



MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2013 Meeting No. 2

PRESENT

Members

Judy Lau
Peter Pavlovic
Stefania Pflugbeil
Alina Tarbhai
Kenny Yu
Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Staff

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator
Francine Périnet, Director, Varley Art Gallery
John Ryerson, Director of Culture
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Secretary

REGRETS

Regrets

Matthew Korchinski, Chair
Paul Cosburn
Glen Harrington

Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Spaces

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm with John Ryerson serving as Chair.

3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted as distributed.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON JANUARY 30, 2013

It was

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Kenny Yu

THAT the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meetings held on January 30, 2013 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Reports were provided and discussed as outlined in section 37 Updates of Public Art Projects.

6. DRAFT PUBLIC ART PLAN

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator, distributed and discussed a draft outline to guide development of a three-year public art plan. It is expected that the plan will be two-tiered: concrete art opportunities and, art goals. The plan will include a number of confirmed projects at sites including the new Cornell Community Centre and the Markham South East Community Centre, as well as recommendations for the Pan Am Centre and Markham Civic Centre. The three-year public art plan will include a number of funding options for consideration by Markham Council.

Ms Ghaznavi and John Ryerson, Director of Culture, led a lengthy discussion with Committee members to obtain ideas and feedback on development of the three-year public art plan. Suggestions included projects:

- to provide something iconic for Markham, similar to Chicago's Millennium Park
- that take a fresh look at everyday venues, including the Civic Centre, for art placement
- to be concentrated in the new "City centre" area
- to honour Markham's heritage
- to assist with way finding, to attract people to places
- where art is thought of in terms of corridors connecting people, neighbourhoods, places and nature
- to provide Markham landmarks that say "This is Markham!", such as placing art in "daylight triangles" of land at intersections leading into Markham
- where art flows naturally because the context and community is understood
- that explore joint opportunities with the Public Realm Committee and/or other City plans, e.g. bicycle paths

These links were provided for additional information:

[Public art policy for municipal projects](#)

[Public art policy for private sector projects](#)

7. UPDATE ON PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

A) Cornell Community Centre

Ms Ghaznavi also advised that a call for proposal for the installation of art on two large walls of the Cornell Community Centre will close on April 22 and a jury convened by the end of April to choose the successful proposal.

B) Henderson St. Bridge Project (Proctor & Henderson)

Francine Périnet, Director of Varley Art Gallery, reported that the Varley Art Gallery had engaged artist Katherine Harvey as a mentor for this project. A Request for Proposal to elicit project proposals closed February 6, 2013. A jury panel was convened; five emerging York Region artists, who had never before had the opportunity to produce a major art work, were selected. Ms. Harvey will meet with the successful artists to assist in developing the proposal for this project.

C) Markham Museum Project

Francine Périnet reported that the artist selected for this project chose the outside wall of the building facing Markham Road and proposed to install a work approximately 30 feet high, reminiscent of a bird. The cost of the project is over the allocated budget and options are being investigated. Ms Périnet reported that the artist has been invited to meet with the Markham Museum Board of Directors to discuss the project and the budget.

D) Joint project on public realm bicycle racks

Francine Périnet reported that it is hoped that the project will recommence soon.

E) Private Sector Art Projects

John Ryerson reported that two more meetings have been held with Markham Planning staff regarding private developments; staff recognize the value of including installation of public art as part of developers' projects and have been actively advocating with developers for this.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on April 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.