



City of Markham Ward 6 Councillor

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Our Home. Our Future.

Community Update - Fall/Winter 2016

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A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci

Dear Ward 6 Neighbours,

It has been a great journey serving this community for the past two years. Throughout these years, I am pleased to represent all of you as the Ward 6 Councillor. I really enjoyed all the interactions and community involvement and I will continue to listen to all of your concerns and address them accordingly. Together, we will build a stronger community, ensuring continuous growth and development.



2017 Priorities

- ✓ **Fiscal Responsibilities** As the Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, we have started the 2017 Budget process. I will continue to work closely with our city staff to keep our taxes low and providing a quality of services to all Markham residents. All Budget meetings are open to public, please check the budget meeting schedule at www.markham.ca and join us to share your thoughts. The budget decision will be announced in December 2016.

- ✓ **School Zone Safety** As a parent, School Zone Safety continue to stay as one of my top priority. I will continue to advocate for the "Active & Safe Routes to School" program to encourage the safe and active travel during the student's daily trip to school. For more details of the program, please visit www.markham.ca under "School Zone Safety" section.
- ✓ **Traffic Relief** It is important to continue reminding road users to drive within speed limit, pay attention to their surrounding while driving, especially in the residential and school area. Always yield to pedestrians, children and elderly. To learn more about the Traffic Safety Programs, please visit the City of Markham website under "Roads & Parking" section.
- ✓ **Accessible Community** Markham is a diverse city with residents of different ages and needs. I will continue to support in developing a transportation system that increases mobility options and encourages the community to travel by walking, cycling, transit and carpooling.

To stay informed, I encourage you to subscribe to our e-newsletter by emailing fionlau@markham.ca. We will notify you of important community and city-wide news, progress on issues, upcoming events, and solicit your opinion on important decisions.

I would like to extend very warm wishes to everyone for this Fall/ Winter season. May the beauty of the season bring you abundant joy, plenty of peace and continuous happiness. Bless you, your family and loved ones and have a responsible and cheerful holiday!

Sincerely,

Amanda Yeung Collucci
Ward 6 Councillor
City of Markham



BUILDING MARKHAM'S

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



Watch for
children in
school zones.

In response to ongoing speeding and safety concerns near John McCrae Public School, the City of Markham implemented all-way stops at the intersection of Fred McLaren Blvd & Stricker Ave. During the school year in 2016-2017, the intersection now has a school crossing guard to assist with students crossing at this busy location. These efforts help support existing "Active & Safe Routes to School" initiatives being led by the York Region District School Board and York Public Health Services. The program encourages walking and cycling to school and educates students and parents on School Zone safety.

RADAR SPEED DISPLAY BOARDS

As a component of the safe streets strategy, Speed Advisory Display Boards help educate drivers in reducing their speeds while traveling on our residential streets. For the months of **October & November**, two speed boards have been deployed at the priority locations listed below.



STREET	SECTION
Castlemore Ave	At Wismer Park
Swan Park Rd.	At St. Julia Billiard Catholic School

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Your safety is important! During shorter daylight hours, changing weather and reduced visibility can result in significant safety issues. The clothing that pedestrians wear can play an important part in keeping them safe while walking, running or cycling. Pedestrians can make sure that motorists can see them at night by:

