



**FIFTH MEETING OF THE  
2012 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE  
CANADA ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE  
OCTOBER 19, 2012  
SESSION 2**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio)  
Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Chair  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Howard Shore

**Guests:**

Councillor Alex Chiu  
Councillor Carolina Moretti

**Regrets:**

Regional Councillor Jim Jones

**Staff Present:**

Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning  
Jonathan Tate, Senior Business Analyst  
Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Budget Sub-Committee convened at 1:05 p.m. with Regional Councillor Gordon Landon presiding as Chair.

**1. STATUS OF 2013 OPERATING BUDGET**

There was a discussion on whether 15 lunchtime crossing guard positions should be eliminated and removed from the budget. Staff advised that this was being recommended as very few kids from these schools go home for lunch, noting that at some schools there were only one or two kids using the lunch time crossing guards and the kids are accompanied by their parents/grandparents.

The Committee agreed that the 15 lunchtime crossing guards will remain in the budget until staff bring back a report with the school's response to this proposition. The report was anticipated to be brought forward to the General Committee in March.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the 15 lunchtime school crossing guards remain in the 2013 operating budget.

CARRIED.

A Member expressed concern that Economic Development's promotional budget was being reduced. Staff clarified that Director of Economic Development had agreed to this budget reduction, as these funds were not required in the previous budget year.

A Member suggested that Council may consider reducing the number of delegates it sends on business development missions to reduce the operating budget.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

The Budget Sub-committee approve the proposed change to reduce the Economic Development expenditures by \$16 K.

CARRIED.

The majority of members agreed that sport field user fees should be comparable with other municipalities in York Region.

There was a motion to keep the sport field user fees at the current fee. The motion was lost.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the sport field user fees remain at the current fee.

MOTION LOST.

## **2. 2013 CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANTS**

The Clerk was requested to look back at previous meeting minutes to determine if a resolution was passed by this Committee or by the General Committee to reduce all current Celebrate Markham Grants by 10%. This information was requested to be circulated to the Committee. The Committee discussed whether this should be done to free up funds for new applicants.

A deputant advised that all groups currently receiving a Celebrate Markham Grant should be advised that this Committee is considering reducing its grant amount by 10%.

Any further discussion on this matter was deferred to the next Budget Sub-Committee meeting.

### **3. COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANTS**

The Committee questioned why these grants were provided to the Satellite Community Centre Boards. Staff advised that these grants are provided for general maintenance of the facilities, noting the use of the funds may vary amongst the five Satellite Community Centre Boards. Moreover, the Satellite Community Centre Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the Satellite Community Centre Boards.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the Satellite Community Centre Grants be approved at the current amount.

CARRIED.

### **4. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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The Budget Sub-Committee went in-camera at 1:54 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act the Budget Sub-Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matter:

- 1) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the Budget Sub-Committee rise from an in-camera session (2:05 p.m.)

CARRIED.

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### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Sub-Committee adjourned at 2:06 p.m.