



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
May 23, 2012
Meeting No. 15

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 Gord Landon
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor. Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jacqueline Chan, Assistant Town Solicitor
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Bill Wiles, Manager By-law Enforcement & Licensing
Dennis Flaherty, Director, Communications & Community Relations
Bob Walter, Manager Parks Operations
Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Councillor Colin Campbell

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:07 a.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2012
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 14, 2012 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2012 STORMWATER
AND WASTE RATE FOCUS GROUP RESULTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 14, 2012 Stormwater and Waste Rate Focus Group Results Council Workshop be confirmed.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2012,
WATER SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL WORKSHOP (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Water Systems Management Council Workshop be confirmed.

CARRIED

**4. 2012 FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT
PERFORMANCE REVIEW (7.0)**

[Report](#) [Exhibit 1](#) [Exhibit 2](#) [Exhibit 3](#) [Exhibit 4](#) [Exhibit 5](#) [Exhibit 6](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) THAT the report dated April 27, 2012 entitled “2012 First Quarter Investment Performance Review” be received.

CARRIED

5. AMENDMENT TO FENCE BY-LAW (2.19)

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

The Committee inquired what the common exemptions are. Staff advised that the most common exemption is related to the height of the fence. Staff pointed out that any exemption would be done in conjunction with the neighbours and that the proposed by-law assists staff to work with both parties involved.

There was brief discussion regarding the maintenance of fences along public walkways. It was suggested that staff send a copy of the Town's policy regarding this issue to Members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the Report entitled “Amendment to Fence By-law” be received; and,
- 2) That Council amend the Fence By-law by enacting the By-law Amendment attached as Appendix ‘A’ - Draft By-law Amendment; and,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**6. DEVELOPMENT CHARGES DECEMBER 31,
2011 RESERVE BALANCES AND ANNUAL
ACTIVITY OF THE ACCOUNTS (7.11)**

[Report](#) [Schedule A](#) [Schedule B](#) [Schedule C](#) [Schedule D](#) [Schedule E](#)
[Schedule F](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the report titled “Development Charges December 31, 2011 Reserve Balances and Annual Activity of the Accounts” be received be received by Council as required under Section 43(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997.

CARRIED

7. DEVELOPMENT CHARGES INDEXING - JULY 1, 2012 (7.11)

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the report titled “Development Charges Indexing – July 1, 2012” be received; and,
- 2) That Council approve an increase in development charges of 1.10%, effective July 1, 2012; and further,

- 3) That staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this report

CARRIED

**8. MARKHAM SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT
AND CULTURAL CENTRE PROPOSED TERMS
OF REFERENCES (9.0)**

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

The Committee discussed the importance of a dynamic community engagement plan to ensure that the municipality obtains positive community support. It was suggested that Community Access and Financial Framework be included in the mandate, and that "sustainability" be added with the Building Design.

There was considerable discussion with respect to the proposed committee composition. It was suggested that the proposed composition of five Members of Council remain and that the Mayor look after the appointments.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled "Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Sub-Committee (MSEC) – Terms of Reference" be received; and,
- 2) That the "Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Sub-Committee (MSEC) – Terms of Reference" be approved; and,
- 3) That **Mayor Frank Scarpitti** appoint five (5) Members of Council to the Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Sub-Committee (MSEC); and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**9. BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE TASK
FORCE UPDATE REPORT (2.0)**

[Report](#) [Bylaw](#)

Mr. Bob Walter, Manager Parks Operations delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Boulevard Maintenance Task Force.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Double boulevard areas
- Common practice by municipalities to go and cut the grass when homeowners do not comply and add the cost to their property tax bill
- The importance of proper education for residents with respect to ways that assist in controlling the weeds and their responsibility with respect to the boulevards

- By-law officers that work on proactive matters and the current challenges
- Boulevard maintenance along Steeles Avenue and that it is the responsibility of the City of Toronto to maintain both sides of the boulevard
- Take additional steps such as ensuring that the maintenance crew pick up illegal signs from the boulevards
- Amend the proposed name of the by-law to "Keeping Markham Beautiful Maintenance By-law" with a subtitle entitled "Maintenance of Private Property & Municipal Boulevard"
- Advise the schools in York Region the importance of maintaining their properties

The Committee requested that staff prepare and forward a briefing note summarizing today's presentation and forward it to Members of Council.

