



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
January 16, 2012
Meeting No. 1

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

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor. Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Paul Ingham, Director, Operations
Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Alex Moore, Manager of Purchasing
Mavis Urquhart, Manager of Environmental Leadership
Eddy Wu, Manager, Operations and Maintenance, Waterworks
Division
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Alex Chiu

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:04a.m. with Councillor Howard Shore as Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Regional Councillor Gord Landon disclosed an interest with respect to Item #12, as he purchased a vehicle from Markville Ford and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of such matters.

**1. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2011
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 12, 2011 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2012
UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (16.0)**

[December 2011](#) [January 2012](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 6, and January 4, 2012 Unionville Business Improvement Area be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2011
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 21 2011 Public Library Board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2011
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WASTE DIVERSION
SUB - COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 23, 2011 Environmental Issues Waste Diversion Sub Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011
SANTA CLAUS PARADE COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Santa Claus Parade Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2011
VARLEY MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 13, 2011 Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham be received for information purposes.
- 2) That Council endorse the following motion passed at the December 13, 2011 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Board meeting:

“That the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham request that the Town of Markham Council, name the laneway behind the Kathleen McKay House, Kathleen McKay Lane.”

CARRIED

Note: At the January 24, 2012 Council meeting Council referred the above request to staff for a report back to Development Services Committee meeting.

**7. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2011
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 24, 2011 Accessibility Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2011
THE FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the December 7, 2011 The Friends of the Markham Museum board be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**9. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2011
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**10. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER 2011 (7.0)**

[Report](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the WSIB Excess Workers Compensation Insurance and Committee requested that staff send Members of Council a memo outlining the number of claims submitted and what the insurance covers.

The Committee discussed the review of the Town's Parkland Dedication and Cash-in-lieu. It was suggested that a Council Workshop be scheduled to ensure further input is provided from Members of Council during this review process.

The Committee suggested that staff investigate whether there is an opportunity for waste diversion advertising on the green and blue bins.

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

- 1) THAT the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Month of December 2011” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**11. REPORT ON MARKHAM’S WATER TRAILER -
WATER ON WHEELS (“WOW”) PILOT PROJECT (5.0)**

[Report](#)

Commissioner Librecz advised the Committee that this report is a result of the Water on Wheels pilot project.

Mavis Urquhart, Manager of Environmental Leadership delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Markham's Water Trailer - Water on Wheels (WOW) Pilot project.

There was brief discussion regarding the informal survey done in the field.

The Committee inquired whether the unit can be rented by private companies. Staff pointed out that the water trailer will not be rented out to ensure that the standards are met regarding water safety.

The Committee suggested that staff consider adding the Thursday night music events (that takes place during the summer months) at the grandstand in Unionville to the list of the 2012 events where the Water Trailer will be.

The Committee briefly discussed the Town's external drinking water fountains.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) THAT the report entitled “ Report on Markham’s Water Trailer – Water on Wheels (“WOW”) Pilot Project” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Markham’s Water Trailer be at the following events in 2012:
 - Sedan Chair Challenge
 - Unionville Festival
 - Markham Village Music Festival
 - Taste of Asia
 - Canada Day
 - Ribfest
 - Night It Up
 - Milliken Children’s Festival
 - Thornhill Festival
 - Applefest
 - Markham Fair
- 3) THAT the attached Water Trailer Use Policy (Schedule 2), be adopted; and further,
- 4) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**12. MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE SOUTH ENTERPRISE
DRIVE PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION (5.12.4)**

[Report](#)

Mr. Craig Riley, Markville Ford addressed the Committee regarding the Main Street Unionville South Enterprise Drive proposed parking restriction and requested that the restriction be limited to one side of the street.

Paul Ingham, Director, Operations summarized the details outlined in the report.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Markville Ford should consider installing a parking structure as a long-term solution
- Consider the property on the north side as temporary parking space
- Use of Town property as a short-term solution for the two dealerships
- Use the current grassed parking lot on the site for employee parking
- Proposal to pipe the stream on the proposed PanAm site
- Staff to report back at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting with short term parking solutions

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) That the staff report entitled “ Main Street Unionville Proposed Parking Restriction”, be received; and,
- 2) THAT Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the west side of Main Street Unionville, between a point 176 metres south of Enterprise Boulevard and Enterprise Boulevard; and,
- 3) THAT Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east side of Main Street Unionville, between a point 216 metres south of Enterprise Boulevard and Enterprise Boulevard; and,
- 4) THAT the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through the Operations Department account #083-5399-8402-005; and,
- 5) THAT the Operations Department be directed to maintain the signs at the subject locations; and,
- 6) THAT the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon approval of the By-law amendment and installation of the signs; and,
- 7) **THAT staff report back with short-term parking solutions at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting; and further,**

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

13. COMPOSTABLE BAGS (5.0)

There was brief discussion regarding whether compostable bags in the green bins is mandatory. Staff advised that Town of Markham staff are working together with York Region staff to develop a comprehensive diversion plan.

14. IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

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 (10:37 AM):

- 1) A Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (10:48 AM).

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 10:48 AM.