



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
February 6, 2012
Meeting No. 2

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
Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning
Dennis Flaherty, Director, Communications & Community Relations
Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage
Phoebe Fu, Senior Manager, Facilities
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee convened at the hour of 11:29 a.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair; Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items and Councillor Logan Kanapathi Chaired Land, Building & Parks Construction related items.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
AREA (UBIA) UPDATE (3.0)**
[Presentation](#)

Ms. Judy McIntyre, Executive Director of the Unionville BIA and Mr. Rob Kadlovski, Co-chair of Unionville BIA delivered a PowerPoint presentation briefly outlining their accomplishments in the past months and their proposed plans for the future.

The Committee suggested that the BIA meet with the Mayor and interested Members of Council to further discuss and understand their plans for the future.

It was pointed out that the Town needs to be clear on their role with BIA's.

The Committee thanked Ms. McIntyre and Mr. Kadlovski for all their work and today's presentation.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the presentation by Ms. Judi McIntyre, Executive Director of the Unionville BIA, entitled "UBIA Update" be received.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2012
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

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

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2012
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 17, 2012 Environmental Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.
- 2) THAT the following recommendations of the November 17, 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes be endorsed;

“That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) recommend to Town of Markham Council that a representative from the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) be appointed to the Markham Agricultural Advisory Committee.”

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2011
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

It was noted that paragraph two on page 3 of the minutes should read ".....a 2.5 times increase in ridership on roads with cycling facilities."

Councillor Howard Shore suggested that staff report back on a potential pilot project to permit cycling on specific designated sidewalks.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 24, 2011 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) **That staff report back on a potential pilot project to permit cycling on specific designated sidewalks.**

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2011
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 13, 2011 Seniors Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2012
SENIOR'S HALL OF FAME AWARDS COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Seniors Awards Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**7. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2012
THE FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the Minutes of the January 11, 2012 The Friends of the Markham Museum board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – MARKHAM
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TRAINING ACADEMY (7.0)**
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

The Committee suggested that this item be deferred to the February 13, 2012 General Committee meeting.

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

That the following recommendation be deferred to the February 13, 2012 General Committee meeting:

- 1) THAT the report titled “Request for Information – Markham International Sports Training Academy” be received; and,
- 2) THAT the document attached to the report as Appendix B be approved for release to the market; and further,
- 3) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

9. 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (7.5)

[Report](#) [Appendix 1](#) [Appendix 2](#) [Appendix 3](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the watermain replacement on Old Wellington Street.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) THAT the report dated February 6, 2012 entitled, “2012 Capital Budget Amendment” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Council approve the amendment to the 2012 Capital Budget by adjusting for the following items:
 - a. inclusion of the watermain replacement on Old Wellington Street between Markham Road (Main Street South) and Wignall Crescent in the amount of \$250,000 to be funded from the Waterworks Stabilization/Capital reserve; the scope and cost for the Waterworks capital project #12328 “Watermain Construction & Replacement Program” will be adjusted accordingly;
 - b. inclusion of the design component for the Watermain replacement on Hwy. 7 between Warden Avenue and Unionville railway tracks in the amount of \$60,500 to be funded from the Waterworks Stabilization/Capital reserve; the scope and cost for the Waterworks capital project #12329 “Watermain Construction Design” will be adjusted accordingly; and,
- 3) THAT the 2012 Capital Budget will be amended as outlined on Appendices 1 & 2 the funding sources and the 2012 Capital projects; and further,
- 4) THAT further that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

10. 2012 OPERATING BUDGET (7.4)

[Report](#) [Appendix 1](#) [Appendix 2](#) [Appendix 3](#) [Appendix 4](#) [Appendix 5](#)
[Appendix 6](#) [Appendix 7](#) [Appendix 8](#)

The Budget Subcommittee recommended that the Operating Budget tax rate increase be amended to 1.5%.

