KEEP BLUE BOX MATERIAL BELOW RIM

We can't control the weather, but we can control what we put out at the curb.

To prevent wind-blown litter:

- Don't overload; keep items below the rim
- Place heavier items on top like bundled newspapers
- Put your blue box out the morning of your collection day, not the night before



For more helpful homeowner tips, visit markham.ca/CurbsideCollection

DONATE TEXTILES

As you declutter your closet this season, make a difference by donating your unwanted clothing and household textiles to any Markham textile recycling bin.

Over 165 locations across the city!

Learn more at markham.ca/TextileRecycling



MYHEAT

Is your home losing heat in the winter due to air leaks?

Find out with MyHEAT!

Enbridge Gas is working with MyHEAT to provide Markham homeowners with free, personalized, heat loss information. See where your home may have air leaks and tips on how to improve insulation.

Learn more at markham.ca/MyHeat



KEEP OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFE!

Join our Ward 8 Neighbourhood Watch program to keep our neighbourhood safe! For more information, please contact neighbourhoodwatchward8@gmail.com.

HYDRO ONE'S PROJECT AT HWY 7 & COMMERCE VALLEY DRIVE EAST

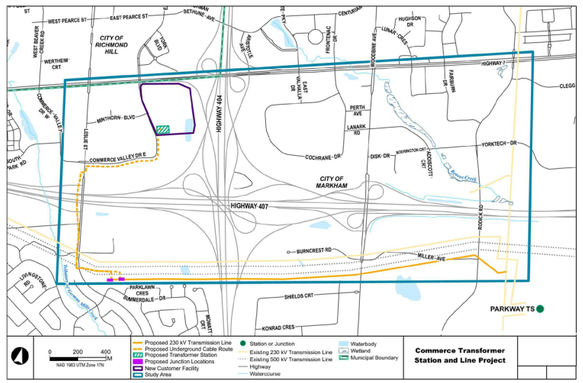
To energize a new proposed data storage facility planned at Highway 7 and Commerce Valley Drive E, Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to build the following infrastructure:

- A proposed new 230 kilovolt (kV) transformer station (TS) located on the facility's property – referred to as Commerce TS.
- Two proposed new junction stations (JCTs) which will transition power from overhead transmission lines to underground cables
- A proposed new 230 kV transmission line connection which includes:
  - An overhead transmission line between the new JCT locations and Hydro One's existing transmission lines located east of Rodick Road.
  - An underground cable between the new JCT locations and the new Commerce TS.

Hydro One held an Open House earlier this year to share information on their project. Another Open House is expected in late 2025.

Once the Class EA process is complete, construction could begin in early 2026 and be completed and in-service by 2028.

To provide comments or to be added to the project contact list, please call or email: 1.877.345.6799 or Community.Relations@HydroOne.com





With the Bylaw team at the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event.



Community Information Meeting on the 4438 Steeles Ave development application.



At the Markham Board of Trade event, inspired by Amna Nawab, a talented artist and proud Ward 8 resident.



Opening Day of the LNHL Tournament celebrating young Indigenous athletes from across Ontario.

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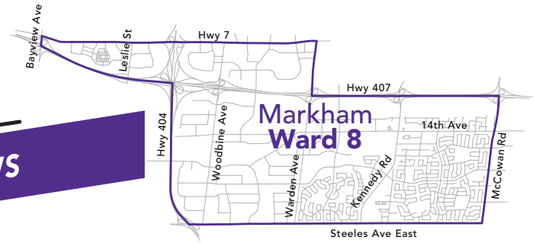
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Contact Centre: If you have any issue regarding City of Markham's services, programs, or inquiries (e.g. by-laws, license, garbage, recycling, trees, roads) please contact the City's Contact Centre at (905) 477-5530 or customerservice@markham.ca.



YOUR WARD 8 NEWS



Isa Lee Ward 8 Councillor

MARKHAM

Spring/Summer 2025

Dear Ward 8 Residents,

It's been an eventful and meaningful year so far in our community! I was proud to serve as one of the co-chairs for the inaugural Chinese Heritage Month celebration in February — a vibrant and inspiring recognition of the rich contributions Chinese Canadians continue to make to our city. I also hosted a Community Information Meeting for a development application in Ward 8 to provide more information and gather residents' feedback on the project.



Wrapping up the Chinese Heritage Month celebration as one of the event co-chairs.

