



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
April 23, 2012
Meeting No. 11

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
Regional Councillor Joe Li
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, Town Solicitor
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management
Paul Ingham, Director, Operations
Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Nory Takata, Parks Planner
Mary Creighton, Director Recreation
Bill Wiles, Manager of By-law Enforcement & Licensing
Christopher Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing & Animal Services
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:02 a.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair. Councillor Carolina Moretti assumed the Chair at 9:10 a.m. Councillor Logan Kanapathi Chaired the Building, Parks and Construction item.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2012
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the Minutes of the April 16, 2012 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. PROPOSED REDUCTION IN PROPERTY
TAX INSTALLMENTS (7.3)**

[Report](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the two instalments that will be eliminated.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the report entitled “Proposed Reduction in Property Tax Installments” be received for information; and,
- 2) That Council approve changing the number of the interim and final tax installments from six to four, effective for the 2013 taxation year; and further,
- 3) That staff be authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**3. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2012 (7.0)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Month of March” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**4. CONSOLIDATED MOBILE BUSINESS
LICENSING BY-LAW (2.22)**

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

Christopher Alexander, Supervisor, Licensing & Animal Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Consolidated Mobile business Licensing By-law.

There was brief discussion regarding the requirements needed if brothels become legal.

The Committee inquired whether any of the changes to the original by-laws are significant. Staff pointed out that the changes outlined in the table of the report are to reflect the current practises.

There was brief discussion regarding a future session for Members of Council to discuss the changes in detail.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the report entitled “Consolidated Mobile Business Licensing By-law” be received; and,
- 2) That the Consolidated Mobile Business Licensing By-law be enacted to provide for the licensing and regulation of owners, operators, drivers and brokers of mobile businesses in Markham; and,
- 3) That the six separate by-laws currently governing mobile businesses in Markham (By-laws 2002-294, 2002-301, 2002-303, 2002-305, 2002-308, 2002-310), be repealed, and replaced as schedules in the proposed Consolidated Mobile Business Licensing By-law; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**5. OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT 2011
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW
PRESENTATION (3.3)**

[Presentation](#)

Nory Takata, Parks Planner delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Operations Department 2011 Community Engagement Volunteer Programs.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Adopt-a-Park program - ways to increase the program
- Recognition awards

- How to better engage the school boards
- How to get more involvement
- What is the survival rate of the trees planted through the Trees for Tomorrow program and how is it monitored
- The need to address the issue of trees being damaged from lawn mowers

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Nory Takata, Parks Planner , entitled “Operations Department 2011 Community Engagement Overview Presentation” be received.

CARRIED

**6. SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE AND
LIBRARY, AND PARK – PRE DESIGN COMMUNITY
CONSULTATION (3.0)**

[Report](#)

Mary Creighton, Director Recreation delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the South East Markham Community Centre and Library Public Consultation process.

There was discussion regarding the naming of the facility. Staff pointed out that the recently endorsed Town of Markham "Facility and Park Naming Policy" will be followed and that the process will include community consultation.

The Committee inquired whether the space for seniors and children will have an associated cost. Staff advised that the cost is dependent on the type of activity that is being offered in the space. The Committee suggested that staff consider incorporating space for mothers with infants.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the report entitled “South East Community Centre and Library, and Park Pre- design Community Consultation” be received; and,
- 2) That the recommended Functional Program for the South East Community Centre and Library be approved; and,
- 3) That the approved Functional Program be forwarded to the Design Consultant for inclusion in design development; and,
- 4) That the Park adjacent to the facility be designed as a component of the project; and,

- 5) That South East Community Centre and Library Committee of Council be established and that **Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Councillor Colin Campbell and Councillor Logan Kanapathi be appointed;** and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 10:52 AM.