

Ward 6 Councillor
City of Markham

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Our Home. Our Future.

Community Update - Spring 2015

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A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci

Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

As your newly elected Ward 6 Councillor for the City of Markham, it is my pleasure to provide you with my first community newsletter, bringing you updates from our Ward and from the City.

Working Hard For You

Prior to the official inaugural on December 1st, I met with multiple city departments to address the concerns you brought to my attention while I was at your doorstep.

Your strong voice for traffic relief and better winter maintenance made them my top priorities for the past three months. On the traffic front, I met with superintendents, school parent councils, principals, and residents to discuss strategies of increasing student safety around school zones. I have been working with city staff to install traffic signals at Stonebridge Dr. and William Berczy Blvd on Bur Oak Ave., and establish speed control measures on 19th Ave.

As for winter maintenance, I worked closely with our operations department to ensure consistent, responsive and satisfactory snow removal for all residents. My e-newsletter and social media provide regular updates for vehicular and pedestrian safety.



Amanda with her husband Chris, daughter Alysa and son Anthony.

In my role as **Vice Chair of the Budget Committee**, we collaborated with city staff and members of Council to achieve the **lowest tax increase in York Region**. We are proud to attain the balance between excellent service and low taxes, so our residents receive the best value for their dollar.

Finally, I was delighted to support the establishment of both the Markham Ward 6 Youth Council and the Markham Ward 6 Seniors Association. It is imperative to address issues related to seniors and youths, and these two organizations will reflect the voices of those in our community.

Community Involvement

- Canada Day Committee (Co-Chair)
- Budget Committee (Vice Chair)
- Flato Markham Theatre Advisory Committee
- Markham Sub-Committee
- Mayor's Youth Task Force
- Pan Am Host Advisory Committee
- Seniors Advisory Committee
- Seniors Hall of Fame Awards Committee
- Unionville Sub-Committee

I hope you will find this newsletter informative and I welcome your ideas on how we can improve our community together. If you would like to stay informed, please email me to sign up for my e-newsletter. Since the weather has become warmer, I have begun visiting homes one by one to hear your thoughts and suggestions. I look forward to working with you to make Markham—the community we call home—a great place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Amanda Yeung Collucci
Ward 6 Councillor
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BUILDING MARKHAM'S

Transportation & Transit

TRAFFIC RELIEF



New traffic signals will be installed at Bur Oak Ave. & Stonebridge Dr., and Bur Oak Ave. & William Berczy Blvd. The design phase of the project is currently underway and they are anticipated to be in service by the end of 2015.

Radar speed display boards have proven to educate and reduce vehicle speed by up to 20%. As part of Markham's Safe Streets Strategy, speed boards will be placed at these priority locations in Ward 6 from March to May:

- 19th Ave. (between Warden Ave. & Kennedy Rd.)
- The Bridle Walk (between 16th Ave. & Bur Oak Ave.)

Municipal Services



WINTER MAINTENANCE RECAP

Our operations department provide efficient, cost effective and consistent winter maintenance service for roads and sidewalks within the operational jurisdiction of Markham.

"Our streets and laneways in Angus Glen were plowed in an organized manner, and then sidewalks, judging from my dog walks. A job well done!" - Ward 6 Resident


Once the storm has stopped and accumulations have reached 7.5cm, we get to work! We plow over 2000kms of road with 200 pieces of equipment to ensure service levels are met. Sidewalks are maintained both during and after snowfall. Sidewalk machines are out salting in the evenings after snowfall to ensure pedestrian safety.

PET LICENCE

Did you know that you are required by law to license your pets? Purchase your pet licence today and receive special discounts on over 60 different retail locations! Purchase your 2015 Markham Pet License today at petconnectcard.com.



