



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
September 16, 2013
Meeting No. 18

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

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
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
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Fred Rich, Senior Business & Risk Analyst
Don Taylor, Manager Executive Operations
David Porretta, Traffic Operations Supervisor
Daphne Ross, Manager Business Compliance
Gord Miokovic, Waterworks Manager System Engineering
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Alan Ho

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:03 a.m. with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair; Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items and Councillor Valerie Burke Chaired Environment and Sustainability related items.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

1. CITIZEN BUDGET (7.0)

Presentation

Joel Lustig, Treasurer addressed the Committee and provided some brief opening remarks relative to the Citizen Budget.

Fred Rich, Senior Business & Risk Analyst delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed Citizen Budget awareness tool.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Provide each Member of Council with a promotional copy
- Ensure Members of Council are aware of concern/issues raised by residents
- Consider posting the questions on facebook rather than only having a link to facebook
- Make it clear what portion of the taxes goes to the Province, Region and municipality
- Should have discussion at a budget subcommittee meeting
- Consider including more categories (including indirect costs) such as Councillor salaries
- The introductory paragraph should include more detail

The Committee requested that staff e-mail Members of Council the revised introductory paragraph for their input.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Fred Rich, Senior Business & Risk Analyst entitled “Citizen Budget,” be received.

CARRIED

2. REVISED 2014 BUDGET SCHEDULE (7.0)

Memo

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the memorandum dated September 16, 2013 from Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning providing information on the revisions to the 2014 Budget Schedule approved by Council on June 26, 2013 be received; and,
- 2) That the following Revised 2014 Budget Schedule sent by the Clerks Department via email on July 29, 2013 be approved:

a. Budget Sub-Committee Meetings:

- Meeting #1 – Tuesday, October 8th (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Canada Room)
- Meeting #2 – Friday, October 11th (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Canada Room)

- Meeting #3 – Tuesday, October 15th (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Council Chamber)
 - Meeting #4 – Friday, October 18th (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Canada Room)
 - Meeting #5 – Wednesday, October 23rd (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Council Chamber)
 - Meeting #6 – Friday, October 25th (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Canada Room)
 - Meeting #7 - Monday, October 28th (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Canada Room).
- b) That the draft presentation on the proposed 2014 Budget (based on the budget status following the October 18th Budget Sub-Committee meeting) for the public meeting be presented at the October 21st General Committee meeting.
- c) That a public meeting be held at the Civic Centre in the Council Chamber on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm to receive public feedback on the 2014 Budget.
- d) That the recommendation report on the 2014 Budget be presented at the December 2, 2013 General Committee meeting.
- e) That the adoption of the 2013 Budget be presented at the December 9, 2013 Special Council meeting; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2013
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2013 AND
JULY 17, 2013 ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June](#) [July](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 19, 2013 and July 17, 2013 Animal Care Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2013 AND
JUNE 19, 2013 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (16.0)**
[May](#) [June](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 15, 2013 and June 19, 2013 Board of Management Unionville Business Improvement Area be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2013
BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the August 19, 2013 Box Grove Community Centre Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**7. MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2013
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[May](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 27, 2013 Canada Day Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2013
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 20, 2013 Communications Committee and Information Technology Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**9. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2013 AND JULY 3, 2013
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[June](#) [July](#) [Art Proposal](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 5, 2013 and July 3, 2013 Public Art Advisory Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That Council endorse the resolutions made at the June 5, 2013 Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting:
 - 1) That the artwork proposal for the Cornell Community Centre submitted by Douglas Walker be accepted as proposed; and,
 - 2) That the proposal to commission Mary Anne Barkhouse to begin a sculpture path in Unionville be accepted as proposed.

CARRIED

**10. MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2013
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 27, 2013 Public Library Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**11. MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2013
PUBLIC REALM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the July 16, 2013 Public Realm Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**12. MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2013 AND
JUNE 3, 2013 RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[May](#) [June](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 6, 2013 and June 3, 2013 Race Relations Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**13. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2013, JULY 2, 2013
JULY 16, 2013, JULY 30, 2013 AND AUGUST 13, 2013
RBC MARKHAM MILLIKEN MILLS CHILDREN'S
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June](#) [July 2](#) [July 16](#) [July 30](#) [August](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 18, 2013, July 2, 2013, July 16, 2013, July 30, 2013 and August 13, 2013 RBC Markham Milliken Mills Children's Festival Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**14. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2013
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Seniors Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**15. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2013 AND
JULY 17, 2013 SENIORS HALL OF FAME
AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[June](#) [July](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 20, 2013 and July 17, 2013 Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**16. MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2013
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE
AND LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 9, 2013 Southeast Community Centre and Library Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**17. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2013
AND MAY 27, 2013 THEATRE BOARD (16.0)**
[April](#) [May](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the April 22, 2013 and May 27, 2013 Theatre Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**18. MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2013
THE FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM
FOUNDATION BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

