

Public Realm Advisory Committee

August 13, 2013

York Room

Attendance:

<p><u>Members:</u> Hanif Nori, Chair Councillor Alex Chiu</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Logan Kanapathi Omar Bhatti Sadiq Pirani Paul Ingham, Director, Operations Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design Rachel Prudhomme, Manager of Special Projects Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning Warren Rupnarain, Accessibility Coordinator Michael Sraga, Senior Planner Urban design Bob Walters, Manager of Parks Operations</p>	<p><u>Staff:</u> Karen Boniface, Technical Coordinator Catherine Jay, Manager, Urban Design Biju Karumanchery, Senior Development Manager Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development Bob Nicholson, Manager of Business & Technical Services Francine Périnet, Director of the Art Gallery Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Public Realm Advisory Committee convened at 3:35 p.m. with Hanif Nori presiding as Chair.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting as there was no quorum.

2. PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

Peter Smith and Allison Harrington, Consultants, Peter J. Smith & Company Inc. provided a presentation entitled "City of Markham Public Realm Strategy". The presentation provided an overview of the proposed public realm strategy for the City of Markham. A copy of the presentation was provided to the Committee.

Feedback

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Ensure typologies are harmonized with the proposed new Official Plan;
- Ensure Markham's unique character and history is reflected in the strategy;

- Ensure the strategy reflects that most of Markham's development will now be through intensification and revitalization of existing areas rather than through new developments.

Marg Wouters will be requested to review the draft City of Markham Public Realm Strategy to ensure that the typologies are consistent with the language used in the proposed new Official Plan.

The Consultants requested that the draft City of Markham Public Realm Strategy be reviewed by all applicable departments/staff groups. Staff agreed to this and will provide written feedback to Catherine Jay, Manager of Urban Design by Thursday, September 12, 2013. A Public Realm Advisory Committee meeting will then be held to review the feedback prior to providing it to the Consultant.

The Consultants reported that they will provide a project schedule after the written feedback from the City is received.

3. PUBLIC ART UPDATE

Henderson Bridge

The mural is almost ready to be hung on Henderson Bridge. CN has approved the hanging of the mural, but still needs to approve the final drawings. The mural will be coated to protect it from graffiti.

Cornell Community Centre

The public art for the Cornell Community Centre is now in production.

South East Community Centre

A jury was held to review art proposals for the public art for the South East Community Centre.

Traffic Control Boxes

Staff were working on the agreements with respect to the decorative traffic control boxes. This project was anticipated to be completed by the end of this year. At this time there should be one decorative traffic box installed per ward.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Karen Boniface advised the Committee that she will be retiring, but will continue to attend the Public Realm Advisory Committee meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Realm Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:42 p.m.