FOAM RECYCLE

Markham has been an environmental leader in polystyrene foam recycling for over 15 years, diverting more than 600 tonnes from going into the landfill. When you bring your used foam to any of the four community recycling depots (not accepted in Blue Bin), they clean and compress them into bricks of plastic that gets turned into picture frames, office supplies and decorative mouldings. So the next time you finish your take out, **save the foam containers and bring them to our recycling depot!** 

Property Type	Property Number	Permitted Dates	Permitted Times	WATER USE BY:
Residential	Odd Number	Odd Dates	6-9am/6-9pm	
Residential	Even Number	Even Dates	6-9am/6-9pm	
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional	Odd Number	Odd Dates	12am-6am	
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional	Even Number	Event Dates	12am-6am	
** Restriction only applies between June 1—Sept 30.				
** New sod (grass rolls) are exempt for two months.				

Ensuring we have a reliable supply of clean, fresh water is an important priority in our community. Markham's Water Use By-law helps avoid water shortages and low-pressure problems during the summer.

SUMMER BADMINTON CAMP

Come join the Badminton Camp at Beckett Farm Public School. Campers of all levels will learn drills and develop their skills. Open to kids ages 8 to 13 and runs between July and August. For more information, please contact Don at droe@markham.ca.

Ward 6 Map



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

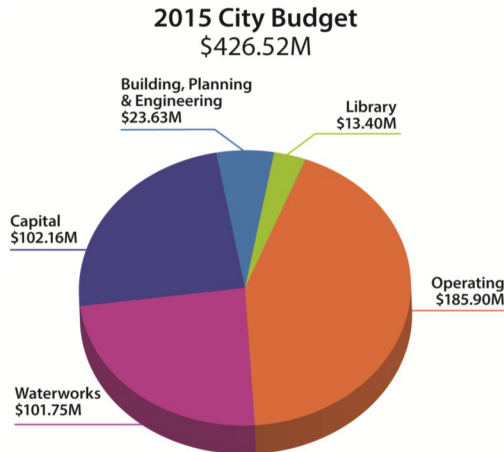
Markham Public Library is known for their customer service initiatives and innovations in library technology, programs and services. It is the place where Markham's communities come together to imagine, learn and grown. There are many exciting programs happening at the Angus Glen Library, for information please contact Diane at dmacklin@markham.library.on.ca.



FUTURE TOGETHER

Growth Management

2015 BUDGET



Markham Council approved the City's 2015 budget and a tax rate increase of 2.5%. The increase represents an additional \$27.50 for the average residential household in Markham.

The 2.5% increase is the **lowest in York Region**, and is lower than the previously expected 3.81%. Based on multiple public reports on the 2015 municipal tax rate increases, Markham's 7-year tax rate increase of **7.99% is the lowest among 27 GTA municipalities**. This equals to a saving of \$20 million for Markham tax payers over the past 7 years.

"We are proud of the balance we have achieved to maintain excellent service levels so our residents receive the best value for their tax dollars."

- Budget Committee Vice Chair Councillor Collucci

LANEWAY LIGHTING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

Ensuring a safe community is a priority for City of Markham. A feature to enhance safety in some neighbourhoods is the lighting for laneways. This light feature provides well lit areas for motor vehicles and pedestrians, discourages unwanted persons in the area, and assist the police and other emergency services during a response.

The lights are installed on private property. Thus, keeping them lit and maintained is the responsibility of the property owner. This requirement is registered on title and is disclosed to purchasers when buying the property.

Let's work together to keep our community safe, please keep your laneway lights on!

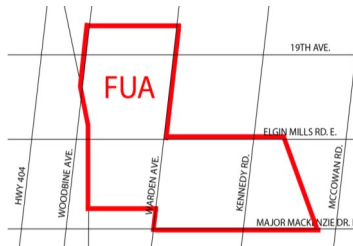


NORTH MARKHAM FUTURE URBAN AREA (FUA)

To accommodate the Provincial Growth Plan population and employment projections of 2031, the 2010 Council adopted the 60-20-20 growth strategy (60% in existing communities-20% in developing communities-20% in Future Urban Area).

The goal of the Future Urban Area is to build compact, complete communities that include a combination of housing and jobs, community core with shops and services, parks and open space network, and community facilities (e.g. schools, churches, community centres).

Did You Know? 1/3 of the land in Markham is protected green space that will **NOT** be developed.



Future Urban Area Statistics:

- 975 hectares of developable lands
- Approx. 38,000 people
- Approx. 12,000 dwelling units
- Approx. 19,000 jobs



PARKS UPDATE

Wismer Park's parking lot improvement and landscaping is expected to complete in July. A maintenance building will also be added. A community meeting for public input is scheduled for May, and construction will begin this fall.

Angus Glen Community Park will begin construction in May. It will include a pavilion, public washroom, children's playground, water play, skateboard area, basketball court, soccer field, and sheltered seating area.

Upper Unionville is planned to have 7 small parks in the future. Berczy Square will begin construction in June.

A district-wide, 100 acres **sports park** will be developed in the North Markham Future Urban Area.

Supporting the Community



Amanda and husband Chris join Markham Ward 6 Youth Council and Markham Ward 6 Seniors Association for a successful Ward 6 Community Parks Cleanup. Over 50 youth participated and 3 parks in Ward 6 were cleaned—Berczy North, Berczy South and Wismer Park.



Amanda present medals to the athletes of the 2015 Union Americana de Natacion Cup during the closing ceremony of the Markham Pan Am Centre. Congratulations to the Canadian Men's Water Polo Team for their victory!



Supporting women in business and entrepreneurship, Amanda attends a workshop discussing how fellow female entrepreneurs and executives are cultivating innovation in their organizations.



Celebrating Diversity: As Co-Chair of the 2015 Mayor Frank Scarpitti's Chinese New Year Dinner, Amanda thanks the volunteers from the community, Markham Ward 6 Youth Council and Power Unit Youth Organization for their hard work.



Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation hit a milestone when Canadians of Pakistani Origin in Ontario donated \$2M to their expansion fund. Amanda is glad to support such a worthy cause by attending the 13th Annual Fundraising Gala.



Celebrating the opening of the Blackstock Bridge which connects Angus Glen East & West Community. Amanda poses with President of Kylemore Communities and Ward 6 resident Patrick O'Hanlon, Lindsay Stollery and Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

Upcoming Events

Neighbourhood Watch Presentation: June 20th, 2-4pm

Location: Angus Glen Community Centre, Youth Centre
Come chat with York Region Constable Manjra on how to protect your personal safety and increase crime prevention in your homes.

Canada Day: July 1st, 2015

Locations: Civic Centre, Le Parc, Milne Park
This annual event features a citizenship ceremony, senior's luncheon, parade, live entertainment and fireworks.

Pan Am Games: July 10-26th, 2015

Locations: Pan Am Centre, Angus Glen Golf Course
The City of Markham is the proud host of badminton, table tennis, water polo and golf. Please visit Markham's website for a link to purchase tickets.

Parapan Am Games: August 7-15th, 2015

Location: Pan Am Centre
The City of Markham is the proud host of para table tennis. Please visit Markham's website for a link to purchase tickets.



Get Involved

Angus Glen Older Adults Club (AGOAC)

AGOAC is a non-profit organization that promotes healthy living for seniors in the community. The club provides a variety of programs in Angus Glen Community Centre.

President: Gilbert Tam

Email: agoac2014@gmail.com

Markham Ward 6 Seniors Association

MW6SA supports the seniors living in Ward 6 and connects them with the community by providing opportunities for social gathering and exercise.

President: Yin Yin Lam (Mrs. So)

Email: mw6seniors@gmail.com

Markham Ward 6 Youth Council

MW6YC is a youth-led non-profit organization in Ward 6 that provides opportunities for youth to make a positive impact in the community.

President: Eddie Tam

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