



*MINUTES*  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE**  
**September 10, 2012**  
**Meeting No. 20**

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**Finance & Administrative Issues**

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

**Community Services Issues**

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu  
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

**Environment & Sustainability Issues**

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke  
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

**Building, Parks, & Construction Issues**

Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

**Alternate formats are available upon request.**

**Attendance**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
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  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Paul Ingham, Director, Operations  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Martha Pettit, Acting City Clerk  
Rino Mostacci, Director of Planning and Urban Design  
Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Environmental Policy & Program  
Development, Community & Fire Services  
Stephen Huycke, Acting Deputy Clerk & Public Services &  
Records Coordinator  
Paul Ingham, Director Operations  
Phoebe Fu, Senior Manager, Asset Management  
Marsha Mariani, Recreation Coordinator, Programs & Outreach  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Regional Councillor Joe Li

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:03 a.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair; Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items and Councillor Valerie Burke Chaired Environment and Sustainability related items.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. SPENDING MARKHAM COUNCIL GRANTS (2009-2011)  
AND GRANT REQUEST (2012) BY ROUGE PARK  
ALLIANCE (7.6)**

[Report](#) [Appendix 1](#) [Appendix 2](#) [Appendix 3](#) [Appendix 4](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the total grant issued to the Rouge Park Alliance.

Mike Bender, General Manager, Rouge Park, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority addressed the Committee and thanked them for their overwhelming support since 2003.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Report on Spending of Markham Council Grants (2009-2011) and Grant request (2012) by Rouge Park Alliance”, dated September 10, 2012, be received; and,
- 2) That a total grant of \$75,000 be issued to Rouge Park Alliance (Alliance), from Acct# 25-2100024 Rouge Watershed Grant, as follows:
  - \$50,000 for the 2009/2010 Trails Master Plan, as approved
  - \$25,000 for the Little Rouge Corridor Woodland Restoration and Diversification project, conditional upon approval of project invoices; and,
- 3) That the grant request by the Rouge Park Alliance for the 2012 Rouge Park Grant contribution of \$25,000 for the next phase of the restoration project in the Little Rouge Corridor, as described in this report, be approved and that a cheque be issued upon submission of the summary report and invoices for the completed project, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the Community and Fire Services; and,
- 4) That the Rouge Park annual grant allocation provided in support of the Rouge Park Alliance cease after 2012, given the formal dissolution of the Rouge Park Alliance and funding commitments made by Parks Canada; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25 & JUNE 26, 2012  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[June 25](#) [June 26](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the proposed number of public meetings scheduled for the 2013 Budget.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 25 & June 26, 2012 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2012  
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 5, 2012 Special General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10 & MAY 8, 2012  
VARLEY MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF  
MARKHAM COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[April](#) [May](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the April 10 & May 8, 2012 Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18 & JUNE 27 & JULY 5 &  
JULY 11 & JULY 23 & AUGUST 2, 2012  
RBC MARKHAM MILLIKEN MILLS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL  
COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[June 18](#) [June 27](#) [July 5](#) [July 11](#) [July 23](#) [August 2](#)

The Committee thanked all the volunteers and staff for all their efforts in making each year a great success. The Committee also expressed their sincere thank you to RBC for their generous support.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 18 & June 27 & July 5 & July 11 & July 23 & August 2, 2012 RBC Markham Milliken Mills Children's Festival Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2012 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 16, 2012 Advisory Committee on Accessibility be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**7. MINUTES OF THE MAY 16 & JUNE 20 & JULY 18, 2012 ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[May](#) [June](#) [July](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 16 & June 20 & July 18, 2012 Animal Care Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the following recommendation from the July 18, 2012 Animal Care Committee meeting be endorsed:

“That the Animal Care Committee request that Council direct Staff to prepare a report on banning the sale of cats and dogs at pets stores in Markham; and,

That the report include information on the implications of banning the sale of small animals and birds at pet stores in Markham”.

