



## Council Minutes

January 13, 2015, 7:00 PM

Council Chamber, Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre

Meeting No. 3

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### Roll Call

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Regional Councillor Joe Li, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Karen Rea, Councillor Colin Campbell, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Councillor Alex Chiu.

### Regrets

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

### Staff

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer  
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services  
Joel Lustig, Treasurer  
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations  
Raj Raman, Mayor's Chief of Staff  
John Wong, Technology Support Specialist  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk  
Martha Pettit, Deputy City Clerk

The regular meeting of Council convened at 7:09 PM on January 13, 2015 in the Council Chamber. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

## **1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

- (1) Councillor Valerie Burke disclosed an interest with respect to the 2013 City of Markham Official Plan specifically related to 360 John Street (Item No. 2, Report No. 5 – Development Services Committee), by nature of owning a family business in the Thornhill area, and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of matters related to 360 John Street.

YEAS: Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Karen Rea, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Councillor Colin Campbell, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Councillor Alex Chiu. (9)

NAYS: Councillor Don Hamilton, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Regional Councillor Joe Li. (3)

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath. (1)

(3) MARKHAM SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL CENTRE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS (6.0)

- 1) That Council approve access to the confidential consultants' report relative to the Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre, through the Legal Department, under controlled circumstances with the City Solicitor, for the new Members of Council, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Karen Rea and Councillor Amanda Collucci.

**Carried**

(4) CANADA POST SERVICE CHANGES (13.0)

Whereas Canada Post requested a key staff person to assist Canada Post in their efforts to replace door to door mail delivery with community mailboxes (C.M.B.) in affected wards; and,

Whereas moving to C.M.B. delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people living with mobility and health challenges and could undermine their ability to live independently and will be compounded during inclement weather; and,

Whereas the proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, such as paving, lighting, snow removal, and policing related to vandalism and mail theft; and,

Whereas this proposed change would have an adverse economic effect on our communities with regards to the loss of jobs; and,

Whereas this proposed change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries;

Therefore be it resolved that:

Prior to any service adjustments being implemented by Canada Post and prior to any assistance by City of Markham Staff, the City of Markham as part of our service responsibilities to our residents requires:

- 1) That Canada Post conduct Town Hall meetings or open communication (in addition to the Canada Post mailed surveys with the residents being affected by the service change) for all concerned residents; and,
- 2) That the Town Hall meetings be hosted by the local member of Parliament (M.P.) and/or other elected representatives of the community, with Canada Post representatives and all other local councillors to discuss what kind of postal services City of Markham residents need; and,
- 3) That the City of Markham not endorse Canada Post actions prior to the consultation process being satisfactorily completed; and,
- 4) That the City of Markham send a letter to Deepak Chopra, Chief Executive Officer, Canada Post, to inform Canada Post that the City of Markham supports the existing delivery system and wishes to retain this valuable service for our communities; and further,
- 5) That the City of Markham send a copy of this motion to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, York Regional Council and all other municipalities in the York Region and the G.T.A. for endorsement and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, all York Region M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s.

**Carried**

