



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
April 16, 2012
Meeting No. 9

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, Town Solicitor
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Mavis Urquhart, Manager of Environmental Leadership
Nory Takata, Parks Planner
Stephen Huycke, Public Services & Records Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Joe Li

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:07 a.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 9:26 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath disclosed an interest with respect to item No. 7 (168-S-11 Renewal of Life Insurance Contract), as he owns shares in Sun Life Financial, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of such matter.

**1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2012
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the April 2, 2012 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2012
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#) [MESF Report](#) [Trees for Tomorrow](#)

There was discussion regarding whether the Town of Markham should fund York Region School Board initiatives recognizing that the School Boards already receive half of the property tax funds. The Committee discussed the positive partnerships that have developed with the students through these funded initiatives.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the March 21, 2012 Environment Issues Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the following recommendations from the March 21, 2012 Environmental Issues Committee meeting be endorsed:

“That the Environmental Issues Committee recommends that the demonstration rain garden proposed by TRCA be installed at the Markham Museum instead of at the Warden House and be subject to review and approval by the Museum staff; and,

That the funding application from Ontario Streams for \$7,000, for a stream rehabilitation initiative at Little Rouge Creek and Robinson Creek, be approved; and,

That the funding application from Wilclay Public School for \$3,392, for a waste audit, be approved, subject to working with Waste and Environmental Management Department staff; and,

That the funding application from the 3rd Unionville Scouts for \$3,800, for plantings at Milton Feirheller Park, be approved, subject to working with Parks Department staff and that an exception to the funding criteria be provided, to allow this application to proceed prior to completion of the Scout’s signage project in the Park; and,

That the application from Armadale Public School for \$5,000, for an outdoor classroom, be approved provided the plant selection is approved by Parks Staff; and,

That the application from St. Edward Catholic Elementary School for an outdoor classroom, be approved, in the amount of \$4,400, provided the plant selection is approved by Parks Staff and conditional upon providing written consent of the school board for this project; and,

That the funding application by 10,000 Trees for the Rouge requesting \$23,000, to conduct their 23rd Annual Community Tree Planting Event on Earth Day to complete the restoration planting project to complete the planting of their 2011 planting site in Bob Hunter Park be approved; and,

That the funding application by Friends of the Rouge Watershed requesting **\$22,000** to conduct multiple planting events in the spring planting season in Bob Hunter Park and be approved; and,

That the funding application by Evergreen requesting \$27,530 to continue partnership with the Town with their successful Common Grounds Program to conduct a series of Community Planting Events and 8 to 10 Stewardship Events to promote, educate and engage the community in tree planting events and stress the importance of follow up maintenance work that is performed at volunteer stewardship events be approved; and,

That the funding application by LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) requesting \$30,000 to continue to offer their subsidized Backyard Tree Planting Program to Markham residents and to continue to provide educational workshops such as the Tree Tenders Course, along with other educational/stewardship opportunities be approved; and further,

That the above requests be funded from the Capital Project 12252 Markham Trees for Tomorrow (700-101-5399-12252) in the amount of **\$104,900**”

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2012
MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE,
LIBRARY AND PARK COUNCIL WORKSHOP (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the March 30, 2012 Council workshop regarding Milliken Mills Community Centre, Library and Park be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2012
DIVERSITY INITIATIVES' AND MUNICIPAL
SERVICES COUNCIL WORKSHOP (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the April 2, 2012 Council workshop regarding Diversity Initiatives and Municipal Services Council Workshop be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2011
MARKHAM CEMETERY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the mulched leaves. Staff confirmed that the contractor removes all mulching from site and are composted.

The Committee requested that staff follow up on the dirt that has been dumped at Pomona Mills Meadow.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 22, 2011 Markham Cemetery Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. PROVINCIAL PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES
–RATES FOR HOSPITALS, UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (7.1)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled “Provincial Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Rates for Hospitals, Universities and Colleges and Correctional Institutions ” be received for information; and,
- 2) That Council request that the Government of Ontario meet with municipalities to review an increase in the rates set by the Province as payments in lieu of taxes for hospitals, universities and colleges and correctional institutions; and,

- 3) That, as part of the review, a mechanism be investigated to provide for regular updates to the rates on a go forward basis; and,
- 4) That this request be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association (OMTRA); and Ontario municipalities; and further,
- 5) That staff be authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

7. 168-S-11 RENEWAL OF LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACT (4.0)

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled “168-S-11 Renewal of Life Insurance contract” be received; and,
- 2) That contract 168-S-11 for Basic Life Insurance be extended with Sun Life Assurance Company for an additional one (1) year (January 1 to December 31, 2012) in the estimated annual amount of \$353,141 inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 3) That contract 168-S-11 for Optional Life Insurance be extended with Sun Life Assurance Company for an additional one (1) year (January 1 to December 31, 2012) in the estimated annual amount of \$31,871 inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 4) That the tendering process be waived in accordance with Purchasing By-Law 2004-341, Part II, Section 7 (1) (c) which states “when the extension of an existing contract would prove more cost-effective or beneficial”; and,
- 5) That funds for Basic Life Insurance be provided from account 030 220 0046 Payroll – Life in the estimated annual amount of \$353,141 inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 6) That funds for Optional Life Insurance be recovered from employees as required in the estimated annual amount of \$31,871 inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 7) That the Director of Human Resources and Manager of Purchasing be authorized to extend the contract for Basic Life Insurance for three (3) additional years, provided that it is in the best interest of the Town and rate increase per year does not exceed 5% of the cost of the previous year’s rate; and further,

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

CARRIED

**8. MILLIKEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (3.5)**
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled "Milliken Children's Festival Committee Structure" be received; and,
- 2) That the Town of Markham establish the "Children's Festival Advisory Committee," to coordinate the Markham Milliken Children's Festival; and,
- 3) That the Terms of Reference for the Milliken Children's Festival Committee be approved; and,
- 4) That the following individuals be appointed to the Children's Festival Advisory Committee for the term expiring on October 31, 2012:

Pat Lee	Ellakiya Sivapalan	Gowthaman Rajakumar
Nappinder Dogra	Mayavan Ananthanadarajah	Brendan Ng
Rishi Narula	Kethika Logan	Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 5) That the members of the committee for terms beginning after October 31, 2012 be recruited in accordance with the Town of Markham Boards & Committee Appointment Policy; and further,
- 6) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**9. 2012 UNIONVILLE & MARKHAM VILLAGE
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS (B.I.A)
OPERATING BUDGET (7.4)**
[Report](#) [Exhibit 1](#) [Exhibit 2](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the report entitled "2012 Unionville & Markham Village Business Improvement Areas (B.I.A.) Operating Budgets" dated April 16, 2012 be received; and,

- 2) That the 2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$256,000 for the Unionville B.I.A. (UBIA) be approved; and,
- 3) That the 2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$305,665 for the Markham Village B.I.A. (MBIA) be approved; and,
- 4) That the Special Tax Rate levy, in the amount of \$199,500 for the UBIA members and \$215,327 for the MBIA members be included in the 2012 Tax Levy By-law; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

10. TASTE OF ASIA FESTIVAL (3.5)

There was discussion regarding whether the Taste of Asia Festival still requires all of the Celebrate Markham Grant given that they have also received Federal Funding.

ADJOURNMENT

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 9:35 AM.