



***MINUTES***  
**GENERAL COMMITTEE**  
**November 21, 2011**  
**Meeting No. 26**

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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 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  
Paul Ingham, Director, Operations  
Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Colin Service, Manager, Planning & Policy Development  
Liz Wimmer, Senior Environmental Planner  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Regrets**

Councillor Colin Campbell

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.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

## DEPUTATIONS

### 1. **SALE OF SURPLUS TOWN LANDS FORMER ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN LOTS 10 AND 11, CONCESSION 9 (8.2)**

Mr. Frank Palombi, Lindvest Properties, addressed the Committee summarizing the series of events that have taken place with respect to discussions between staff, Markham Council and representatives of Lindvest regarding the acquisition of the Town owned lands since the fall of 2010. He is requesting that the Committee approve the sale of the Town owned lands to Lindvest.

Mr. Gord Walter, Sherwood Amber Glen Ratepayers Association, addressed the Committee with respect to the proposed sale of surplus Town lands and requested that the Town owned parcel of land be retained for a natural park area.

### 2. **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2011 GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the Minutes of the November 14, 2011 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

### 3. **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the Minutes of the November 2, 2011 Environmental Issues Committee be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) THAT the following recommendations of the November 2, 2011 Environmental Issues Committee Minutes be endorsed;

“That the funding application from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for \$10,000 for a demonstration rain garden at the Warden House, be approved subject to:

- TRCA working together with Operations Department staff.
- **That staff be directed to report back on the cost to replace the existing driveway with permeable materials**
- **That staff be directed to provide a final drawing of the property at the Warden House depicting all the proposed changes**
- **That staff be directed to report back on the condition of the tree that is proposed to be taken down; and,**

**That the Youth Environmental Network of York Region (YENYR) be encouraged to keep the cost of the location of the venue and the guest speaker at a minimum; and,**

That the funding application from YENYR for \$8,650 for an Eco-Youth Education Forum be approved; and further,

That the application by the Operations Department for planting at the Civic Centre pond be approved subject to:

- The planting design be extended to include the entire pond edge
- The requested funding being increased to \$15,000 from \$10,000
- That the species selection being broadened to include non-native species
- That a staff team including Urban Design, Asset Management and any other affected departments should participate in this project
- **That staff be directed to provide a presentation to Committee regarding Ontario Parks Association and research on environmental standards when planting near a pond**
- **That staff report back to Committee with details regarding what will be planted”**

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the September 20, 2011 Environmental Issues Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**Note: Please see item number 5 regarding the recommendation for the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Enhancement Plan.**

**5. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2011  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**6. SOUTHEAST COLLECTOR TRUNK SEWER  
ENHANCEMENT PLAN (7.0)**

[Report](#)

There was discussion regarding the proposed \$200,000 University Entrance Scholarship Funding and whether it should be distributed equally to all the high schools within Markham. Committee requested that staff e-mail them the list of Public and Catholic high schools in Markham.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report entitled “Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Enhancement Plan – Update on Project Implementation”, dated November 14, 2011 be received; and,
- 2) THAT Council endorse the recommended funding allocation for the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Enhancement Projects as revised by the Environmental Issues Committee (EIC) on September 20, 2011 as follows:
  - i) University Entrance Scholarship Funding - \$200,000.00
  - ii) Trails Construction in Legacy and Box Grove Communities - \$240,000.00
  - iii) Locust Hill School House Stabilization and Exterior Restoration - \$110,000.00
  - iv) Dimma House on-site House Relocation subject to the TRCA agreement to privatize the dwelling - \$45,000.00; and,
- 3) THAT capital projects be created for; the Trails Construction in Legacy and Box Grove Communities; the Locust Hill School House stabilization and the Dimma House on-site relocation in addition to the (2) previously approved projects by Council on June 28, 2011, to be funded by the Region of York, subject to the execution of a funding agreement between the Region of York and the Town of Markham (York Region will establish a funding arrangement directly with the school boards for the University Entrance Scholarship) with the understanding that the Town not upfront any funds; and,
- 4) THAT the Region of York in consultation with Town staff be authorized to adjust funding allocation within the approved upset limit of \$800,000 for the approved projects as outlined in this report should implementation or partner approvals of projects become barriers to project completion within the general timelines established by the Region; and,
- 5) THAT Council authorize staff to work with the Regional Municipality of York to finalize the implementation agreements; and,
- 6) THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute such agreements as necessary to give effect to this report, to the satisfaction of the Town Solicitor; and,
- 7) THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of York, York Region District School Board, York Region Catholic District School Board, Toronto Region Conservation Authority and the Rouge Park Alliance for information; and further,

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

CARRIED

**7. 2012 WATER/WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE (7.0)**  
[Report](#) [Attachment A](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report dated November 21, 2011 entitled “2012 Water/Wastewater Rate Increase” be received; and,
- 2) THAT the minutes from the public meeting held on October 25, 2011 with respect to the 2012 Water/Wastewater Rate Increase be received; and,
- 3) THAT the 2012 Town of Markham’s (“Town”) Water/Wastewater rate increase be equivalent to the Region of York’s (“Region”) monetary increase of \$0.1487 per cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>) based on Region’s approved increase of 10%; and,
- 4) THAT in addition to the Region’s increase, the 2012 Water/Wastewater rate increase includes a surcharge of \$0.0626/m<sup>3</sup>; and,
- 5) THAT effective April 1, 2012, the 2012 Water/Wastewater rate will be \$2.6277/m<sup>3</sup>, an increase of \$0.2113/m<sup>3</sup>; and further,
- 6) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**8. AWARD OF QUOTATION # 194-Q-11, TWO HIRED LOADERS WITH PLOW AND WING FOR WINTER OPERATIONS (5.0)**  
[Report](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report entitled “Award of Quotation # 194-Q-11 Two Hired Loaders with Plow and Wing for Winter Operations” be received; and,
- 2) THAT the contract for Two Hired Loaders with Plow and Wing be awarded to the lowest priced bidder, Clifford’s Haulage Ltd. in the total amount of \$440,508.96 for a period of seven years (December 2011-March 2018) inclusive of HST; and,

- 3) THAT the 2011 costs (December 2011) of \$13,126.80 and 2012 to 2018 costs be funded from the Operations Department's Operating Budget account # 700 504 5301; and,
- 4) THAT the 2013 – 2018 Operating Budgets be adjusted for growth (increase in kilometers of roadway), subject to Council approval; and,
- 5) THAT the 2013 – 2018 Operating Budgets be adjusted annually for price escalation on the hourly rates based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Canada all-items CPI September to September) with such increases effective November 1 of each year, subject to Council approval; and,
- 6) THAT the Director of Operations and Manager of Purchasing be authorized to exercise the option to renew the contract for an additional 3 years (November 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021) at the 2011 itemized prices inclusive of annual CPI increase subject to contract performance and budget approval; and,
- 7) THAT the Operations and Financial Services Departments develop a multi-year operations and financial strategy for winter maintenance and report back to Council in the spring of 2012; and,
- 8) THAT this report be brought forward to the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Council meeting; and further;
- 9) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**9. CELEBRATE MARKHAM GRANT  
PROGRAM REVISION (3.0)**

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

Mr. Colin Service, Manager, Planning & Standards delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed revisions to the Celebrate Markham Grant program.

The Committee discussed the following:

- What defines an event to be a Town wide event
- Consider a minimum grant dollar amount for each event
- Investigate what other municipalities are doing
- Consider applying the proposed maximum 80% of funding received from the previous year to both community and Town run events
- Staff to provide more details on additional grant programs offered by the Town
- Include a fourth option to increase the Celebrate Markham Grant budget
- Need to consult with the representatives of the various events groups

- Concern that some groups will not be able to continue running their event with the possibility of declining funds
- Careful consideration for long running events
- Need to increase the grant amount provided to the Markham Arts Council
- Hold a Council Workshop (staff outline what will be discussed)
- Clearly outline the staff support provided for community and Town run events
- Explore the opportunity for more sponsorship and should not always approach the same businesses

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report “Celebrate Markham Grant Program Revision” be received;
- 2) **THAT representatives from all the events groups be consulted separately for their input; and,**
- 3) **THAT staff consider a minimum funding amount per each event; and,**
- 4) **THAT staff together with any Member of Council determine what defines a Town event; and,**
- 5) **THAT the current names of the various Town events be reviewed; and,**
- 6) **THAT staff provide a fourth option that increases the budgeted amount for the Celebrate Markham Grant; and,**
- 7) **THAT staff clearly outline their support for community and Town run events; and further,**
- 8) **THAT a Council Workshop be scheduled sometime between January and June 2012 and that staff outline what will be discussed at the Workshop.**

CARRIED

#### **10. WATER BALANCE APPROACH TO LEAKAGE MANAGEMENT (5.3)**

[Presentation](#)

Mr. Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Water Balance Approach to Leakage Management.

The Committee inquired whether the Regional Municipality of York gets a cheaper rate when purchasing water from the City of Toronto compared to the Town of Markham purchasing it directly themselves from the City of Toronto. Staff will follow up on that.

There was discussion regarding water scarcity and the importance to help conserve and protect this resource.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) THAT the presentation by Mr. Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services entitled “Water Balance Approach To Leakage Management” be received.

CARRIED

**11. LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE:  
YORK REGION IMMIGRATION SETTLEMENT STRATEGY (5.0)**

[Presentation](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#)

Ms. Sandra Tam, Senior Business Development Officer delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Local Immigration Partnership Initiative York Region Immigration Settlement Strategy.

The Committee thanked Ms. Sandra Tam, Ms. Christina Harding, Program Manager, Local Immigration Partnership Initiative, York Region and all the Regional staff involved in bringing this strategy forward.

There was discussion regarding the lack of work development support for immigrants and the importance of integrating newcomers into our workplace.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim

- 1) THAT the presentation by Ms. Sandra Tam, Senior Business Development Officer entitled “Local Immigration partnership Initiative York Region Immigration Settlement Strategy” be received;
- 2) **That the York Region Local Immigration Partnership: Immigration Settlement Strategy be endorsed.**

CARRIED

**12. OPERATIONS FACILITY MASTER PLAN (5.0)**

[Presentation](#)

The Committee suggested that this item be deferred to next week.



Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) THAT the presentation by Mr. Bob Nicholson, Business & Technical Services, entitled “Operations Facility Master Plan ” be **deferred to the November 28, 2011 General Committee meeting.**

CARRIED

**13. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF  
DENISON STREET BETWEEN CLAYTON DR  
GROVETTE DR/MILIKEN MEADOWS DR (5.10)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report titled ‘Temporary road closure of Denison Street between Clayton Dr and Grovett Dr/ Miliken Meadows Dr’ be received; and,
- 2) THAT the closure be in effect from 6:00 pm Friday December 2, 2011 to 12:00 pm on Sunday December 4, 2011; and,
- 3) THAT a traffic control plan and a detour route signage plan be prepared by GO Transit (Metrolinx) and submitted to the Town for approval prior to the closure of the road; and,
- 4) THAT a notice of road closure be prepared by Metrolinx and circulated to all emergency services, school boards and the residents and business located on the streets listed in Appendix A; and,
- 5) THAT a notice of the road closure be placed in the local newspaper for 2 consecutive weeks prior to the date of the proposed road closure; and,
- 6) THAT advance notification signage stating start and completion dates be erected on site two weeks prior to the closure of the road; and,
- 7) THAT an exemption to the Town’s Noise Control By-Law 218-89 be made to extend the hours of work for new railway track installation crossing Denison Street from 6:00 pm Friday December 2, 2011 to 12:00 pm on Sunday December 4, 2011; and further,
- 8) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

**14. RENFREW DRIVE AND HOOPER ROAD  
PROPOSED ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL (5.12.3)**

[Report](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the report entitled “Renfrew Drive and Hooper Road Proposed All-way Stop Control”, be received; and,
- 2) THAT Schedule 12 of Traffic By-law 106-71 be amended to include the intersection of Renfrew Drive and Hooper Road; and,
- 3) THAT a letter of credit funded from the applicant in the amount of \$1,800, be deposited into Operations account #083-5399-8402-005 for the purpose of installing the necessary signs and pavement markings; and,
- 4) THAT the Operations Department be directed to maintain the signs at the subject locations; and,
- 5) THAT York Region Police be requested to enforce the all-way stop control upon installation of these signs and passing of the By-law; and further,
- 6) THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**15. CLAYTON DRIVE AT HARVEST MOON DRIVE  
-PROPOSED TURN PROHIBITION REMOVAL (5.10)**

[Report](#) [Attachment A](#) [Attachment B](#) [Attachment C](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the staff report entitled “ Clayton Drive at Harvest Moon Drive – Proposed Turn Prohibition Removal”, be received; and,
- 2) THAT Schedule 9 of Traffic By-law 106-71 be amended to rescind the turn prohibitions at the intersection of Clayton Drive and Harvest Moon Drive; and,
- 3) THAT the operation Department be directed to remove the existing turn prohibitions signs at the subject locations; and,
- 4) THAT any future requests to reinstate the turn prohibitions be considered only if a resident solicited petition of the community is submitted; and further,
- 5) THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**16. GRANDVIEW AREA PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS (5.12.4)**

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

There was brief discussion regarding whether there will be sufficient areas to park with the proposed parking restrictions.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jim Jones

- 1) THAT the staff report entitled “Grandview Area Proposed Parking Restrictions”, be received; and,
- 2) THAT Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the south side of Meadowview Avenue, between Dudley Avenue and Willowdale Boulevard; and,
- 3) THAT Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the north side of Grandview Avenue, between a point 55 metres east of Yonge Street and Willowdale Boulevard; and,
- 4) THAT Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east side of Dudley Avenue, between Grandview Avenue and Meadowview Avenue; and,
- 5) 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,
- 6) THAT the Operations Department be directed to maintain the signs at the subject locations; and,
- 7) 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,
- 8) THAT this report be brought forward to the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Council meeting; and further,
- 9) THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**17. MARKHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2011 (5.0)**

[Report](#) [Bylaw](#) [Plan](#)

The Committee suggested that this item be deferred to next week.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

**That the following recommendations be deferred to the November 28, 2011 General Committee meeting:**

- 1) THAT the report titled “Markham Emergency Management Program 2011” be received; and,
- 2) THAT a by-law enacted to:
  - (i) adopt the Emergency Management Program attached thereto as “Schedule A”, in accordance with the provisions of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, as amended;
  - (ii) adopt the Emergency Plan attached thereto as “Schedule B”, in accordance with the provisions of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, as amended; and
  - (iii) repeal By-law 2004-325 and By-law 2006-197, which adopted previous Markham emergency management programs; and,
- 3) THAT the Deputy Fire Chief, Philip Alexander, be hereby designated as Markham’s Emergency Management Program Co-ordinator in accordance with Ontario Regulation 380/04. For the purposes of Markham’s Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan (and in keeping with the terms used by Emergency Management Ontario in its emergency management training programs), the Emergency Management Program Co-ordinator shall be referred to as the “Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator”; and,
- 4) THAT the Director of Corporate Communications and Community Relations be hereby designated as Markham’s Emergency Information Officer in accordance with Ontario Regulation 380/04; and further,
- 5) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**18. BAYVIEW AVENUE SINK HOLE**

Councillor Howard Shore complimented Mr. Peter Loukes and all his staff involved in repairing the sink hole along Bayview Avenue. Councillor Shore indicated that he has not received any complaints from his constituents in Thornhill, but did receive many compliments at how quickly and professionally it was handled.

**19. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (8.2)**

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

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.
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CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the General Committee rise from the in-camera session (12:49 PM).

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:50 PM.