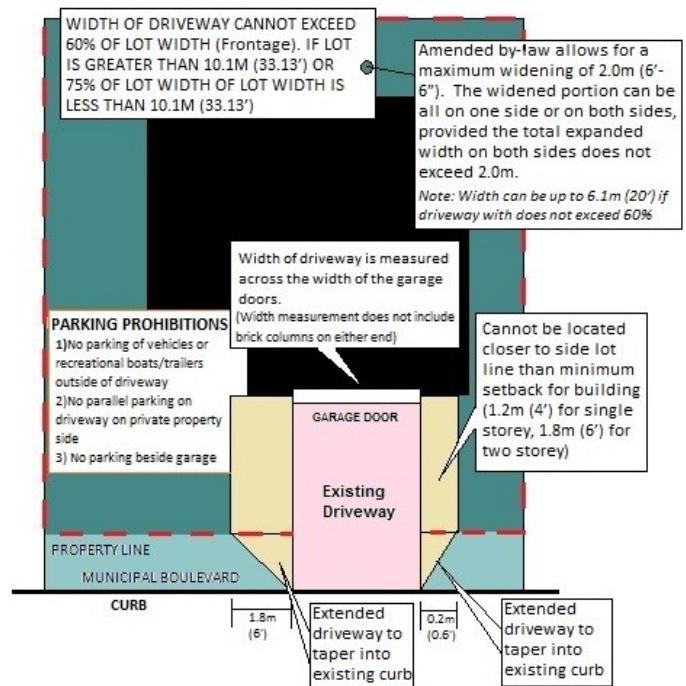
- Wearing light or bright colours instead of dark clothing
- Wearing reflective clothing
- Attaching a small flashing light to their clothing
- Only crossing the street at intersections and crosswalks
- Obeying all pedestrian signals

PARKING BY-LAW

HOW MUCH CAN I EXTEND MY DRIVEWAY?

If your home is on a smaller lot, less than 10.1 metres (33' - 4") across, a driveway extension must preserve 25% of the original landscaping (such as grass, gardens, walking paths and bushes) across the front of your property. If your home is on a larger lot, more than 10.1 metres (33' - 4") across, a driveway extension must preserve 40% of this landscaping. You can estimate the maximum width of your proposed extension by measuring the width of the existing garage door, or doors. This width is measured across the face of all garage doors and includes any middle brickwork. In most cases, you can extend your driveway up to 2 metres (6' - 6") in width beyond this measurement. If you are planning a driveway expansion, you may wish to contact the By-Law Enforcement & Licensing Department: **905-479-7782**, for information and guidelines before starting work.

EXTEND YOUR DRIVEWAY



Important Points to Consider

A permit is not required to extend your driveway:

- The homeowner is responsible for ensuring the extended driveway meets the by-law's standards
- Driveway contractors must be licensed by the City of Markham to work in the City
- A contractor's license number must be displayed on the company vehicle
- Every licensed contractor must provide a written estimate and diagram of proposed work to the homeowner

FUTURE TOGETHER

MUNICIPAL SERVICES



SUMMER MAINTENANCE TRACKING

Road Operations is responsible for year maintenance of the City's municipal road and side walk. Here are the highlights of what the City did in this summer:

- All streets are swept a minimum of 4 times per year through the summer and fall months
- 19,000 catch basins were cleaned by early June
- Complete road rehabilitation began in early May. Smaller asphalt/concrete maintenance for pot hole, sidewalk and curb type repairs commenced at this time
- City-wide line marking commenced in early spring and continues into late October.



WINTER PROGRAM

NEED WINDROW REMOVAL ASSISTANCE?

If you are a senior of 60 or over, or with a disability, you are eligible to apply for Markham's Driveway Windrow Removal Assistance Program. The service is provided within 8 hours after all roads have been plowed. To apply, please email Contact Centre at customerservice@markham.ca

*Residents living in laneway houses should not experience windrow issues.

RECREATION

**Now Hiring
Lifeguards &
Swim Instructors**

Get paid
doing
something
you love

Join our
team!
Apply today.

Morning
& Daytime
Staff Wanted

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CAT ADOPTION & EDUCATION CENTRE



The City of Markham opened its doors to an exciting innovative concept, a municipally owned cat adoption "storefront" in January 2016, known as the Markham Cat Adoption and Education Centre (CAEC). The CAEC is located in the **Thornhill Community Centre & Library, 7755 Bayview Ave.** Up to date, there have been 141 cat adoptions and almost 5,000 visitors through the doors. In addition to adoption services, the CAEC offers a number of other community programs including reading therapy, anxiety therapy and education on pet care. If you are interested in volunteering, please apply online at www.ontariospca.ca or for further information contact Christy Lehman, Licensing and Animal Services Co-ordinator at clehman@markham.ca

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

PARK UPDATES



Upper Unionville Parks:

- Construction starts in Spring 2017, to be completed by Summer 2017.
- Park 1:** Between Harbord St. and Wilfred Murison Ave.
- Park 2:** Between William Barlett Dr. and Wilfred Murison Ave.
- Park 3:** Between William Berczy Blvd. and Beckett Ave.
- Park 4:** Between William Berczy Blvd. and Wilfred Murison Ave.