In April, the city celebrated Earth Month with a series of events. I had the pleasure of joining a group of enthusiastic Grade 6 to Grade 8 students who rolled up their sleeves to help keep our green spaces clean and beautiful. Their energy and commitment to the environment was truly inspiring!

As we head into the warmer months, I'd like to remind everyone about a few important city bylaws to help keep our neighbourhoods safe and beautiful. If you're planning any landscaping work involving trees, please remember that a permit is required before injuring or removing any private tree with a trunk diameter of 20 centimeters (about 8 inches) or more, measured 1.37 meters (about 54 inches) from the ground. This bylaw helps protect our urban tree canopy for generations to come.

Also, a quick reminder to please ensure materials stay below the rim of your blue bin to prevent items from blowing onto the street. A little extra care goes a long way in keeping our community clean and welcoming for everyone.

And finally, a friendly reminder to keep grass trimmed and properties free of debris and clutter. A well-maintained yard not only enhances curb appeal, but also contributes to the overall cleanliness and pride of our neighbourhoods.

Thank you for doing your part—and as always, I look forward to seeing you around the neighbourhood!

Yours Sincerely,

Isa Lee

Councillor Isa Lee
Ward 8, City of Markham



Joining Town Centre Private School students' Earth Day clean-up at Highgate Park.

REQUEST SLOW DOWN SIGN

In an effort to promote safer residential roads, I'm distributing 'Slow Down' signs to residents by request. These signs serve as a reminder for drivers to be mindful of their speed on local streets. To request a sign, please reach out to my office – let's work together for a safer community!

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thank you to all our amazing community partners who've teamed up with us for this year's monthly food drives so far. Your support is making a real impact!

2024

November – Cherish Integrated Services



December – Future of Ambassadors of Walk and Talk



December – Federation of Chinese Canadians in Markham (Toy Drive)



December – iTalkBB



2025

January – Markham Wesley Centre



February – Solidcare Home Improvements



March – Spirit of Life



April – Canadian Community Table Tennis Association



Looking for more frequent updates? *LET ME KNOW!*

Send an email to ilee@markham.ca to subscribe to our digital newsletter

* This newsletter is intended for the residents of Ward 8. Residents in adjacent wards may receive this newsletter as a result of Canada Post's distribution routes that do not align with Markham ward boundaries.

PARK REDEVELOPMENT – WARD 8

Parks are important spaces for our community and experience a lot of wear and tear as they are enjoyed. Some repairs and upgrades planned for parks in Ward 8 include:



1) Ada Mackenzie Park Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing

Project Includes:

- Acrylic Surface Replacement



2) Armadale Park Basketball Court Resurfacing

Project Includes:

- Acrylic Surface Installation



3) Milliken Mills Park Basketball Court Rebuild

Project Includes:

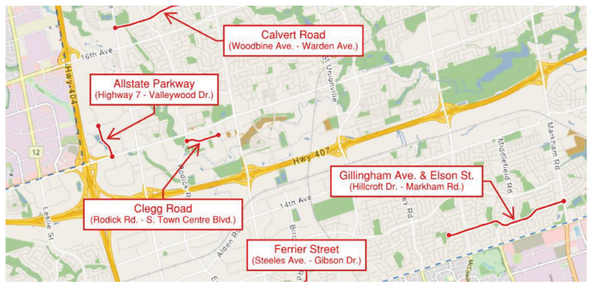
- Asphalt and Acrylic Surface Replacement
- Basketball Hoop Replacement

For more information, please visit yourvoicemarkham.ca.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The City of Markham will be carrying out road improvements on several streets, including Calvert Road, Clegg Road, Allstate Parkway, Ferrier Street, and Gillingham Avenue/Elson Street, to accommodate the installation of cycling infrastructure. These improvements are part of the city's five-year priority plan under the Active Transportation Master Plan. Construction is scheduled to commence in Summer 2025. For more details about the project, visit yourvoicemarkham.ca.

