



**MINUTES FROM THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE IN 2012**

**Town of Markham
York Room - Civic Centre**

January 18, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.

Members

Diane Kobelansky
Dianne More
Helen Walter
Keith Thirgood
Phil Howes
Ardy Reid
Churchill Piggott
David Konkle
Peter Ross
Councillor Campbell
Councillor Moretti

Regrets

Jennifer Peters-Morales
Ibrahim Ali

Staff

Carlie Turpin, Committee Secretary
Regan Hutcheson, Manager Heritage Planner

Guests

Joyce Ramer
Christine Matthews (BIA Manager)

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:50 p.m. with Councillor Campbell as Chair, who began by asking for any declarations of interest with respect to items on the agenda. No declarations were made.

1. MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2011 MEETING

THE MAIN STREET MARKHAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on November 16, 2011, be adopted, with one amendment on page 2.

CARRIED

2. UPDATES:

a) Main Street Markham Environmental Assessment/ Detailed Design Stage

i. Current Status of Project - Peter Ross

Peter Ross advised there was a meeting held on December 15, 2011 with town staff and the local councilors who suggested that 3 groups, comprised of members from the BIA, former Community Advisory Group and Main St. Markham Committee, be formed. One group would be responsible for the area north of 16th Avenue, another group would address the area south of 16th Avenue and north of Hwy. 7 and the third group would be responsible for the area south of Hwy. 7. The meeting was focused on how to handle the closure of the street during the construction process. An additional meeting will be scheduled following the Engineering Department's (Dale MacKenzie) submission to Council regarding the budget.

February 2, 2012 was the tentative date put forward for the next advisory meeting to discuss details of construction timing. Some of the detailed design may be presented at this meeting however the main point will be to create groups and determine a sense of scheduling. This meeting will be by invitation only and will ensure the continuity of those who have been involved during previous planning stages.

Technical problems involve aging infrastructure that may require replacement as well as issues with the design of the street. The water pipes in the ROW will be changed from 1/2" to 3/4" and private property owners will have the opportunity to pay to upgrade the pipe on their own property. Councillor Campbell advised there is currently testing being conducted on Main St. to determine viability of the sewer infrastructure. He believes funding will be made available to cover its replacement/upgrading.

Phil Howes advised there was interest in setting up a web page that would keep the community informed on progress with the project. He also suggested that the Construction Superintendent attend the advisory groups meetings.

Regan Hutcheson advised that Town staff have continued their internal working group meeting with the consultant to discuss streetscape design details including the transition of design elements between the public ROW and private property. Councillor Moretti advised she spoke with Alan Brown regarding the February 2, 2012 meeting. The meeting date is tentative pending a report to Council, and will be confirmed following next Tuesday's Council meeting.

General discussion occurred regarding the composition of the groups for determining the schedule for construction/road closure.

b) **Interpretive Sub-Committee – Phase 2 of Interpretive Streetscape Program**

No new information to report.

c) **Incoming Planning Applications**

Regan Hutcheson distributed a list of all incoming planning applications. Residences at 23 Princess St., 32 Church St., 12 Albert St., 3 and 10 Rouge St., 352 Main St. N. have submitted various planning applications to the Town.

d) **Awning Sign on 120 Main St. North-Update** – Regan Hutcheson

Town staff has looked into the issue and By-law Enforcement has been advised of the issue. As a result, staff is working on a solution with the business owners.

e) **Proposed New Bench Design for Markham Parks & Main St. Markham**

Regan Hutcheson advised he did not believe the benches were available in the darker wood colour. The design that was presented to the committee will only be used in parks and not on Main Street. The benches may be used in parks in the heritage areas but this would have to be reviewed by Heritage Markham.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Application received for Emerson**

Councillor Campbell advised a site plan application for a cinema has been received for the former Emerson site (Hwy 48 and Major Mackenzie Drive). It would be a retail complex with a movie theatre and restaurants, and construction should be under way by summer.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Main Street Markham committee is February 15, 2012.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.