



## GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 4, 2013, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Canada Room

Meeting No. 3

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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  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor. Howard Shore  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Alan Ho  
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  
Peter Loukes  
Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning  
Janice Carroll, Recreation  
Dennis Riggs, Recreation  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

### **Regrets**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Joe Li

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:05 a.m. with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 10:58 a.m.

### **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING BOARD  
OF YORK REGION  
MAKING ENDS MEET IN YORK REGION (12.2.6)**  
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, Regional Municipality of York delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Human Services Planning Board of York Region, Making Ends Meet in York Region.

There was considerable discussion regarding affordable housing relative to municipal involvement; tools available to the municipality to assist in meeting affordable housing needs and Provincial Legislation.

The Committee enquired whether there are measures in place to protect existing affordable housing complexes. Staff advised that York Region and the Province do have legislation in place to protect existing ones and that the municipality can also include specific policies to protect existing complexes.

The Committee discussed stigmas and stereo-types associated to affordable housing complexes and suggested that York Region highlight some of the existing ones in their literature.

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, Regional Municipality of York and Member of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region, entitled “Human Services Planning Board of York Region, Making Ends Meet in York Region” be received.

CARRIED

**2. 2013 PROPOSED WATER/WASTEWATER RATES (7.4)**  
[Presentation](#)

Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2013 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rates.

The Committee discussed the proposed water rate increase and it was noted that there is a lot of infrastructure changes/updates that have increased the cost.

There was discussion regarding York Region's water sources. It was noted that York Region gets its water from three primary sources: Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe and a series of groundwater.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the presentation provided by Ms. Andrea Tang, Manager, Financial Planning entitled "2013 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rates" be received.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2013  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the Minutes of the January 28, 2013 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**4. GERMAN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
BOARD MINUTES - DECEMBER 5, 2012 (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 5, 2012 German Mills Community Centre Board Minutes be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2012 AND NOVEMBER 15, 2012  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Oct 18](#) [Nov 15](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 18, 2012 and November 15, 2012 Environmental Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2012  
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Public Art Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**7. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2012  
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 17, 2012 Public Library Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. 2012 INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the report dated February 4, 2013 entitled “2012 Investment Performance Review” be received; and,
- 2) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**9. 2013 PROPOSED WATER/WASTEWATER  
RATE INCREASE AND 2013 WATERWORKS OPERATING BUDGET (7.4)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report dated February 4, 2013 entitled “Proposed 2013 Water/Wastewater Rate Increase and 2013 Waterworks Operating Budget” be received; and,

- 2) That Staff be authorized to hold a public meeting on February 12, 2013 at 6:30p.m. on the proposed 2013 water/wastewater rate increase; and,
- 3) That the 2013 City of Markham's ("City") water/wastewater rate increase be equivalent to the Region of York's ("Region") monetary increase of \$0.1637 per cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>) based on Region's approved increase of 10%; and,
- 4) That in addition to the Region's increase, the 2013 water/wastewater rate increase includes a surcharge of \$0.0462/m<sup>3</sup>; and,
- 5) That effective April 1, 2013, the 2013 water/wastewater rate will be \$2.8376/m<sup>3</sup>, an increase of \$0.2099/m<sup>3</sup>; and,
- 6) That Council approve the 2013 Waterworks budget that totals \$89,789,481, (excluding the 2012 surplus/deficit), the principal components of which are detailed in Appendix 1; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**10. CASTAN AVENUE & RAY STREET  
PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL (5.12)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the report entitled "Castan Avenue & Ray Street Proposed All-way Stop Control", be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule 12 (Compulsory Stops) of Traffic By-law 106-71 be amended to include the intersection of Castan Avenue and Ray Street; and,
- 3) That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs and pavement markings at the subject locations; and,
- 4) That the cost of materials and installation for the traffic signs and pavement markings be funded from capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of \$500; and,
- 5) That York Region Police be requested to enforce the all-way stop control upon installation of these stop signs and passing of the By-law; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**11. GERMAN MILLS ROAD  
PROPOSED PARKING PROHIBITION (5.12)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the staff report entitled “German Mills Road Proposed Parking Prohibition”, be received; and,
- 2) That Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the west and north side of German Mills Road, between the property line of 15/17 and 19/31 German Mills Road; and,
- 3) That Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east and south side of German Mills Road, between the property line of 14/16 and east property line of # 32 German Mills Road; and,
- 4) That the Operations Department be directed to install and maintain the appropriate regulatory signs at the subject locations; and,
- 5) That the cost of materials and installation for the traffic signs and pavement markings be funded from capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of \$500; and,
- 6) 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,
- 7) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**12. THORNHILL REFRIGERATION  
PLANT RENOVATIONS (6.0)**

[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

It was noted that this is a facility life cycle upgrade and that the project is being scheduled during the regular down times for ice use.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the report dated January 25, 2013 entitled “Thornhill Refrigeration Plant Renovations” be received; and,
- 2) That the contract for the refrigeration system be awarded to Cimco Refrigeration in the amount of \$490,890.24 inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) That the funds for this award be provided from account 500-101-5399-12198 “Thornhill Refrigeration Plant Renovations” in the amount of \$490,890.24; and,
- 4) That the tendering process be waived for the refrigeration system in accordance with Purchasing By-Law 2004-341, Part II, Section 7, 1(b), where there is only one source of supply for the goods to be purchased; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

### **13. MARKHAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES IN HOSTING A JOINT FUNDRAISING EVENT – APRIL 25, 2013 (7.0)** [Report + Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Regional Councillor Gord Landon addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the report.

Joel Lustig, Treasurer pointed out that all of the organizations participating must be a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Association (CRA) and he briefly described how fundraising expenditure should be allocated as per CRA.

Staff indicated that they will need confirmation of all the organizations that will be participating.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled “Markham to support local charities in hosting a joint fundraising event – April 25, 2013” be received; and,
- 2) That this joint fundraising event be for two to three organizations sharing the same venue, entertainment, and program book; and,
- 3) That **a Steering Committee be comprised of** the Mayor as Honourary Chair, Regional Councillor Gord Landon as Chair, and Councillors Carolina Moretti, Alan Ho, and Logan Kanapathi as Advisors; and,

- 4) That all finances for the event be through the City's Finance Department for the purposes of centralizing accounting, reporting on donations and issuing tax receipts, and transparency; and,
- 5) That the City's Corporate Communications and Community Engagement Department assist in designing and printing tickets, posters, and program books, and promoting the event; and,
- 6) That the promotion, printing, and entertainment costs be paid for by sponsorship revenue found by Councillors; and,
- 7) That all participating organizations be responsible for selling tickets and finding their own sponsors; and further,
- 8) That all net profit (or deficit) from Councillor sponsorship funds after promotion, printing, and entertainment costs, be split to all participating groups.

CARRIED

**14. CANADA DAY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT (16.24)**

The Mayor advised that Councillor Carolina Moretti has agreed to be re-appointed as the Chair of the Canada Day Committee.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That Councillor Carolina Moretti be re-appointed as the Chair of the Canada Day Committee.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 11:18 a.m.

CARRIED