



***MINUTES***  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE**  
**March 19, 2012**  
**Meeting No. 6**

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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  
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  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Dennis Flaherty, Director, Communications & Community Relations  
Bill Snowball, Fire Chief  
Catherine Biss, Chief Executive Officer, Markham Public Library  
Shumin Gao, Acting Manager System Engineering  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:05 a.m. with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 11:16 a.m.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. MASTER FIRE PLAN (5.0)**  
[Report](#)   [Presentation](#)

Mr. Steve Thurlow, Dillon Consulting, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Town of Markham Master Fire Plan.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Consolidating and expanding the fleet requirements
- The importance of having secured land for future new fire station(s) in Markham Centre
- Advantages of additional expertise regarding Fire and Labour relations
- Possibility of integrating all emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance)
- Annual reports on response times
- Specialized Emergency Response Services (high risk/low frequency situations)
- Target dates for the new stations
- Importance of continued public education and fire prevention

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the report and presentation titled “Town of Markham Master Fire Plan Presentation and Final Report to Council” be received and,
- 2) That the Master Fire Plan be adopted, in principle, subject to further reporting; and,
- 3) That the Fire Chief be directed to report back to Council during 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2012 on priorities, cost implications and options for phased implementation; and,
- 4) **That Council direct staff to begin investigating potential land acquisitions for future fire station(s) in Markham Centre and report back to Committee; 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 MARCH 5, 2012  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

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

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2012  
THE FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Minutes of the February 1, 2012 The Friends of the Markham Museum board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5 2012 COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP REGARDING THE BUILDING  
MARKHAM'S FUTURE TOGETHER AND GREENPRINT (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Council workshop regarding the building Markham future together and Greenprint be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. AMENDED 2012 CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANTS (7.6)**  
[Memo](#) [Appendix A \(amended\)](#) [Report](#)

Joel Lustig, Treasurer summarized the details outlined in the report.

The Committee discussed whether the funding provided to the various Senior programs should be funded from a different source.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the memo entitled “Amended 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants Allocation” be received; and,
- 2) That the 2012 Allocation of Celebrate Markham Grants as outlined in the Amended Appendix A be approved; and,
- 3) **That the Celebrate Markham Grant allocations be referred to the Budget Subcommittee during the 2013 budget process to review the related funding for Celebrate Markham events, Senior groups and other organizations; and further,**
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**6. SUMMARY OF 2011 REMUNERATION  
& EXPENSES FOR COUNCILLORS AND  
APPOINTEES TO BOARDS (7.0)**

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

The Committee suggested that staff examine how other municipalities report their remuneration and expenses for Councillors and Appointees to Boards and a comparison of discretionary expenses allocated to Council members.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That Council receive for information the March 19, 2012 report entitled “Summary of 2011 Remuneration & Expenses for Councillors and Appointees to Boards”; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

**That staff be directed to examine the reporting of remuneration and expenses of comparable Greater Toronto Area (GTA) municipalities including the level of detail that is reported out, and a high level comparison of allowances for Member of Council between Town of Markham and other comparable GTA municipalities.**

CARRIED

**7. CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 013-T-09  
ASPHALT MAINTENANCE AND 014-T-09  
CONCRETE MAINTENANCE (5.10)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the report entitled “Contract Extension for 013-T-09 Asphalt Maintenance and 014-T-09 Concrete Maintenance ” be received; and,
- 2) That contract 013-T-09 Asphalt Maintenance be extended to D. Crupi & Sons Ltd for an additional season (April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012) in the estimated annual amount of \$1,025,500 inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) That 014-T-09 Concrete Maintenance be extended to V.T.A. Construction Limited for an additional season (April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012) in the estimated annual amount of \$902,220 inclusive of HST; 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 be provided from the budget accounts as listed in the Financial Considerations section of this report in the amount of \$1,927,720, inclusive of HST impact; and,
- 6) That this report be brought forward to the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council meeting for approval; and further,
- 7) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**8. DEMONSTRATION ON THE NEW ON-LINE  
ROADS MAP (5.0)**  
P. Ingham, ext. 4852

Paul Ingham, Director, Operations provided a demonstration of the new on-line Roads map.

