

City of Markham Ward 6 Councillor

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Community Update - Spring/Summer 2018

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A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci

Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

It has been a privilege serving the community as your Councillor for the past four years. City of Markham is a beautiful, vibrant and diverse city that I really enjoyed all the social interactions and community involvements happened within our neighborhood. In addition, I was able to work diligently with you and our City staff to address and took action to resolve your issues in a timely manner. Here are some highlights of what we have achieved together.

School Zone Safety and Traffic Relief:

Safety concerns and traffic relief have always been one of my top priorities and your voice was heard! The City has implemented numbers of traffic signals and stop signs at specific locations; installed various signage to improve safety concerns such as school zone signage, speed reduction signage, multi-use pathway and much more.

Senior & Youth:

It was with great pleasure to provide assistance by offering various programs and applying fundings to the senior & youth groups in our community in order to deliver more opportunities and improve better living for different age groups.

Community Involvements:

During these four years, I have hosted different community events such as Chinese New Year Celebration, Summer Community Fun Fair, Diwali Celebration and Christmas Meet and Greet encouraging residents and families to celebrate these festivals together and we had a tremendous turnout at each event. I'm also very honoured being the Co-Chair of the Canada Day where we were able to attract more attendees to participate the celebration each year by having performances, fun activities, parade, children zone and fireworks.

Budget Results:

As the Vice Chair of Budget Committee, we are proud to continue to manage the budget and recognize Markham for having the lowest tax rate in Markham consecutively through a nine year average among all GTA municipalities.

It is with sincere admiration to continue to serve as your Councillor and I strongly believe we can build a stronger community together and overcome all obstacles that lie ahead.

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 continuous support in the past four years. I hope all of you have a safe and a joyful summer with your friends and families.

Sincerely,



Amanda Yeung Collucci
Ward 6 Councillor
City of Markham

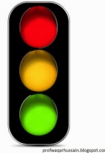


BUILDING MARKHAM'S

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

New Traffic Signals will be installed at Bur Oak Ave. and Roy Rainey Ave. The City has awarded the contract for the installation of traffic signals, with construction starting this Spring. We anticipate the traffic signals constructed and activated this Summer. Once complete, traffic safety will be improved. In particular, the provision of accessible pedestrian signals with countdown displays will help assist pedestrians and students attending San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School in crossing the street.



RADAR SPEED DISPLAY BOARDS



Radar speed display boards can be quite effective at reducing vehicle speeds, resulting in speed reductions by 20% on average. On a regular basis, each radar speed display board will be located at a particular location for a 3-month period. For the months

from **April to June**, three speed boards have been deployed at these priority locations.

STREET	SECTION
Trail Ridge Lane	Between McCowan Rd. and Stonebridge Dr.
Roy Rainey Avenue	Between Bur Oak Ave. and Castlemore Ave.
Ralph Chalmers Avenue	Between Fred McLaren Blvd. and Major Mackenzie Dr. E

Speed Monitoring Programs:

Below is a list of locations where radar speed display boards have been deployed from January - March 2018.

- Ridgcrest Rd. (between Brentcliff Gate and Bertram Earnshaw Dr.)
- Mingay Ave. (between Fred McLaren Blvd. and Castlemore Ave.)
- Wilfred Murison Ave (between Stonebridge Dr. and The Bridle Walk)

ROAD WATCH PROGRAM & AGGRESSIVE DRIVING



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

School Zone Flexible Sign Program—We are expanding! Following a successful pilot program in 2017, the City will be expanding the Centreline Flexible Sign Program from 8 schools to 24 schools in Markham. In Ward 6, **Castlemore Public School, All Saints Catholic School, Stonebridge Public School** and **Donald Cousens Public School** will be receiving the flexible signs and posts in their respective school zones in 2018. Pending weather conditions, the flexible sign posts will be installed this April. These flexible signs are installed on the centerline of the road, creating a narrowing effect of the driving lane, thereby giving drivers a perception that they need to slow down and the objective of installing these signs 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.



MARKHAM BY-LAW

Just a reminder that you must pay your ticket or schedule an appointment to dispute your ticket within **15 days** from the date the parking ticket was issued to avoid late payment or other administrative fees. For more information, please visit www.markham.ca under the Roads & Parking section.



TO AVOID PARKING TICKETS:

- Do not park within 9m of any intersection
- Pay close attention to "No Parking" zones
- Do not park within 3m of fire hydrants or access routes
- Do not park on ANY city streets between 2:30am-6:00am

Summer Lawn Care:

Be a good neighbour! Please ensure grass and weeds on your property do not exceed six inches (15cm) in height. Fine could be up to \$250 if not complied.