The Committee thanked staff for all their work in bringing this forward.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the report titled 'Boulevard Maintenance Task Force Update Report' dated April 12th, 2012, be received; and
- 2) That Council enact the proposed "**Keeping Markham Beautiful (Maintenance) By-law**", **as amended and** described in this report and in the form set out in Attachment 'A'; and
- 3) That Council repeal the current 'Tall Grass and Weeds on Private Lands By-law (By-law 2005-158), as amended and the Dumping By-law (By-law 140-91); and
- 4) That the municipal service fees for the administration and enforcement of this By-law shall be in accordance with the Town of Markham Fees By-law and any revisions thereto; and
- 5) That Operations and By-law Enforcement staff report back to Council at year-end on the effectiveness of the new By-law and options to consider to address property owner non-compliance; and
- 6) That Operations staff report back to Council in the spring of 2013 on the work of the cross-commission improvement project for boulevard design and construction standards, including recommendations and action plans; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

10. LICENSING OF CLOTHING DONATION BINS (2.0)

[Report](#) [Bylaw](#)

The Committee thanked Andy Taylor, Kimberley Kitteringham, Bill Wiles, Carlie Turpin and Claudia Marsales for all their work in bringing the Licensing of Clothing Donation Bins forward.

There was discussion regarding the placement of the boxes. Staff advised that the by-law would require that the box be placed on private property and that the by-law has a provision that the donation box needs to be placed to the satisfaction of the Town.

The Committee inquired whether there can be a requirement to identify their charitable status. Staff will undertake to do that when the by-law is enacted.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report titled “Licensing of Clothing Donation Bins” be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the Corporation of the Town of Markham adopt the proposed licensing requirements for clothing drop boxes contained in Attachment “A” of this report and, these requirements be included in the forthcoming Consolidated Stationary Business Licensing By-law; and,
- 3) That only registered charities be eligible to obtain a licence for clothing donation bins in Markham; and,
- 4) That clothing donation bin locations in Markham be restricted to private property on commercially zoned land, with the written consent of the landowner; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

11. ICE CREAM TRUCK LICENSING BY-LAW (2.22)

[Report](#) [Bylaw](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled “Ice Cream Truck Licensing By-law” be received; and
- 2) That Attachment ‘A’ – “Proposed Ice Cream Truck Licensing By-law” be enacted to amend the Schedule 5 Consolidated Mobile Licensing By-law to provide for the licensing and regulation of owners, operators, drivers and attendants of Ice Cream Trucks operating in Markham; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

12. REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF PHOTO RADAR (9.0)

Letter

Bill Wiles provided an update regarding the two current processes (red light cameras and photo radar). He indicated that York Region Police is in support of enacting photo radar.

There was discussion regarding the effectiveness of non-operating cameras.

The Committee discussed red light cameras and staff pointed out that they are not a positive cost revenue.

**Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho**

- 1) That the Town of Markham support the use of photo radar for the purpose of increased public safety; and,**
- 2) That the Town of Markham request the Province to amend the legislation to permit municipalities to implement staffed and unstaffed photo radar.**

CARRIED

**12. a. 3rd CANADA-CHINA CULTURAL DIALOGUE
EXPLORING COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**

Report

There was discussion regarding whether the Town should be funding rather than the Foundations.

**Moved Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded Councillor Don Hamilton**

- 1) That Cathy Molloy, Manager of the Markham Museum, and Francine Perinet, Manager of the Varley Art Gallery, receive approval to travel to Beijing, China from June 25th to July 2, 2012 to attend the 3rd Canada-China Cultural Dialogue and to explore cultural partnerships related to each of the Museum and Gallery; and,**
- 2) That the travel to China be funded by the Canadian Fund for International Understanding through Cultural, the Museum (account # 520-9985200) and the Gallery (account #540-5425801) operations, and further,**
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.**

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

13. IN-CAMERA MATTERS

General Committee did not resolve into an in-camera session.

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

- 1) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

ADJOURNMENT

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:27 PM.