There was discussion with respect to expanding the map and including the Multi-Use Pathways.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the presentation from Mr. Paul Ingham, Director, Operations regarding the new on-line Roads map be received.

CARRIED

**9. MILLIKEN MILLS LIBRARY EXPANSION/RENOVATION  
PROJECT (3.0)**  
[Presentation](#)

Mrs. Deborah Jestin, Chair, Markham Public Library Board delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Milliken Mills Library Expansion/Renovation Project.

There was discussion regarding the feasibility for both the South East Community Centre & Library and the expansion/renovation project for the Milliken Mills Library.  
Staff pointed out the importance of having the design phase ready for when the funding is available.

There was considerable discussion regarding the minimal shift in numbers from existing facilities when new facilities are opened and the increase in new memberships with new facilities.

Mr. Dave Jones, Markham Library Board member, addressed the Committee and spoke in support of the proposed Milliken Mills Library expansion and renovation.

It was noted that the South East Community Centre & Library is a priority project that must move forward.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the presentation by Mrs. Deborah Jestin, Chair, Markham Public Library Board entitled “Milliken Mills Library Expansion/Renovation Project” be received; and,
- 2) **That the delegation from Mr. Dave Jones, Markham Library Board member be received; and further,**
- 3) **That the Milliken Mills Library expansion and renovation be referred to the 2013 Budget Subcommittee process and the Milliken Mills Council Workshop**

CARRIED

#### **10. FACILITY & PARK NAMING POLICY (5.0)**

[Report](#) [Appendix A](#)

The Committee suggested that the following amendments to the Facility & Park Naming Policy:

- That Stormwater Management (SWM) Ponds be included in the policy
- Remove the word "posthumously" and the accompanying note from the policy

The Committee briefly discussed the definition of "open space."

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the report “Facility & Park Naming Policy” be received; and,
- 2) **That the Facility & Park Naming Policy be amended to include Stormwater Management (SWM) Ponds and remove the word "posthumously" from the selection criteria and the accompanying note; and,**
- 3) That Council endorse the Facility & Park Naming Policy as attached in Appendix A **as amended at the March 19, 2012 General Committee meeting**, for all facilities and parks to be constructed moving forward in 2012; and,
- 4) That Staff review the existing parks and facilities that have not yet been named, bringing forward recommendations to General Committee by September 2012; and further,
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**11. ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT  
(JAN- DEC 2011) (5.3)**  
[Report](#)

The Committee suggested that the executive summary should be written for the public that is very easy to read and understand. Staff advised that there is an executive summary written in simple language for the public.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) That the report titled “Annual Water Quality Report (January – December 2011)” as required be Schedule 22 of the Ontario Drinking System Regulation 170/03 (O. Reg. 170/03) be received; and,
- 2) That the 2011 Annual Water Quality Report (Attachment “A”), contains information for the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on water supply and quality as required be Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03, be received; and,
- 3) That Council directs staff to post the 2011 Annual Water Quality Report on the Town’s website and that it be made available and provided to residents upon request in hard copy version by February 28, 2012; and further,
- 4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**12. REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CREDIT  
VALLEY, TORONTO REGION AND CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO (CTC)  
REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY THE  
CLEAN WATER ACT (13.4)**  
[Letter](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the letter dated February 17, 2012 from York Region regarding municipal representation on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee be received; and,
- 2) That the Regional Municipality of York’s appointment of Don Goodyear as the municipal representative to the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee be endorsed.

CARRIED

**13. 2012 SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM (3.0)**  
[Letter](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the letter dated February 24, 2012 from the Minister Responsible for Seniors, encouraging the Town to participate in the Senior Achievement Award Program, be received.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**14. IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That discussion regarding personal matter about an identifiable individual be added to the General Committee in-camera agenda.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (c) & (b) of the *Municipal Act*, General Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters (12:18 PM):

- 1) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; Ward 1;
- 2) **Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;**

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (1:09 PM).

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:10 PM.