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Ward 6 Councillor

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Our Home. Our Future.

Community Update - Spring/Summer 2017

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A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci

Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

I am overwhelmed with joy having to serve the community for the third consecutive year. With continued support from all the residents participating in our organized local community events, we closed off 2016 with tremendous success! We had over 1,500 residents attended my 2016 Summer BBQ and over 200 attendees at my other yearly events such as the Diwali Celebration, the Christmas Meet & Greet and the 2017 Chinese New Year Celebration. Thank you for all of your support!

In 2017, I will continue to host various community events to bring the residents closer together. In addition, I will be organizing a series of round table discussions in the neighborhood to give an opportunity for open discussions. I will take my time to listen and answer any questions you may have in improving our community. If you're interested in gathering your neighbours for a round table meeting, please feel free to email me at acollucci@markham.ca or my executive assistant, Fion Lau at fionlau@markham.ca.



Future Developments:

Recently, a site application has been received at the City of Markham for the York Downs Golf & Country Club property and the purpose of the application is to permit residential development. As your ward councillor, I have hosted an Informal Community Meeting in January for the nearby residents and followed by a Statutory Public Meeting for everyone on April 5th. Many residents came out and voiced their opinions & concerns in regards to the new development. Going forward, I will continue to collect your feedbacks and work closely with the city staff. Please feel free to email me directly if you would like to set up a meeting with myself to discuss and provide feedbacks regarding this matter.



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'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support in the past few years. I hope all of you have a fantastic and a joyful summer.

Sincerely,

Amanda Yeung Collucci
Ward 6 Councillor
City of Markham

BUILDING MARKHAM'S

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT



TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



Your voice matters! City has implemented series of traffic safety improvements in 2016 in responding to resident's safety concerns and feedbacks which includes:

John McCrae PS. – New school crossing guard services implemented at the intersection of Fred McLaren Blvd & Stricker Ave.

Stonebridge Rd. & Wilfred Murison Ave. – "School Zone" signage implemented to address speeding and safety concerns at Stonebridge Public School.

William Berczy Blvd. – Pedestrian Crossing signs were installed at Hua Du Ave to address pedestrian safety concerns.

Castlemore Ave. – "No U-turn" signs in School Zone implemented at Castlemore Public School & All Saints Catholic Elementary school to improve traffic safety

Angus Glen Blvd. – Implemented speed reduction signage in advance of the curve near Royal Troon Cres to inform drivers to take additional care as they approach.

William Berczy Blvd. – White edgeline pavement markings implemented to reduce travel lanes and lower vehicle speeds

Stonebridge Dr. – White edgeline pavement markings implemented to reduce travel lanes and lower vehicle speeds

Cachet Pkwy, Personna Blvd, William Berczy Blvd – These streets are now designated bicycle routes as part of the City's cycling network, with signage installed.

RADAR SPEED DISPLAY BOARDS

Radar speed display boards can be fairly effective at reducing vehicle speeds, resulting in speed reductions by 20% on average. City of Markham will be purchasing an additional radar speed display board for Ward 6 this year which will allow us to place a total of 3 units for each rotation. For the months of **April & May**, two speed boards have been deployed at these priority locations and two proposed locations in **June & July**.



MONTH	STREET	SECTION
April & May	Stonebridge Dr.	South of Bur Oak Ave.
	Mingay Ave.	South of Major Mackenzie Dr.
June & July	William Berczy Blvd.	South of Bur Oak Ave.
	Bur Oak Ave.	Stonebridge Dr. and McCowan Rd.

