



**THIRD MEETING OF THE
2013 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE
CANADA ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE
October 16, 2012**

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio) Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Chair Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Howard Shore Guests: Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Carolina Moretti	Staff Present: Gary Adamkowski, Director of Asset Management Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community Services Stephen Huycke, Acting Deputy Clerk Paul Ingham, Director of Operations Joel Lustig, Treasurer John Ryerson, Director of Culture Graham Seaman, Sustainability Office Lead & Manager of Climate Change Veronica Siu, Senior Business Analyst Bill Snowball, Fire Chief Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Budget-Sub-Committee convened at 9:02 p.m. with Regional Councillor Gord Landon presiding as Chair.

No.	Councillor's Requests	Discussion/Decision
1	Resurfacing of the Unionville Sciberras Road tennis courts for 2013 and the replacement of existing fence with complete surround court fence.	<p>It was questioned if the Unionville Sciberras tennis court could be resurfaced to create a smoother more professional surface.</p> <p>Staff advised that all public tennis courts in Markham have the same surfacing and that only private tennis clubs have the smoother fibre glass finishing.</p> <p>It was suggested that staff investigate the possibility of</p>

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		<p>placing a multipurpose concrete surface on the tennis court so that it can be used for other purposes (e.g. basket ball) if it is not feasible to have a smoother surface for the tennis court.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 1. be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
2	A spare/replacement pump to use if needed at Chamberry Crescent pond	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 2. be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
3	Upgrade/additional playground equipment in Austin Drive Rugby Park	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 3. be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
4	A water irrigation system for Crosby Arena where the soldier memorials are at the front on Main St.	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 4. be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
5	2013 for a 20'X 40' (approx) park shelter/gazebo in Highgate Park across from the Baseball diamond.	<p>Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li</p> <p>That Staff bring back funding options for Councillor Request Item No. 5.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
6 & 7	<p>Expanded support for Main Street businesses during reconstruction period</p> <p>Expanded support for Main Street businesses during the reconstruction period</p>	<p>The Committee wanted to ensure that all local businesses are treated in a fair and consistent manner when faced with fiscal challenges due to construction in the area to which they are located.</p> <p>Staff were requested to establish a policy outlining the level of support that can be provided to local businesses facing fiscal challenges due to construction in the area to which they are located.</p> <p>The City Solicitor reported that Council may consider providing support to local businesses affected by substantial construction in the area to which they are</p>

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		<p>located, provided this does not include direct compensation to the local businesses.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell Seconded by Deputy Mayor Heath</p> <p>That Councillor Request Items No. 6 & 7 be referred back to staff; and,</p> <p>That staff be directed to develop a policy for providing support to local businesses affected by substantial construction in the area to which they are located; and,</p> <p>That the policy exclude direct compensation to local businesses affected by construction; and further,</p> <p>That the policy be brought back to the Budget Sub-Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
8	Support for Keeping Markham Moving pilot projects/initiatives	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 8 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
9	A splash pad at Grand Cornell	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 9 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
10	Benches at Mint Leaf Park	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 10 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
11	More toddler swings in Grand Cornell Park.	<p>It was advised that residents are requesting more swings be installed to existing park amenities at Grand Cornell Park, as the community is rapidly growing.</p> <p>Staff advised that this decision should be made as part of a larger park amenities review, which will look at the adequacy of existing park amenities and make recommendations for improvements. It was noted that it is important that any updates to existing park amenities be done in a fair and consistent manner.</p>

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		<p>Staff were requested to go to Grand Cornell Park to see if the toddler swings can be easily added to the existing amenities.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton</p> <p>That Councillor request No. 11 be referred back to staff. CARRIED.</p>
12	Feasibility Study for Trade Office in the Bank of China building	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 12 be approved. CARRIED.</p>
13	Improve Recreation programs at Armadale Community Centre	<p>It was questioned when the neighbourhood action plan for the Armadale Community would be complete. Staff advised that the action plan is being continuously worked on and that several improvements to the areas recreational programs have been made over the last two years. It was anticipated that a draft work plan would be completed by early 2013.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 13 be approved. CARRIED.</p>
14	Purchase Speed Radars for Legacy Dr, Highglen Ave, Kruger Rd, Golden Ave and Coxworth Ave	<p>Councillor Request item Nos. 14, 15 and 27 were discussed at this time.</p> <p>The Committee discussed traffic calming measures and whether additional speed radar boards should be purchased for each ward. The following was considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the speed radar boards are an inexpensive way to slow down traffic; • That the longer the speed radar boards are up the less effective they become; • The challenge with getting York Region Police to regularly enforce the speed limit in problematic areas; • The need for greater promotion/education of the Road Watch Program to help slow traffic;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The possibility of creating moveable signs with provocative statements that will encourage residents to drive slower. <p>Moved by Councillor Hamilton Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p> <p>That Operations-Traffic staff be directed to write a report on the merits of community safety zones.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell</p> <p>That eight speed radar board be purchased (one for each Ward).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
15	Additional solar radar signs for traffic control	This item was discussed under Councillor request No. 14.
16	Re-Visit the Traffic Calming Measures	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 16 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
17	Improvements to Elson Park	<p>It was agreed that the location of the Elson Park volley ball court will be determined in 2013 and that a capital request will be made in 2014.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 17 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
18	Replace the hydro feed for the Fountain at the Gazebo	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 18 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>

