



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2011
Meeting No. 28

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
Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management
Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk
Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Glen Taylor, Senior Manager, Infrastructure & Special Projects
Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services
Bill Wiles, Manager, By-law & Enforcement
Paul Wealleans, Director, Revenues
Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:06 a.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair and Councillor Carolina Moretti assumed the Chair at 9:14 a.m. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 10:01 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

1. CIVIC CENTRE ICE RINK (5.0)

Ms. Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the operating information for the Civic Centre Ice Rink.

There was brief discussion regarding whether helmets will be mandatory. Staff pointed out that they will be following the same rules as the other Town of Markham facilities where helmets are not mandatory however strongly recommended.

The Committee inquired what will be done to keep individuals from skating and/or walking on the natural pond area. Staff advised that there will be signage, the flagging system will continue to be used and the pond will not be cleared for ice-skating as it was in the past.

There was discussion regarding the hours of operation for the skating rink and cafeteria. The Committee inquired whether the public using the skating rink will have to come through the lower atrium to access the cafeteria and washroom facilities. Staff advised that there are washrooms in the change rooms and that there is an entrance to the cafeteria close to the skating rink.

The Committee suggested that staff report back in late January 2012 providing an update on the use of the Civic Centre Ice Rink and the extended cafeteria hours.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) THAT the presentation by Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services, entitled “Civic Centre Ice Rink” be received.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 28, 2011 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the July 4, 2011 Environmental Issues Waste Diversion Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2011
ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 19, 2011 Animal Care Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2011
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 18, 2011 Seniors Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 &
OCTOBER 6, 2011 VARLEY MCKAY ART
FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM (16.0)**
[September](#) [October](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 19 & October 6, 2011 Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**7. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2011
IMPLEMENTATION OF LED STREET
LIGHT TASK FORCE (16.0)**
[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the November 23, 2011 Implementation of LED Street Light Task Force be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2011
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 19, 2011 Accessibility Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

9. 2012 INTERIM TAX LEVY AND BYLAW (7.3)

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) THAT Council authorize an interim tax levy for 2012; and,
- 2) THAT the attached by-law be passed to authorize the 2012 interim tax levy; and further,
- 3) THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**10. INTERIM SPENDING AUTHORITY PENDING
APPROVAL OF 2012 BUDGET (7.4)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) THAT the report “Interim Spending Authority pending approval of 2012 Budget”, be received; and,
- 2) THAT Council approve 50% of the 2011 Operating Budget equal to \$130,040,129 as a pre-budget approval for 2012 operating expenditures; and further,
- 3) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

11. 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET (7.5)

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

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the report dated December 5, 2011 entitled, “2012 Capital Budget” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Council approve the 2012 Capital Budget which totals \$107,257,600 as outlined on Appendices 1 & 2 the funding sources and the 2012 Capital projects; and,
- 3) THAT the 2012 capital project #12287 “Daniel Fairty House Stabilization and Preservation” in the amount of \$448,000 be included in the 2012 Capital Budget as a placeholder and Staff will not proceed with the project until such time that Staff brings forward a presentation on the state of the facility and its cultural heritage value to members of Council; and,
- 4) THAT the 2012 Capital Budget includes the new project #12373 “Solar Photovoltaic Readiness and Energy & Water Sub-metering system” for the East Markham Community Centre & Library in the amount of \$220,000 to be funded by the Green Municipal Fund grant; and further,
- 5) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**12. AMENDMENTS TO THE SITE ALTERATION
AND PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAWS (2.0)**

[Report](#) [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

There was discussion regarding the importance of more enhanced education to residents regarding their general responsibilities for their property including the maintenance of a grading level that is compatible with neighbourhood lot grading.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) THAT the report entitled “Amendment to Property Standards By-law 248-1999 and Enactment of an Updated Site Alteration By-law” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Council approve the proposed amendments to Property Standards By-law 248-1999 as contained in “Attachment ‘A’- Property Standard By-law Amendment” to this report; and,

- 3) THAT Council repeal Site Alteration By-law 2006-97 and enact an updated by-law as proposed in “Attachment ‘B’- Site Alteration By-law” to this report; and further,
- 4) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**13. CONTRACT EXTENSION (029-T-07)
FOR ROUTINE & EMERGENCY SEWER
AND WATERMAIN REPAIRS (5.4)**
[Report](#)

Mr. Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services summarized the details outlined in the report.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) THAT the report entitled “Contract Extension (029-T-07) for Routine & Emergency Sewer and Watermain Repairs” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Contract 029-T-07 for Routine & Emergency Sewer and Watermain Repairs be extended to Finch Paving (1993) Inc. for two (2) additional years (January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013) at a 5% reduction compared with 2010 unit pricing in the estimated annual contractual value of \$895,266 inclusive of HST; and,
- 3) 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,
- 4) THAT funds be provided from the Budget Accounts as listed in the Financial Considerations section in the annual amount of \$895,266, inclusive of HST; and further,
- 5) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**14. MARKHAM RECEIVES DOUBLE GOLD
AT THE 2011 ONTARIO WASTE MINIMIZATION
AWARDS (12.2.6)**
[Report](#)

Ms. Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management presented Mayor and Members of Council with the double gold 2011 Ontario Waste Minimization Award from the Recycling Council of Ontario.

The Committee suggested that this award be received at the Tuesday December 13, 2011 Council meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

- 1) THAT Mayor and Council on behalf of the Town of Markham, receive the double gold 2011 *Ontario Waste Minimization Award* from the Recycling Council of Ontario.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

15. STRIKING YORK TRANSIT WORKERS

Councillor Colin Campbell inquired whether there is any information that he can relay to his constituents regarding the York Region Transit strike. It was suggested that he direct any calls or e-mails to Mr. Bill Fisch, Chair, York Region.

16. IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (a) (c) **(b)** of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters (10:01 AM):

- 1) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- 2) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- 3) The security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- 4) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- 5) **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.**

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Alan Ho

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (1:34 PM).

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 1:35 PM.