility Improvement at the following Parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risborough Park • Armadale Park • Wilclay Park • Randal Park • Aldergrove Park 	This item will be reviewed under the Parks Amenity Review.

The Chair of the Communications, Information and Technology Committee requested that \$10K be added to the 2014 Councillor Requests to hold a smart city forum in Markham in 2014.

It was advised that any new Councillor Requests should be brought directly to the General Committee.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
 Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

That the 2014 Councillor Requests be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. STATUS UPDATE ON THE 2013 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

The Committee reviewed the “Status Update on the 2013 Councillor Requests”. The report was received for information purposes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the October 15, 2013 Budget Sub-Committee Minutes be approved as presented

CARRIED

4. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee agreed to cancel the Friday, October 25, 2013 Budget Sub-Committee, as it is no longer required.

The next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee will be held on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. It was requested that the Celebrate Markham Grants be reviewed at Monday's Budget Sub-Committee meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:06 a.m.