Street Name	Project Limit	Design Features
Clegg Road	Rodick Road to South Town Centre Boulevard	Buffered Bike Lane
Ferrier Street	Gibson Drive to Steeles Avenue	Buffered Bike Lane (Protected)
Gillingham Avenue and Elson Street	Hillcroft Drive to Markham Road	Buffered Bike Lane
Allstate Parkway	Valleywood Drive to Highway 7	Road Diet, Buffered Bike Lane (Protected)
Calvert Road	Woodbine Avenue to Warden Ave	Buffered Bike Lane



PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT STANDARDS UPDATE



In the past, many cities assumed most people drive, leading to high parking requirements. Today, better parking management, especially in areas with good public transit, makes it easier to choose other ways to get around, like walking, cycling, carpooling, or taking the bus. This approach, known as Transportation Demand Management (TDM), helps reduce the need for personal cars, lowers building costs, improves public spaces, reduces traffic, and cuts down on pollution.

Project goals:

- Update off-street parking rates.
- Implement TDM standards for new developments.
- Support the City's vision of a sustainable transportation system.
- Address impacts of removing parking requirements at Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSA).

Engaging the public and stakeholders is essential to meet community needs. The city will offer several opportunities for engagement throughout the project. More details will be shared soon. For questions, comments, or to join the contact list, please email: ParkingStandards@markham.ca

ADA MACKENZIE OFF-LEASH DOG AREA UPDATE

Since September 2023, Ada MacKenzie off-leash park, one of the eight (8) temporary Pop-Up Dog Parks have remained open and operational to continue to provide temporary Off-Leash Dog Area's across the City and to gather data across all four (4) seasons to assist with the development of the Off-Leash Dog Area Policy and Guidelines. Due to the favorable findings of the Pilot Pop-Up Dog Park Program at this location, Council recently approved staff's recommendation to convert the Ward 8 Pop-Up Off-Leash Dog Area at Ada Mackenzie Park to a permanent Off-Leash Dog Area.

NEW TENNIS TABLE INSTALLED AT DENISON PARK



Late last year, a new table tennis setup was installed at Denison Park. This addition enhances the park's recreational offerings, providing a fun and engaging way for residents of all ages to stay active and connect with one another. Be sure to stop by and enjoy a game — it's a great way to make the most of our community spaces.

ROAD WATCH ONLINE REPORTING

Speeding and other aggressive behaviours on the road increases during the warmer months.

If you see someone driving dangerously in York Region, you can report it online. (Please visit www.markham.ca/traffic and select "Road Watch" for more information on the program.)

ENCROACHMENT ON CITY PROPERTY

Before installing any fences, border walls, irrigation systems, or decorative features—such as garden beds, light posts, or columns—on your property, whether in the front, side, or rear yards, it is essential to conduct a property survey to clearly determine your property lines. If any installations are found on city property, the property owner will be required to remove them.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE

The side or back of your property is suitable for neatly stored supplies, such as firewood, building materials and gardening equipment. Unsafe or large, unattractive piles of materials must be removed. Temporary storage of materials from ongoing construction work on your property is allowed, but this must not exceed 15% of your back or side yard. You must ensure that you clear out this area as often as possible, and that the materials are kept in such a way that they do not pose a health or safety risk.

If you own a composter or compost heap, keep it in such a condition that it does not smell strongly and will not attract insects or rodents such as mice or rats.

CALL BEFORE YOU CUT! - PERMIT REQUIRED



Property owners must apply for a permit before injuring or destroying any private tree in Markham with a trunk diameter of 20 centimetres (about 8 inches) or more, measured at 1.37 metres (about 54 inches) above the ground at the base of the tree.

Anyone contravening the Tree Preservation By-law and found guilty of an offence will be subject to penalties.

Tree Preservation By-law 2023-164 defines Injury:

"Injury" means, whether accidental or not, acts that cause damage to a Tree including its branches, roots, or water suppiy, but does not include the pruning or removal of branches for maintenance purposes provided any such pruning or removal is in accordance with Good Arboricultural Practices, and "Injure" and "Injured" and similar words have the same meaning;

When in doubt, contact a qualified tree expert such as an ISA Arborist or TreePreservationAdmin@markham.ca



In conversation with YRP 5 District Superintendent Chirag Bhatt and Inspector Brad Weick, discussing community safety and local initiatives.



Celebrating Black History Month at Hagerman's Corners.



Millie the Mascot launch – Proceeds from plush toy sales support Cherish Integrated Services and The Centre for Dreams.



Honoured to be invited to the Coptic Orthodox Feast of the Resurrection celebration at St. Mark Cathedral in Markham.



Welcoming the community to the Chinese New Year Market as President of the Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club.



Black History Month flag raising with the Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association.