



***MINUTES***  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE**  
**March 5, 2012**  
**Meeting No. 5**

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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 Joe Li  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor. Howard Shore  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
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  
Raj Raman, Senior Manager, Financial Reporting & Purchasing  
Paul Ingham, Director, Operations  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Regional Councillor Gord Landon  
Councillor Carolina Moretti

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:06 a.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 9:10 am and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. COMMISSION ON THE REFORM OF  
ONTARIO'S PUBLIC SERVICES –  
DRUMMOND REPORT (7.0)**  
[Presentation](#)

Mr. Raj Raman, Senior Manager, Financial Reporting & Purchasing delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services - Drummond Report.

The Committee suggested that Town of Markham provide a response letter to the Drummond Report specifically outlining recommendations from Drummond that the Town has successfully implemented and recommendations that require further discussions with municipalities and are of concern.

It was suggested that staff provide an update outlining how the Drummond findings are reflected in the spring Provincial Budget that will be announced on March 29, 2012.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) THAT the presentation by Mr. Raj Raman, Senior Manager, Financial Reporting & Purchasing entitled "Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services – Drummond Report" be received.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2012  
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the Minutes of the February 27, 2012 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2012  
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**  
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the Minutes of the February 8 2012 Public Art Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2012  
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the Minutes of the January 23 2012 Public Library Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. 2012 CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANTS (7.6)**

[Report](#)

Ms. Judi McIntyre, Unionville BIA addressed the Committee regarding the 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants requesting that Committee support their request for additional funding for the World Music & Dance Festival.

Mr. Peter Ottensmeyer, Markham Concert Band addressed the Committee with respect to the 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants requesting that Committee support their request for an additional \$1,800.00 for the Markham Concert Band summer series.

There was considerable discussion regarding whether the additional funding requests can be granted without increasing the total amount of the 2012 Celebrate Markham Grant budget of \$250,000.

The Committee suggested that staff review the last 3-4 years of items 5 to 26 in Appendix A comparing the allocation amount and actual spent, and report back to General Committee regarding whether any of these budgeted amounts can be decreased in order to permit the additional funding of \$1,800.00 for the Markham Concert Band; \$5,000.00 for the Remington Markham International Sedan Chair Challenge and \$5,000.00 for the World Music & Dance Festivals.

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report entitled “2012 Celebrate Markham Grants Allocation” be received; and,
- 2) **That the delegations from Ms. Judi McIntyre, Unionville BIA and Mr. Peter Ottensmeyer, Markham Concert Band, be received; and further,**
- 3) **That the 2012 Celebrate Markham Grants Allocation be referred back to staff to look at options to permit the additional one time \$1,800.00 for the Markham Concert Band; \$5,000.00 for the Remington Markham International Sedan Chair Challenge and \$5,000.00 for the World Music & Dance Festivals while remaining within the \$250,000.00 allocated budget amount.**

CARRIED

**6. SAFE STREETS STRATEGY UPDATE (5.0)**

[Presentation](#)

Paul Ingham, Director, Operations delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update with respect to the Safe Streets Strategy.

The Committee discussed the priority street listing.

The Committee discussed the importance of pedestrian safety. Councillor Alan Ho suggested that staff investigate "Calgary Plus 15" which is an elevated walkway system.

There was discussion regarding the potential to increase the number of Speed Display Boards in the various Wards and the associated capital and operating costs. It was suggested that staff provide quarterly updates to Ward Councillors.

The Committee discussed school safety zones. Staff advised that they do provide comments on site plans for new schools.

There was discussion regarding the non-intrusive measures (narrowing travel lanes with pavement markings) used on Village Parkway and Carlton Road. Committee suggested that staff e-mail the former Safe Street Committee members and obtain their feedback.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Howard Shore

- 1) THAT the presentation by Mr. Paul Ingham, Director, Operations entitled "Safe Streets Strategy Update" be received.

CARRIED

**7. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF REESOR ROAD TO MAYOR MACKENZIE DRIVE TO HIGHWAY 7 (5.10)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) THAT the report titled "Temporary road closure of Reesor Road from Major Mackenzie Drive to Highway 7" be received; and,
- 2) THAT the closure of Reesor Road from Major Mackenzie Drive to highway 7 be approved from March 19, 2012 to June 15, 2012; and,
- 3) THAT an exemption to the Town's Noise Control By-Law 2003-137 be made to extend the hours of work from 7:00pm to 6:30am during the road closure; and further,

- 4) THAT the staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**8. MARKHAM MUSEUM COLLECTIONS  
MANAGEMENT POLICY (6.7)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) THAT the report entitled Markham Museum Collection Management Policy be received; and,
- 2) THAT Council approve the revised Markham Museum Collection Policy (appendix A) recommended by the Friends of Markham Museum and Staff; and,
- 3) THAT the Museum Curator maintain the authority to sign gift agreements and other routine legal documents pertaining to collection management; and further,
- 4) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Committee obtained a 2/3 majority to add an in-camera item to the March 5, 2012 General Committee agenda.

**9. IN-CAMERA MATTERS**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters (12:13 PM):

- 1) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (12:45 PM).

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:46 PM.