MARKHAM

M I N U T E S
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE
February 11, 2013
Meeting No. 4

Finance & Administrative Issues		**Community Services Issues**	
Chair:	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Chair:	Councillor Alex Chiu
Vice Chair:	Councillor Carolina Moretti	Vice Chair:	Councillor Howard Shore

Environment & Sustainability Issues		**Building, Parks, & Construction Issues**	
Chair:	Councillor Valerie Burke	Chair:	Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Vice Chair:	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Vice Chair:	Councillor Colin Campbell

Alternate formats are available upon request.

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath	Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Regional Councillor Gord Landon	Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Regional Councillor Joe Li	Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Councillor Valerie Burke	Martha Pettit, Deputy Clerk
Councillor. Howard Shore	Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Councillor Don Hamilton	Stephen Huycke, Acting Deputy Clerk
Councillor Carolina Moretti	Don Taylor, Manager of Executive Operations
Councillor Alan Ho	Sharon Laing, Director of Human Resources
Councillor Alex Chiu	Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator
	Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The General Committee convened at the hour 1:58 p.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair and recessed at 1:59 p.m. General Committee reconvened at 2:54 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

1.   **COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT (16.23)**
        Council Code of Conduct

Martha Pettit, Acting City Clerk delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Council Code of Conduct.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following amendments to the proposed Council Code of Conduct:
- Section 5 - 5.1 (a) remove the word "fairly"
- Section 3 - 3.1 (a) add the wording "as guided through Provincial Legislation"
- Section 3 - 3.1 (c) add the wording "as outlined in the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act"*
- Section 3 - 3.1 (d) amend the wording "of the highest" to "of high"
- Section 3 - last paragraph amend to "…between Members, Staff, the Public and other elected officials"
- Section 9 - incorporate the wording from the Council Roles & Responsibility "Council Members will not attempt to direct the activities of staff or departments except through established channels of authority" and shorten the entire section
- Section 16 - 16.1 remove the word "all" and amend to read "….legislation that are required and/or authorized…."
- Section 6 - 6.1 amend to "….that may be confidential and shall not be disclosed"
- Section 6 - 6.3 remove entirely
- Section 6 - do not begin with "No Member" replace with "Members shall not…"
- Section 6 - 6.6 amend the wording to "Members shall not disclose…….the substance of any discussions individually or collectively, at closed session meetings….."
- Section 6 - 6.5 - amend this with easier to understand wording

The Committee suggested that motions be brought forward at a future date recommending to the Province of Ontario to amend the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* so that it is not ambiguous. It was also suggested that the Province amend the *Municipal Ac, 2001* that if a Member of Council does disclose confidential information prior to being reported out by the municipality that they can be removed from office.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

1)   That the correspondence from Alena Gotz, Thornhill resident, be received; and,

2)   That the remaining discussions relative to the proposed Council Code of Conduct be continued at a future Special General Committee meeting; and further,

3)   That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the Special General Committee meeting adjourn at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED