



**Minutes from the Main Street Markham Committee meeting
held on April 20, 2016**

**City of Markham
Council Chamber - Civic Centre**

Members

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair
Councillor Colin Campbell, Vice Chair
Jason Bebee
Paul Cicchini
Graham Dewar
Phil Howes
Gunter Langhorst
Jason McCauley
Tanya-Kay Melbourne
Dianne More
Jennifer Peters-Morales
Churchill Piggott
Ardy Reid
Peter Ross
Harvey Thomson

Regrets

Siobhán Covington
Christine Matthews

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting Secretary

The meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee convened at 5:50 PM with Councillor Campbell in the Chair and Karen Rea assumed the Chair at 5:52 PM.

1. Welcome of new Committee Members

Councillor Colin Campbell welcomed and introduced the Committee's new Members: Jason Bebee, Gunter Langhorst, Tanya-Kay Melbourne and Harvey Thomson.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None was disclosed.

3. Confirmation of Agenda

Items 12 and 13 were added to the agenda for this meeting.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 16, 2016 Meeting of the Main Street Markham Committee

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Churchill Piggott

That the Minutes of the Main Street Markham Committee meeting held on March 16, 2016 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

5. Main Street Markham Road Re-Construction

a) Deficiency List

Peter Ross provided an update to the construction on Main Street Markham. He advised that the file regarding the pavers at Robinson Street is still being dealt with by the City's Engineering Department and remains an outstanding item on the deficiency list although not for four seasons. It was noted that the Department will be bringing forward a report regarding next steps to Council in June 2016.

The preliminary list of deficiencies were all corrected satisfactorily and any remaining "deficiencies" are either pre-existing conditions or a result of snow plow operations.

Main Street South

Peter Ross provided an update on the construction at Main Street South, he noted that the warranty with Dagmar will be in effect until August 2017. Any issues of a health and safety matter will be undertaken immediately.

6. Donald Cousens Parkway (DCP) Extension

Peter Ross advised that the next opportunity to raise the DCP Extension will be in the fall of 2016. He advised that he has contacted the Deputy Mayor, who requested that the Committee send a motion to all Regional Councillors for consideration at York Region Council.

The Committee requested that this item be added to the September 2016 agenda for further discussion.

Moved by Peter Ross
Seconded by Phil Howes

Whereas the extension of the Donald Cousens Parkway to Highway 48 has been deferred by the Region of York to begin in 2026; and

Whereas the Donald Cousens Parkway extension is one of the Regional priorities for Markham Council; and

Whereas there may be an opportunity to reinstate earlier dates due to the delay or reduction in costs of other capital projects when the 10 year capital plan is revised annually during budget planning in the fall.

That the Main Street Markham Committee requests that the Regional Councillors of Markham review the material related to any opportunity to reinstate earlier dates for the Donald Cousens Parkway extension and raise the issue during budget discussion for 2017 when the 10 year capital projects are reviewed during the regional budget discussion in October and November, 2016.

Carried

7. Steeles Avenue Widening

Peter Ross provided an update on this matter. He advised that the City of Markham, the Region and Toronto have been trying to widen Steeles Avenue east of Markham Road to Ninth Line and to the Donald Cousens Parkway as a shared responsibility. A detailed design for the widening is due to be completed in 2017. He indicated that Metrolinx is also looking to expand the GO Transit system along the Stouffville corridor. This possible extension will require an environmental assessment concerning the widening of Steeles Avenue between Kennedy Road and Midland Avenue.

8. Cigarette Disposal Waste Containers

Councillor Karen Rea requested that this item be added to the May agenda for discussion as the Markham Village Business Improvement Area Board would be meeting in the near future to discuss this matter.

9. Interpretive House Plaques - Markham Village Conservancy Program

Regan Hutcheson provided an update to the Committee. He advised that the City has agreed to fund the program for an additional \$6000. He indicated that the program may be of interest to community members who own a heritage building. The City funds \$175 and the owner/local group will have to pay \$305.25 towards the plaque.

10. Linear Park fence design

Regan Hutcheson advised that he currently has no new information and that he understands that construction is still set to begin in the summer.

11. Incoming Planning Applications

Regan Hutcheson provided an update on the following incoming planning applications:

Site Plan Applications: 42 George Street; 4 Peter Street; 24 Church Street

Committee of Adjustment: 36 Peter Street

Heritage Permits: 4 Peter Street

Designated Heritage Property Grant Program Applications: 6 David Gohn Circle; 10 Centre Street

Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program: 10 Centre Street; 79 Main Street North

Building Permits: 214 Main Street North; 27 Princess Street

12. Signage

There was discussion with respect to the signage on Highway 407 ETR.

Peter Ross advised that signage is complex matter as it is multi-jurisdictional on the 407 ETR.

Moved by Peter Ross

Seconded by Dianne More

That the Main Street Markham Committee request that City Staff work with York Region staff and Regional Councillors to consider installing signage:

- a) Indicating “Markham Bypass” adjacent to the Regional signage for the Donald Cousens Parkway at the eastbound and westbound entrances onto the Donald Cousens Parkway from the 407 ETR. (As illustrated in Map 1); and
- b) Indicating at the north end of the Markham By-Pass/Donald Cousens Parkway, directions to Highway 48, such as westbound indicator on Major Mackenzie Drive East at the intersection; and
- c) A northbound indicator at Major Mackenzie Drive East and Highway 48; and
- d) Indicating southbound along Highway 48, direction to the Markham Bypass/Donald Cousens Parkway along Major Mackenzie Drive East, and going eastbound on Major Mackenzie Drive East, before the intersection to the Markham Bypass/Donald Cousens Parkway from Major Mackenzie Drive East. (As illustrated in Map 2).

Carried

13. Morgan Park Public Meeting

Councillor Karen Rea advised that the May 7 meeting has been deferred to a date to be determined. She indicated that Staff would be reporting on Morgan Park in the fall and that revised plans would be reviewed by the Main Street Markham Committee.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2016 in the Canada Room.

Items for discussion at future meetings:

- Cigarette Disposal Waste Containers (May 2016)
- Traffic Signals at Main Street Markham and Bullock Drive (May 2016)
- Parking in Markham Village (including the missing Parking Lot directional signs) (May 2016)
- Donald Cousens Parkway extension (September 2016)

15. Parked Items

- a) Master Plan Environmental Sub-Committee
- b) Promotion of Main Street Sub-Committee
- c) Official Plan and Zoning Review Sub-Committee
- d) Parking Authority and Parking Lot Issues
- e) Status of Town Square Feasibility Study
- f) Five-Year Pathway Implementation Program
- g) Main Street Markham Streetscape Implementation/Funding Strategy
- h) Linear Park Main Street South
- i) Morgan Park
- j) Library Square
- k) Metal Barrier Covers
- l) Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue extension
- m) Donald Cousens Parkway Extension
- n) Steeles Widening Markham Road To Bypass
- o) Heavy Truck Signage (MTO) at 407 and Main Street South
- p) Markham Bypass/Hwy 48 Signage on Don Cousens Parkway
- q) Don Cousens Parkway Extension to Hwy 48

16. Adjournment

Moved by Churchill Piggott
Seconded by Jason McCauley

That the Main Street Markham Committee meeting adjourn at 6:58 PM.

Carried