Berczy Square Park:

- Under construction, completed by Fall 2016.

Angus Glen Community Centre Park:

- Under construction, to be opened in Spring 2017.

Wismer Park:

- Maintenance Building currently under approval process, to begin construction in Summer 2017.

GREEN ENERGY UPDATE

The City of Markham has installed the newest solar installation at the Markham Pan Am Centre. Powered by the sun, the 450 kilowatts (kW AC) rooftop installation is expected to produce enough electricity to power 65 typical Markham households. This marks the ninth rooftop array of solar panels installed at City of Markham municipal facilities. It also raises the City's renewable solar portfolio to 1.83 megawatts (MW), which is amongst the largest solar fleets hosted by a municipality in Ontario. Revenue from the City's nine solar projects is typically \$300,000 a year, offsetting the City's carbon footprint by 99 tonnes per year from electricity generation, which is equivalent to taking 21 cars off the road.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



All residents are gathered to welcome back Andre De Grasse to his hometown. He won 3 medals in Rio Olympics 2016 with Bronze for Men's 100m, Silver for Men's 200m and Bronze for Men's 4x100 relay. We are very proud of you!



It is my pleasure attending the Diwali celebrations with the residents and I enjoyed all the spectacular performances! This is a holiday that celebrates the Festival of light.



Monarch butterflies and pollinators now have a new home in Markham! Canada's first municipal milkweed nursery is now open at Milne Dam Conservation Park which will provide a habitat and vital food source for the monarch butterflies.



It is my honour to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the street dedication to Fierheller Court in Ward 6. Congratulations to the Fierheller's family.



Congratulations to all the Mayor's Seniors Hall of Fame Award winners. Thank you for all the outstanding contributions to the Markham Community!



I had an amazing time celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival with the residents and families. We all gathered to sing, played games and enjoyed the traditional pastry, moon cake.



As the Co-Chair for Markham Canada Day, I'm proud to say that this year's celebration is a huge success! Please stay tuned for the 2017 Canada Day as this will be the 150th Celebration and we'll make it much more memorable!



City of Markham and PowerStream have joined together installing the City's newest solar panels at the Markham Pan Am Centre. Picture taken with our Chief Administrative Officer, Andy Taylor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diwali Celebration

Date: Sunday, November 13th, 2016

Location: Angus Glen Community Centre, Activity Room 1
(3990 Major Mackenzie Dr. East)

Time: 5:00pm - 8:30pm

Crime Prevention Academy Seminars

Date: Tuesdays, November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, 2016

Location: York Regional Police #5 District Headquarters
(8700 McCowan Rd.)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

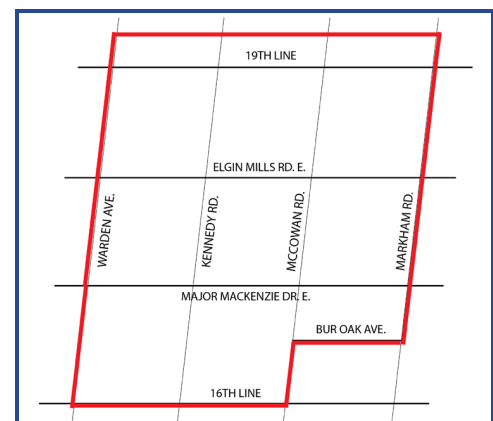
Holiday Meet & Greet 2016

Date: Saturday, December 10th, 2016

Location: Angus Glen Community Centre, Activity Room 1
(3990 Major Mackenzie Dr. East)

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

WARD 6 MAP



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