



***MINUTES***  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE**

(immediately following the Development Services Committee meeting)

**June 26, 2012**  
**Meeting No. 18**

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**Finance & Administrative Issues**

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

**Environment & Sustainability Issues**

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

**Community Services Issues**

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu  
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

**Building, Parks, & Construction Issues**

Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

**Alternate formats are available upon request.**

**Attendance**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor. Howard Shore  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Paul Ingham, Director, Operations  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Colin Service, Manager, Recreation of Planning Standards & Innovation  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Councillor Alan Ho

The General Committee convened at the hour of 3:51 p.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair and Councillor Logan Kanapathi Chaired Building, Parks and Construction related items.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Councillor Colin Campbell disclosed an interest with respect to Item #15 (Master Fire Plan Implementation), by nature of being a Fire Fighter, and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of such matters.

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED FROM THE JUNE 25, 2012  
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO THIS DATE**

**11. FITNESS CENTRE UPDATE (3.0)**

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

The Committee inquired whether staff have considered offering a lower rate to the fitness centres for individuals over the age of 80. Staff advised that they will be reporting back in September with respect to a subsidiary strategy.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the report entitled “Fitness Centre Update” be received; and
- 2) That Staff continue to monitor and implement strategies to increase awareness and promotion of Fitness Centre as outlined in this report; and,
- 3) That Staff report back in Fall 2012 on the various initiatives outlined in this report; and,
- 4) That Staff engage a pricing consultant to undertake pricing elasticity testing to determine optimal pricing, utilizing funds within existing operating budget to engage a consultant; and,
- 5) That Fitness Centre Memberships be excluded from the annual Consumer Price Index Fee increases scheduled for September, 2012; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**12. CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR HIRED GRADERS  
AND LOADERS FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE (5.0)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the staff report entitled ‘Contract Extensions for Hired Graders and Loaders for Winter Maintenance’ be received; and,
- 2) That the Director of Operations and Manager of Purchasing be authorized to enter into formal negotiations with existing contractors to secure contract extensions for both hired loaders and graders for local road winter maintenance; and,

- 3) That the tender process be waived in accordance with Purchasing Bylaw 2004-341, Part 11, Section 7(1) c which states “when the extension of an existing contract would prove more cost-effective or beneficial; and,
- 4) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to award contract extensions for tenders 012-T-03 and 128-T-03 for three (3) winter seasons (2012-2015) with an option for the Town to renew on a year by year basis for two (2) additional winter seasons (2015-2017); and,
- 5) That the budget impacts resulting from the award of these contract extensions be dealt with through the 2013 Operating Budget process; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**13. MASTER FIRE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (7.15)**

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

Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services advised the Committee that each of the proposed actions will go through a business and action plan.

There was brief discussion regarding the proposed future training centre and the current process.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That this report titled “Master Fire Plan - Implementation Plan (MFPIP)” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve the Master Fire Plan including (Appendix ‘A’) subject to annual business planning, operating and capital budget processes; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**14. STIMULUS & RINC INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECTS: PROJECT COMPLETION AND  
OPERATIONAL RESULTS (5.0)**

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

Staff summarized the details outlined in the report.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “Stimulus & RInC Infrastructure Projects: Project Completion and Operational Results” be approved; and,
- 2) That Markham’s portion of the surplus funds in the amount of approximately \$533,139 be allocated as follows:
  - a. \$80,000 for the Thornhill Community Centre & Library Project to address minor deficiencies
  - b. \$150,000 for the solar panels at 8100 Warden
  - c. \$303,139 for Civic Centre ice rink site improvements
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

### **15. MARKHAM SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURAL CENTRE (5.0)**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath advised that he is concerned that a Public Information meeting is being held on June 27, 2012 without any subcommittee meetings haven taken place.

### **16. APPROVAL OF THE NEW CITY OF MARKHAM FLAG (12.0)**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath suggested that General Committee pass a motion to approve the new Markham Flag.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That Council approve a change in the current Markham flag design to reflect Markham's new City Status and to include the years 1850, 1871, 1971 and 2012.

CARRIED

### **17. IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

**Note: The following in-camera session occurred during the June 26, 2012 Development Services Committee meeting.**

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (c) (c) (d) of the *Municipal Act*, General Committee resolve into an in- camera to discuss the following confidential matters:

- 1) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. (Ward # 3 & Ward # 7)

- 2) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. (Ward #3)
- 3) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations. (Restricted Agenda)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The General Committee meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.