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

CARRIED

**19. GALA FOR GIVING, APRIL 25, 2013
- OUTCOMES REPORT (12.2.6)**
[Report](#) [Appendix A](#) [Appendix B](#) [Appendix C](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report entitled “Gala for Giving, April 25, 2013 – Outcomes Report” be received; and,
- 2) That the Gala for Giving continue as an annual event, co-organized by the City of Markham and various charities and non-profit organizations, to be selected each year, forming the Gala for Giving Committee; and,
- 3) That the City of Markham continue to be represented by Mayor Frank Scarpitti as Honourary Chair, Regional Councillor Gord Landon as Chair, and Councillors Carolina Moretti, Alan Ho, and Logan Kanapathi as Advisors on the Gala for Giving Committee; and,
- 4) That the City of Markham Finance Department continue to assist in managing the accounts for the Gala for Giving for transparency and consistency purposes; and,

- 5) That the City of Markham Communications and Community Engagement Department continue to assist in designing promotional materials and marketing the event to the public; and,
- 6) That the Gala for Giving select participating charities and non-profit organizations through an open application process; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**20. PARTICIPATION HOUSE
- LANDSCAPING PROJECT (7.0)**
[Report](#) [Appendix A](#)

Don Taylor, Manager Executive Operations addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the report.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That Council agree to pay \$36,511.00 to Participation House, Markham, which represents one-third of the cost of a completed landscaping project at Participation House Markham; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**21. REESOR ROAD PROPOSED
PARKING PROHIBITION (5.12)**
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the potential of installing concrete curbs to discourage cars from parking on the grass area.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Reesor Road Proposed Parking Prohibition” be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the west side of Reesor Road, from Steeles Avenue to a point 400 metres north thereof; and,

- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install and maintain the appropriate regulatory signs at the subject locations; and,
- 4) That the cost of materials and installation for the regulatory signs be funded from capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of approximately \$500; and,
- 5) That the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon approval of the By-law amendment and installation of the regulatory signs; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**22. QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
OPERATIONAL PLAN ENDORSEMENT
AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW OUTCOMES (5.3)**
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report “Quality Management System Operational Plan Endorsement and Management Review Outcomes” be received; and,
- 2) That Council, as the Owner of the City’s drinking water system, acknowledges and endorses the revisions made to the City’s Quality Management System (QMS) Operational Plan and System Level Documents; and,
- 3) That the Quality Management System Management Review Outcomes be received; and,
- 4) That Council, as the Owner of the City’s drinking water system, acknowledge and support the outcomes and action items identified from the 2013 Management Review #1; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**23. THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
- MARKHAM DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
- DRINKING WATER SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT,
MAY 2013 (5.3)**
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

There was discussion regarding the adverse results and the order in which the reporting needs to occur. The Committee suggested that a memo be forwarded to the Members of Council regarding the re-sampled results of the 4 adverse water quality incidents. Staff pointed out that if there is a serious issue with the quality of drinking water Members of Council would be informed immediately.

There was brief discussion regarding the frequency of lead testing.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report entitled “The Ontario Ministry of Environment – Markham Distribution System – Drinking Water System Inspection Report, May 2013” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**24. RESTRICTION OF RELIGIOUS-BASED
CLOTHING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (11.0)**

Councillor Colin Campbell enquired whether the City of Markham should send the Quebec government the City of Markham's position on the potential legislation to ban all religious-based clothing from public employees. It was suggested that this be raised under New Business and discussed at the September 23, 2013 General Committee.

25. FIRST ATTENDANCE HEARING (2.0)

Councillor Don Hamilton enquired whether the hours for first attendance hearings could be extended to accommodate individuals who work later. Staff advised that there currently first attendance hearings every Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Committee requested that staff forward them statistics on the extended hours.

26. FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT (7.15)

Councillor Alex Chiu informed the Committee that there was a recent fire on East Pine Road in Ward 8 which resulted in the evacuation of approximately 15 occupants of the single family dwelling and enquired whether there is a way of avoiding future similar scenarios. It was noted that the municipality generally is made aware of these situations through complaint and that the By-law officers do not have the right to enter into someone's home unless invited in, or under certain circumstances where a warrant is obtained. Fire and police personnel have specific legislative authorities that govern what action can be taken.

It was recognized that the investigative report may take some time to complete, so the results may not be known for a period of months.

27. CATHEDRAL TOWN (2.10)

Regional Councillor Jim Jones requested that staff investigate the bell ringing practise of the Slovak Cathedral Church and whether the frequency and decibel level of the bells can be changed.

28. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.0, 16.24, 16.24, 8.6, 8.6 & 6.3)

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
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 (11:12 a.m.):

- (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE IN-CAMERA MINUTES
- June 24, 2013
[Section 239 (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)]
- (2) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES. (BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (3) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES. (BOARD/COMMITTEE RESIGNATION)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]
- (4) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD. (WARD 4)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]

- (5) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD. (WARD 8)
[Section 239 (2) (c)]
- (6) PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES. (WARD 5)
[Section 239 (2) (b)]

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (11:43 a.m.)

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 11:44 a.m.

CARRIED