ROAD WATCH PROGRAM

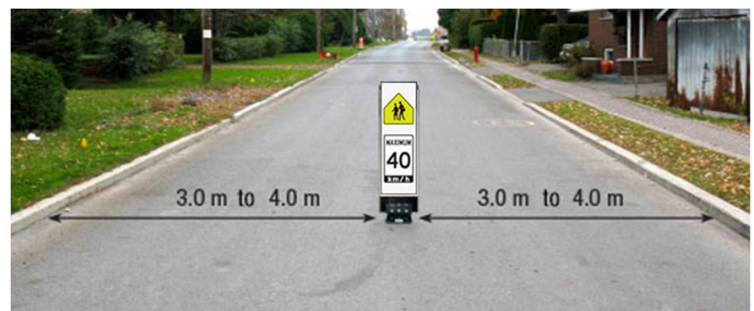


Road Watch enables residents to report aggressive drivers to York Regional Police online, who will then follow-up with the vehicle's owner. Residents are encouraged to make use of the Road Watch program to report any aggressive driving behaviour they witness, such as speeding and stop sign running. For more information, please visit www.markham.ca/traffic or www.yrp.ca.

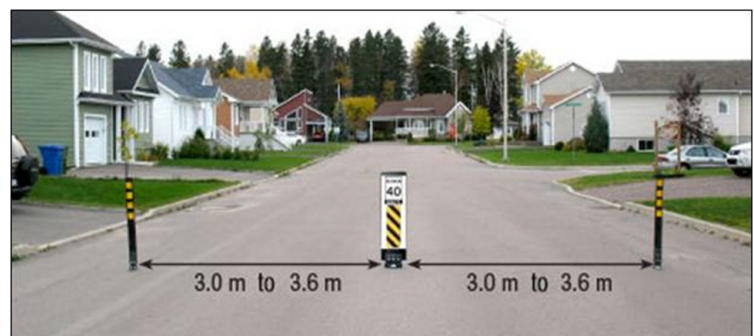


SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Pilot Program is here! Traffic safety in school zones has become a growing concern in communities throughout the city, specifically with respect to vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety. In 2017, our traffic operations will be proceeding with a city-wide pilot program to implement flexible sign post installations at 8 different schools in the city and these devices will be installed on Castlemore Avenue, within the All Saints Catholic School and Castlemore Public School zones in Ward 6. The objective of the pilot program is to increase driver awareness that they are entering a school zone and therefore must drive in accordance with the posted speed limit and be mindful of increased pedestrian activity. The flexible signs are installed on the centreline of the road, creating a narrowing effect of the driving lane, thereby giving drivers a perception that they need to slow down. At locations where the road is particularly wide, flexible posts near the curb are also provided. During the pilot project, city staff will collect speed data to determine their effectiveness. If successful, consideration will be given to expanding their use at other school zones within the City.



Two-way streets with a width between 6.0m and 8.5m



Two-way streets with a width greater than 8.5m

Bur Oak Ave. & Roy Rainey Ave. Traffic Signals:

Council has approved capital budget for the design and installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Bur Oak Ave. and Roy Raine Ave. Our city staff will be proceeding with the design of the traffic signals this spring/summer, anticipated to be completed by year-end. It is expected that once complete, traffic operational safety at the intersection will be improved in particular to the provision of pedestrian signals with countdown displays will help assist students at San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School in crossing the street.



FUTURE TOGETHER

PARKING BY-LAW

HOW THE CITY ENFORCES ITS BY-LAWS?

With a few exceptions, the city's by-laws are enforced on a reactive or complaint basis, meaning By-law staff do not go out proactively looking for violations. Instead, staff are instructed in the Three E's of Enforcement and they are:

Educate – Encourage – Enforce

Educate - tell the resident or property owner what it is they are doing wrong;

Encourage - encourage them to correct their behavior and comply with the Officer's instructions and if no compliance is received;

Enforce - take formal action (Notice/Order) where compliance is not achieved

Our goal is compliance and enforcement is the last resort when dealing with a complaint

If you have a by-law concern that you would like the city to investigate, please contact the Contact Centre at (905) 477-5530 or at customerservice@markham.ca

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

ROAD OPERATIONS

Road Operations is responsible for year-round maintenance of the City's municipal road and sidewalk. The following spring and summer programs are now underway:

- City-wide street sweeping program will be completed in May. All streets are swept a minimum of 4 times per year through the summer and fall months. Our sidewalks sweeping will be complete by the mid to the end of June.
- Complete road rehabilitation began on May 1st and smaller asphalt maintenance will commence in 2 weeks for pot hole, sidewalk and curb type repairs.
- Line marking will begin next week and will continue throughout the summer.
- Sod repairs from winter plow damage should be finished by the end of May.

