



**2013 BUDGET PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE  
October 10, 2012**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members Present:</b> Deputy Mayor Heath Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Chair Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Carolina Moretti Councillor Howard Shore  <b>Regrets:</b> Mayor Frank Scarpitti Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Don Hamilton	<b>Staff Present:</b> Gary Adamkowski, Director of Asset Management Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Stephen Chait, Director of Economic Development Paul Ingham, Director of Operations Joel Lustig, Treasurer Bill Snowball, Fire Chief Veronica Siu, Senior Business Analyst Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Jonathan Tate, Senior Business Analyst Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Paul Wealleans, Director of Taxation Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Budget Public Information Meeting convened at 7:02 p.m. with Regional Councillor Gordon Landon presiding as Chair.

**1. OVERVIEW OF MARKHAM'S PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET**

Ms. Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning, provided a presentation on the 2013 Budget. The presentation included: an overview of the budget process; the economic trend & fiscal scan; an overview of 2013 capital budget; an overview of the 2013 preliminary operating budget; information on assessment and property taxes; the 2013 budget highlights; and the next steps.

## **2. DISCUSSION/COMMENTS**

The Chair requested that the Celebrate Markham Grants be dealt with at a scheduled Budget Sub-Committee meeting. The Treasurer recommended that the grants be reviewed on October 19, 2012.

A Member requested that the Committee be provided with the housing figures from the Real Estate Board.

The Committee discussed the impact of property assessments on taxes. The following was recommended:

- Simplify slides on MPAC;
- Include a sample copy of the property re-assessment document that residents received from MPAC with key numbers circled with an explanatory note;
- Include two or three different examples showing the impact of the property re-assessment on a resident's property taxes;

It was questioned if a resident's interim bill will be based on last year's taxes. Staff confirmed that the interim bill is based on 50% of the residents previous year's taxes.

Staff advised that a package is being finalized for Mayor and Members of Council explaining both the property assessment process and the impact of the recent property re-assessments. Based on Committee's direction this document could be placed on the website.

Concern was expressed that no residents were in attendance at the Budget Public Meeting. It was advised that Councillors may provide this presentation at a community information meeting held in their ward if they choose to.

Moved Councillor by Carolina Moretti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

That the 2013 Budget Public Information Meeting presentation be received.

CARRIED.

## **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jack

That the Budget Public Information meeting adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED.