



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
October 17, 2011
Meeting No. 23

Finance & Administrative Issues

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Environment & Sustainability Issues

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

Community Services Issues

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

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 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

Catherine Conrad, Town Solicitor
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Andrew Brouwer, Deputy Clerk
Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Jeffrey McMann, Supervisor, Forestry
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Gord Landon

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:06 a.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti in the Chair. Councillor Carolina Moretti assumed the Chair at 9:32 a.m. Mayor Frank Scarpitti re-assumed the Chair at 10:13 a.m. and Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

1. KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA PRESENTATION (9.0)

Mr. Michael Lane Powell addressed the Committee and delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Kindred Spirits Orchestra.

The Committee thanked Mr. Powell for the presentation and congratulated Kindred Spirits Orchestra (KSO) on their organization.

The Committee suggested the following:

- KSO should continue to work with Eric Larivier, Manger Markham Theatre with respect to booking the theatre
- KSO should work with and Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services with respect to booking the rehearsal hall at the new East Markham Community Centre
- KSO should consider doing some performances at the outdoor amphitheatre during the summer months

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the presentation by Mr. Michael Lane Powell, Powell Weir Barristers & Solicitors entitled “Kindred Spirits Orchestra” be received.

CARRIED

2. SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY MARKHAM (12.1)
[Presentation](#)

Mr. Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations delivered a PowerPoint regarding Social Media Use by Markham.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The required staff to monitor the various social media sites
- How to effectively control blog sites (would like more discussion)
- The potential to enhance what the Town of Markham currently does to engage members of the communities

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the presentation by Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations, entitled “ Social Media Use By Markham” be received.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2011
GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 3, 2011 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
SANTA CLAUS PARADE COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Santa Claus Parade Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. 2012 STANDING COMMITTEE/ COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE (16.0)**

[Attachment](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the 2012 meeting schedule for Council and Standing Committees be approved.

CARRIED

**6. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2011
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0 & 12.1)**

[September 28](#) [October 7.....Policy](#)

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 28 and October 7, 2011 Communications Committee and Information Technology Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.
- 2) That Council endorse the Social Media Policy as approved by the Communications Committee and Information Technology Sub-Committee, and,
- 3) That Markham Boards, Business Improvement Areas and Committees be required to adhere to the Town's Corporate Social Media Policy; and,

- 4) That Markham District Energy and Markham Enterprise Corporation be requested to consider adopting the Town's Social Media Policy if no such policy currently exists.

CARRIED

**7. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
UNIONVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (16.0)**

[August](#) [September](#) [October](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Minutes of the August 24, September 7, and October 5, 2011 Unionville Business Improvement Area be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**8. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2011
BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 3, 2011 Budget Sub-Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

9. EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE PRESENTATION (5.0)
[Presentation](#)

Mr. Jeffrey McMann, Supervisor, Forestry delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Emerald Ash Borer.

There was brief discussion regarding potential financial requirements for 2012. Mr. Joel Lustig, Treasurer confirmed that finance staff will be meeting with operations staff to determine the amount required in the 2012 budget.

The Committee discussed the importance of clear communication to constituents from the beginning outlining what the Town is currently doing and advising that staff are working on an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan.

Moved by Councillor Carolina Moretti
Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell

- 1) That the presentation by Mr Jeffrey McMann, Supervisor, Forestry entitled “Emerald Ash Borer Update Presentation” be received.

CARRIED

10. MILLIKEN MILLS LIBRARY FEASIBILITY STUDY (3.19)
[Report](#)

There was brief discussion regarding the feasibility study.

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Milliken Mills Library Feasibility Study”, dated September 28, 2011, be received; and,
- 2) That Option 3 (Partial Two Level Concept as identified in the Milliken Mills Library Feasibility Study) be endorsed in principle as the preferred option for potential library expansion; and,
- 3) That the potential expansion of the Milliken Mills Library be considered as a future capital budget item with timelines to be coordinated with the construction of the South East Library Branch; and further,
- 4) That Staff authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**11. ONTARIO GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION REQUEST
FOR NOMINATIONS TO 2012 -2013 BOARD
OF DIRECTORS (5.10)**
[Attachment](#)

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the letter dated October 7, 2011 from the Ontario Good Roads Association requesting nominations to the 2012 -2013 Board of Directors, be received; and,
- 2) **That Councillor Colin Campbell be nominated for the 2012-2013 Ontario Good Roads Association (ORGA), Board of Directors.**

CARRIED

12. IN-CAMERA MATTERS (16.24)

General Committee did not resolve into an in-camera session.

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

- 1) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

ADJOURNMENT

That the General Committee meeting adjourn at 12:24 PM.