



**THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
COMMERCIAL POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**TOWN OF MARKHAM
Council Chambers, Markham Civic Centre
September 29, 2004**

MINUTES

Attendance

Members:

Mayor D. Cousens

Deputy Mayor F. Scarpitti

Councillor J. Virgilio (11:42)

Others:

Regional Councillor J. Heath

Councillor J. Webster

Staff

V. Shuttleworth, Director of Planning and Urban Design

E. Silva-Stewart, Senior Planner, Policy and Research

T. Lambe, Manager, Policy and Research

C. Raynor, Committee Clerk

B. Labelle, Committee Clerk

The third meeting of the Commercial Policy Review Committee convened at 11:40 a.m. with Mayor Cousens in the Chair.

7. MAIN STREET MARKHAM

Mr. S. Ridgley, on behalf of the Markham Village BIA, provided comments relating to the proposed commercial developments north of Main Street Markham. In order to preserve Main Street Markham, Mr. Ridgley recommended that Council take the following action:

- Initiate a detailed retail impact study;
- Create a tax levy on commercial and retail development to be given to the Markham Village BIA to assist in performing its mandate;
- Install an interim control by-law, pending the outcome of the overall review;

- Meet with all stakeholders in order to develop a master plan for the area around Main Street Markham, tackling issues such as traffic management, heritage, housing and retail development.

Mr. Ridgley suggested that commercial policy should preserve the past as well as build for the future.

Staff advised there is a report to be presented to Development Services Committee on October 5, 2004, that will address the cost and scope of a retail impact study, as well as several additional recommendations. Also, staff are preparing Terms of Reference for a transition study dealing with the integration of major commercial retail developments with Main Street Markham.

Mr. M. Folco, member of Markham Village BIA, also requested that Council consider the issues surrounding Main Street Markham.

It was suggested that Main Street Unionville also be considered as part of any retail impact study.

THE COMMERCIAL POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the presentation by Mr. S. Ridgley, on behalf of the Markham Village BIA, regarding the issues surrounding Main Street Markham, be received and referred, as a matter of priority, to Development Services Committee on October 5, 2004;

And that staff report back to Development Services Committee on October 5, 2004 on the cost, and merit, of including Main Street Unionville as part of a retail impact study.

CARRIED