CARRIED

**8. MINUTES OF THE MAY 30 & JUNE 11 & JULY 24, 2012 SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE (16.0)**

[May](#) [June](#) [July](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 30 & June 11 & July 24, 2012 Southeast Community Centre & Library Design Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**9. MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2012 TOWN OF MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[May](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 28, 2012 Town of Markham Public Library Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**10. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19 & MAY 16 & JUNE 20 & JULY 18 & AUGUST 22, 2012 UNIONVILLE BIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETINGS (16.0)**

[April](#) [May](#) [June](#) [July](#) [August](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the April 19 & May 16 & June 20 & July 18 & August 22, 2012 Unionville BIA Board of Management Meetings be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**11. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2012 CANADA DAY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 25, 2012 Canada Day Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**12. MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE – WASTE DIVERSION SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the July 11, 2012 Environmental Issues Committee – Waste Diversion Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**13. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19 & JULY 4, 2012 MARKHAM LIVE (MISTA) COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[June](#) [July](#)

The Committee inquired when the detailed expenditure report for MISTA will be available. Staff advised that it will be presented at the next MISTA meeting. It was suggested that the expenditure report be presented to General Committee following the MISTA subcommittee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the June 19 & July 4, 2012 Markham Live (MISTA) Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**14. FUNERAL, BURIAL & CREMATION SERVICES  
ACT, 2002 - MARKHAM CEMETERY BY-LAW  
UPDATE (9.3)**

[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#)

There was discussion regarding the number of cemeteries maintained by Markham and the re-sale of interment rights. Committee suggested that staff provide a full list of all cemeteries in Markham at the September 12, 2012 Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled “*Funeral, Burial & Cremation Services Act, 2002 - Markham Cemetery By-law Update*” be received; and,
- 2) That Attachment ‘A’ – Cemeteries By-Law be enacted to provide for the effective governance of Markham municipal cemeteries; and,
- 3) That upon enactment of the by-law by Council, staff be directed to provide notice to the public of the passing of the By-law in accordance with the provisions of Section 151 (3) of Ontario Regulation 30/11; and,
- 4) That upon enactment of the By-law by Council, staff be directed submit the by-law to the Registrar, Cemetery Regulations Unit, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, for approval in accordance with Section 151 of Ontario Regulation 30/11; and,
- 5) That the Price List for Markham Cemeteries, Attachment ‘B’, be adjusted to increase the Transfer fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00; and,
- 6) That staff be authorized to review the Price List for Markham Cemeteries in 2013, and every second year thereafter, and adjust the fees, including interment rights fees, based on market comparables, as required.; and further,

- 7) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**15. MISTA – PROJECT SCOPE (3.0)**

[Memo](#)

Ms. Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Markham International Sports Training Academy.

There was discussion regarding what information will be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP). It was suggested that staff investigate what the estimated annual operational costs would be to sustain the facility prior to RFP being issued.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the memo from Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services dated August 16, 2012 be received; and,
- 2) That staff be authorized to undertake a preferred supplier contract with Sasaki Associates to a maximum of \$ 73,000 to be sourced from the Markham Live budget; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**16. SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD LUNCH PERIOD  
SERVICE REVIEW (5.12)**

[Presentation](#)

David Porretta, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled School Crossing Guard Lunch Period Service Review.

The Committee discussed and suggested that staff consider the following:

- Conduct additional technical assessments to determine if lunch period services meet necessary warrant criteria
- Ensure that children's safety remains a priority
- Advise affected schools of the intent of this service review
- Request from the affected schools the number of children permitted to leave school grounds during lunch period
- Advise affected schools of alternatives to crossing guard lunch period service, such as student patrollers
- Explore opportunities to cost-share expenses of the crossing guard program with the school boards

- Report back to Committee regarding the assessment results and recommendations

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
 Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. David Porretta, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, entitled “School Crossing Guard Lunch Period Service Review” be received.