RECREATION

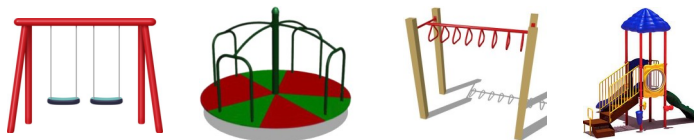
MARKHAM SUMMER CAMPS!



Markham Summer Camps available!

For more information on Summer Camps, please visit www.markham.ca or contact Marsha Mariani, Community Program Coordinator, 905-477-7000 x7120

PARK UPDATES



Upper Unionville Parks:

- Construction to begin in Spring 2017 and completed by end of 2017.

Park 1: Between Harbord St. and Wilfred Murison Ave.

Park 2: Between Willam 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.

Angus Glen Community Centre Park:

- Final phase playground under construction, to be completed in 2017.

Wismer Park:

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

We're revitalizing our older parks!
Help us decide where



SURVEY

Markham is launching a Parks Renaissance Project to improve our older city parks by adding features that will encourage our residents to use them more...

We're asking you to choose two city parks from a list of eligible parks in your neighbourhood and to complete a short survey which will give us some suggestions for what kinds of features we should consider.

Turn over for criteria & list



MARKHAM NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Frank Scarpitti held a press conference back on October 25, 2016 to clarify the misinformation and rumors circulating in the community about the Safe Injection Sites. He has confirmed there are no proposals and no need for safe drug injection sites in Markham or in York Region. "In fact, our own York Region Chief Medical Officer has no knowledge that there is a need in Markham or York Region for this, nor has he been consulted about a letter of opinion to state as much," said Mayor Scarpitti. "There are no plans from York Region public health" said York Region's associate medical officer, Dr. Richard Gould. In addition, MP Jane Philpott has also confirmed there is no intention to establish a SIS location in Markham. For more information, please visit our website at www.markham.ca

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



The Christmas Meet and Greet in December was a huge success with over 200 residents gathered to celebrate this joyous event with holiday music and gift exchange!



What a wonderful honour to present a charitable donation at the Mayor's Chinese New Year Dinner 2017 to 360°kids organization who provides support to youths in overcoming crisis and assisting with transition to a state of safety and stability.



I'm really happy to see all the seniors are healthy, well and cheerful! Excellent displays and exhibits from various health and safety groups in order to demonstrate different ways to have a better and healthier living.



It was my sincere admiration to attend the Unveiling of York University Sign ceremony for the York University-Markham Campus in November 2016. This will broaden the educational systems and create more career opportunities to our city.



This was my first year hosting the Diwali Celebration in November 2016. It was a lovely event joined by residents in celebrating the festival of lights. Outstanding performances by local community at the event!



I visited a local school in Ward 6 to better understand new programs and teaching methods using today in our education system. The youth is our future and I'm excited to see our future world leaders succeed their dreams!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canada 150 Celebration Grant

To support Markham residents and community groups in undertaking neighborhood projects

Deadline: May 5th, 2017

Grant: Up to \$500

Please visit www.markham.ca - "Canada 150 Neighbourhood Grant"

Got Talent? Star Search Markham

Submission Deadline: May 12th, 2017

Please visit www.markham.ca - "Star Search Markham"

Canada Day 150th Celebration

Date: July 1st, 2017

Location & Time: Senior lunch at Le Parc at 12:00pm; people's parade, live entertainment, food vendors, children activities and fireworks display from 3:00pm-11:00pm

Markham Star Search Live Audition

Date: June 16th, 2017

Location: Cornell Community Centre

Address: 3201 Bur Oak Ave

Time: 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Councillor Collucci's Ward 6 Fun Fair

Date: August 26th, 2017

Location: Wismer Park

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Resident's Round Table Discussion

If you're interested in setting up a meeting, please contact:

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