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19	Improvements to Rizal Park	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 19 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
20	Benches on the Easement area at Armadale Public School	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 20 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
21	Funding for research on the issue of increasing violence among youth	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 21 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
22	Feasibility study on the implementation of the ENVAC automated waste collection system and other urban sustainability concepts	<p>Staff will report back to Council in the first quarter of 2013 on the outcome of the tour and the urban sustainability concepts being used in Sweden, including the ENVAC automate waste collection system.</p> <p>It was requested that the staff report include a presentation of the ENVAC system with a comparison between Sweden's and Markham's waste management process.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 22 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
23	A reserve fund for by-elections to fill vacant regional councillor seats	<p>The need to establish a fund for by-elections was discussed.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 23 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>

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24	Installation of portable public toilets in neighbourhood parks	<p>Staff advised that the installation of portable toilets at neighbourhood parks will be evaluated as part of the parks amenities review. It was noted that a fair and consistent strategy that considers the public realm will need to be followed when considering the installation of public washrooms or portable toilets at neighbourhood park.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 24 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
25	Accelerate the development of Milliken Main Street	<p>It was questioned when the development along Milliken Main street will accelerate, as this area could potentially become a future tourist area considering some of the new development in the area. The Commissioner of Development Services reported that he will request the developer to come to a future Development Services meeting to provide an update on the development in the area.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 25 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
26	Benches & Heritage Style Lighting	<p>Concern was expressed regarding the style of streetlights along Yonge Street in the heritage district. It was suggested that this concern be brought to the attention of Powerstream as it would be their responsibility to replace the light poles.</p> <p>Asset Management Staff were encouraged to provide its input with respect to the streetlight and bench designs being selected for Main Street Markham.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 26 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>

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27	Speed Display Board	This item was dealt with under Councillor Request No. 14.
28	Thornhill Cemetery Fence	<p>It was clarified that this Councillor Request was to refurbish the existing fence rather than to replace the existing fence.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath</p> <p>That the Staff Recommendation for Councillor request item No. 28 be approved; and,</p> <p>That the Thornhill Cemetery Fence be painted in 2013.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
29	John Street bridge – request for flower on bridge.	<p>Staff agreed to look at planting options around the John Street bridge, which would offer a more sustainable solution to improving the public realm of the John Street Bridge/heritage gateway.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 29 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
30	Pomona Valley Tennis Club House	<p>Staff advised that a report on the existing Tennis Policy will be brought to Council early in 2013, as it is recognized that Tennis Club's are having difficulty fundraising for major capital improvements to their tennis club houses.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 30 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
31	Invasive Species Removal Program	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 31 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>

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32	Heintzman House Budget Increase: Annual Budget increase	<p>There was a discussion on whether the annual operating budget for satellite community centre boards should be increased considering that many of the community centre's costs have increased due to price inflation. Staff advised that grants are provided to the Committee Centre Boards that range from 3K to 5K.</p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke</p> <p>That the Satellite Community Centre Grants be reviewed at the Friday, October 19, 2012 Budget Sub-Committee meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
33	Install a series of Automated Public Toilets (APT's)	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 33 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
34	Park Fitness Equipment	<p>It was questioned if drinking fountains in parks will be reviewed as part of the parks amenity review that is being conducted in 2013. Staff confirmed that drinking fountains in parks will be looked at as part of this review.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 34 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
35	Extend 'Paperless Municipality' pilot project	<p>It was questioned if funds need to be allocated to this item. Staff advised that any cost associated with the 'Paperless Municipality' pilot project can be managed with existing funds.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 35 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>

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36	Splash-pad - Thornhill	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 36 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
37	Play Area Shelter - Thornhill	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 37 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
38	GreenPrint Learning Signage	<p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 38 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
39	Tourism -Produce a visitors' map of Markham	<p>It was noted that Markham used to create a visitors map, but now it creates a brochure with a small map.</p> <p>Communications & Community Relations was requested to see if the cost of advertising in Markham Life could be increased to fund a visitors' map for Markham.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 39 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
40	Youth Friendly Community	<p>Staff advised that currently Markham achieved 14 out of the 16 youth friendly community criteria. Staff continue to look for ways to meet all 16 criteria. Only Markham and Oakville achieved the gold award in 2010 for being a youth friendly community. Markham will apply again to Play Works in 2015, as applications can only be submitted every 5 years.</p> <p>The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended:</p> <p>That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 40 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>

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41	An additional \$50,000 in the capital budget for the Tremont Hotel.	The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended: That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 41 be approved. CARRIED.
42	A Volleyball Court At Elson Park:	This item was dealt with under Councillor request item No. 17.
43	Rouge National Urban Park - 2014.	It was noted the Rouge National Urban Park may have a budget impact in future years. The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended: That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 43 be approved. CARRIED.
44	A Plaque/Interpretive Panel for Robinson Street Bridge	The Budget Sub-Committee Recommended: That the staff recommendation for Councillor Request Item No. 44 be approved. CARRIED.
45	Communications Budget for Mayor and Regional Councillors (new request)	Staff were requested to investigate this matter further.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Sub-Committee adjourned at 12:19 p.m.