CARRIED

**17. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAYOR’S  
 YOUTH TASK FORCE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2012  
 TO JUNE 30, 2013 (5.0)**

[Report](#)

There was discussion regarding the outreach program and volunteer application process.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
 Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Report Appointment of Members to the Mayor’s Youth Task Force for the period of September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 be received and,
- 2) That the following Appointments of Members to the Mayor’s Youth Task Force be confirmed for the term September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013; and further,

Name	District	School	Grade
Carmen Chen, Co - Chair	Unionville	Unionville H.S.	12
Kevin Jen, Co-Chair	Thornhill	St. Roberts	12
Joeffre Braga	Markham	St. Brother Andre	10
Kush Thaker	Milliken	Bill Crothers	12
Christofer Ristovski	Unionville	Bill Crothers	12
River Wong	Thornhill	Thornhill S.S.	12
Annie Sun	Markham	Pierre Elliott Trudeau	11
Janice Chu	Unionville	Unionville H.S.	12
Rocky Chen	Markham	Markham District H.S.	12
Tiffany Chan	Unionville	Unionville H.S.	11
Justin Jen	Unionville	St. Justin Martyr CES	7
Anjali Sharma	Unionville	Town Centre Montessori	8
Loreta Chan	Markham	Markville Secondary School	9
Manav Kainth	Milliken	Father Michael McGivney	10

Yu Xin Shi	Milliken	Milliken Mills H.S.	10
Henry He	Markham	Marc Garneau CI	10
Nirushi Mohan	Milliken	Markham District H.S.	10
Bethany Chrystoja	Unionville	Unionville H.S.	11
Amanda Whyte	Unionville	Unionville H.S.	11
Steeve Vakeeswaran	Milliken	Unionville H.S.	12
Ronaz Remtulla	Milliken	Unionville H.S.	11

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

CARRIED

**18. JOHN STREET OPERATIONS FACILITY – SITE MODIFICATIONS (3.0)**  
[Report](#)

Phoebe Fu, Senior Manager, Asset Management addressed Committee and summarized the details outlined in the report.

The Committee suggested that staff include some modest landscaping to the west of the Fire Training Centre.

There was discussion regarding the cost of the lead abatement and demolition of the Water Tank.

The Committee briefly discussed whether the parking lot can be permeable surface.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore  
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

- 1) That the report entitled "John Street Operations Facility - Site Modifications" be received; and,
- 2) That the estimated cost of \$147,600 for site modifications be pre-approved as part of the 2013 Operating Lifecycle funded Capital Budget; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

Committee consented to not resolve into an in-camera session and to report out the following items, as proposed, at open General Committee session:

**19. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2012 GENERAL COMMITTEE  
IN-CAMERA MEETING (16.0)**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the minutes of the June 26, 2012 General Committee In-Camera meeting be confirmed.

CARRIED

**20. BOARD/COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS (16.0)**

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the resignation of Beverly Kelly from the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and,
- 2) That the resignation of David Jones from the Markham Public Library Board be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and
- 3) That the resignation of Catherine Mount from the Doors Open Markham be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and,
- 4) That the resignation of Robert Baird from the Cornell Advisory Group be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and,
- 5) That the resignation of Mario Tiano from the Unionville Business Improvement Area be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and,
- 6) That the resignation of Eddie Mariani from the Unionville Business Improvement Area be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and,
- 7) That the resignation of Joan Stockwell from the Achievement & Civic Recognition Award Committee be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and,

- 8) That the resignation of Rufaro-Maria Shambare from the Theatre Advisory Board be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and further,
- 9) That the resignation of Mayavan Ananthanadarajah from the RBC Milliken Mills Children’s Festival be received with regret for information purposes and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti; and further
- 10) That the resignation of Councillor Alex Chiu from the Canada Day Committee be received with regret for information purposes.

**21. BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (16.0)**

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the following person be appointed to the Theatre Advisory Board:

Name	Term
Stephen Timms	November 30, 2014

- 2) That the following persons be appointed to the Doors Open Markham Committee:

Name	Term
Ola Oduneye	November 30, 2014
Anita Chadha	November 30, 2014

- 3) That the following person be appointed to the German Mills Community Centre Board:

Name	Term
Anastasia Tsouroupakis	November 30, 2013

CARRIED

**22. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2012 AND JUNE 26, 2012 RESTRICTED IN-CAMERA GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING (16.0)**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the April 26, 2012 and June 26, 2012 Restricted In-camera General Committee meeting minutes be confirmed.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the General Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:38 a.m.