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) THAT the report dated February 6, 2012 entitled, “2012 Operating Budget” be received; and,

- 2) THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget for Town services totalling **\$171,553,698** (excluding the 2011 surplus) which represents a **1.5%** tax rate increase over 2011(\$164,637,871) the principle components of which are detailed in **Appendix 1 as amended to reflect the 1.5% tax rate increase as recommended by General Committee on February 6, 2012; and,**
- 3) THAT the gross operating expenditures of **\$171,553,698**, (excluding the 2011 surplus) be funded from the following sources

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2012 Budget \$</u>
Taxation Levies	119,868,329
Grants-in-lieu of Taxes	1,209,007
Grant & Subsidy Revenues	1,529,273
General Revenues (Investment Income, Fines, Permits, Interest & Penalties)	25,310,189
User Fees & Service Charges (User Fees, Rentals, Sales)	19,929,716
Other Income/Recoveries	<u>3,707,184</u>
Total Revenues	<u>171,553,698</u>

; and,

- 4) THAT Council approve the 2012 Planning & Design Budget that totals \$6,686,379, (excluding the 2011 deficit) the principle components of which are detailed on Appendix 2; and,
- 5) THAT Council approve the 2012 Engineering Budget that totals \$6,319,540, (excluding the 2011 surplus) the principle components of which are detailed on Appendix 3; and,
- 6) THAT Council approve the 2012 Building Standards Budget that totals \$7,972,783, (excluding the 2011 surplus) the principle components of which are detailed on Appendix 5; and,
- 7) THAT Council approve the 2012 Waterworks Budget that totals \$81,642,620, (excluding the 2011 surplus) the principle components of which are detailed on Appendix 7; and,
- 8) THAT upon finalization of the 2011 audited financial statements, the 2012 Operating, Planning & Design, Engineering, Building Standards and Waterworks budgets be adjusted to reflect the 2011 operating results; and,
- 9) THAT a copy of the budgets be made available to the public through the Clerk's Department, Town's website and each of the Markham Public Libraries; and,
- 10) THAT the "Additional Financial Disclosure Requirements Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09" be received for information purposes; and further,
- 11) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

11. 2011 YEAR-END INVESTMENT REPORT (7.0)

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) THAT the report dated February 6, 2012 entitled “2011 Investment Performance Review” be received; and,
- 2) THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

12. NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY (NASTT) NO-DIG 2012 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION ON MARCH 11-15, 2012 IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, USA (5.0)

[Report](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) THAT authorization be granted for Erine Ting, Manager of Infrastructure, Waterworks and Councillor Alex Chiu to attend the North American Society of Trenchless Technology’s International (NASTT) No-Dig 2012 Conference and Exhibition on March 11-15, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee; and,
- 2) THAT Waterworks staff and Councillor expenses be paid in accordance to Town’s Policy from the 2012 Operating Budget account #760-998-5200; and further,
- 3) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

13. DANIEL’S FAIRTY HOUSE (5.0)

[Presentation](#)

Pheobe Fu, Senior Manager, Facilities and Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Daniel’s Fairty House at 7060 Markham Road which is owned by the Town and located on parkland.

The Committee discussed the following:

- potential to exchange lands with the Remington Group to permit reconfiguration of the existing park
- how much the building has deteriorated over the last few years

- the current interest of the Markham African Caribbean Association (MACA) in the building and their past attempts to raise funds to assist in renovating the building
- the status of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MACA
- identified amount of the Capital contribution required for restoration
- the ability to secure grants and potential fundraising
- Staff proposed restoration plan
- Should the building remain for public uses only or should other potential opportunities such as commercial usages for the building be considered
- Potential to relocate the heritage building

Ms. Evelin Ellison, Thornhill resident addressed the Committee regarding the Daniel's Fairty House and spoke in support of restoring the heritage building.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) THAT the presentation by Ms. Pheobe Fu, Senior Manager, Facilities & Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage entitled "Daniel's Fairty House" be received; and,
- 2) **That staff proceed with the structural evaluation of the Daniel's Fairty House; and,**
- 3) **That staff, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Councillor Logan Kanapathi establish a meeting with representatives of Markham African Caribbean Association (MACA); and,**
- 4) **That staff be authorized to issue an RFP to seek external interests in restoring the building in exchange for a long term lease of the building and report back with the results of the RFP; and further,**
- 5) **That staff report back with proposed restoration/renovation program requiring capital contribution.**

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

14. MEATLESS MONDAYS

Councillor Valerie Burke reminded the Committee of the Sustainability Office's promoting Meatless Mondays and thanked Committee for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

The General Committee meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.