FUTURE TOGETHER

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 commence in Spring. All streets are swept a minimum of 2 times per year through the Summer and Fall months. Our sidewalks sweeping will be completed 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 in Spring as soon as weather permit and will continue throughout the Summer.
- Sod repairs from Winter plow damage should be finished by the end of May.
- 19,000 catch basins will be cleaned by early June.

Should resident have any concerns, please contact our Customer Contact Centre at 905-477-5530 to open a case for further investigation.



MARKHAM SAFETY

Markham Residents have probably noticed that high-rise residential buildings are becoming increasingly more common in the City's landscape. Due to Ontario Building Code requirements, these buildings are built with provisions to ensure that occupants are alerted to a fire in a timely manner and that their path of exit is protected during an evacuation. It is important to note that in a residential building the occupant is responsible for his or her own evacuation. While the fire department or property management may be able to provide assistance, the onus is on the occupant to ensure they leave the building safely in a timely manner.



If you live in a high-rise building and notice a fire, pull the fire alarm immediately. If you hear the fire alarm and are able, leave the building immediately. Tell everyone in your unit to get out and close all doors behind you. Use the nearest stairway to exit the building. Do not use the elevator.

If you MUST remain in your unit, close the apartment door. Call 911 and tell the fire department where you are. Beware of smoke entering your apartment and report any signs of smoke to the fire department.



PARK UPDATES



Valley Edge (200 Angus Glen Dr.)

- will be finished in the Spring and ready for use in Summer 2018. This park will offer a great lookout to the golf course and has a play structure.

Berczy Beckett Neighborhood Park (89 Harbord St. - Next to Berczy Farm School)

- is slated for construction this year for a late Fall 2018 opening. This park will include a play structure for junior and senior children, a gazebo and open green field and associated walkway loop.

Wismer Percy Reesor Parkette (20 Percy Reesor St.)

- will be finished in the Spring and ready for use in Summer 2018. This parkette has a natural setting and includes a small junior play structure.

Wismer McCowan Park (9431 McCowan Rd.)

- is slated for construction this year for a Spring 2019 opening. This park will include a gazebo and play features for older children and teens.

Wismer Alexander Park (81 Alexander Lawrie Ave.)

- is slated for construction this year for a Spring 2019 opening. This park will include a play structure for junior and senior kids as well as a small spray pad and gazebo.

Wismer Park & Berczy Park North

- Tennis court reconstruction projects are currently underway, to be completed in May 2018.

SENIORS ADVISORY

ANNOUNCEMENT

June is Seniors Month! The Seniors Craft Fair aims to enhance lifestyles through expression. Come and support our local crafters at this showcase of works from older Markham adults.

If you're interested, come pick up or download one of the forms today! Entry forms are available at the Recreation Department at the Markham Civic Centre or for more information, please email JBeatty@markham.ca or Seniorsadvisorycommittee@gmail.com



This 2018 Seniors Craft Fair is brought to you by the Seniors Advisory Committee of Markham and supported by the City of Markham.

June 19 | 10 am to 6 pm
Aanlin Community Centre and Library
5665 14th Ave. Markham, ON, L3S 3K5
(Middlefield Road and 14th Avenue)

June is Seniors month. Come and support our local crafters at this showcase of works from Markham's senior population. The talent is amazing. Begin your gift and holiday shopping. Win a door prize!
Thank you for your support!

For more information
email: seniorsadvisorycommittee@gmail.com
visit: [facebook.com/SeniorsAdvisoryCommittee/](https://www.facebook.com/SeniorsAdvisoryCommittee/)



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



It was with great pleasure to attend the International Culture and Art Festival. What a great way in supporting our seniors and giving them an opportunity to present a spectacular performance to the community!



As a community we must protect our wilderness and our natural habitat and I was very glad to be part of the opening ceremony of the Canada's largest national park—Rouge National Urban Park.



Despite the cold and windy day, many residents still gathered at the outdoor park to celebrate the Diwali Celebration together to enjoy various performances presented by the South Asian Community.



It was another year of great success hosting the Ward 6 Christmas Meet and Greet in December and thank you for the heartfelt message drawn by a little girl who's a resident in Ward 6.



I've attended the Aaniin Community Centre "Launch of Ready" in January and I really enjoyed reading story books to the children and spending some quality time together!



Along with the great history of our nation, we are proud to recognize this maple leaf design which has made its first official appearance on February 15, 1965. Salute To Our Flag!



I strongly believe in giving back to the community and I was deeply honored to present the charitable donation to a non-profit organization at the Mayor's Chinese New Year Dinner 2018.



The weekend of Rogers Home-town Hockey Celebration was a huge success with thousands of residents attending to learn about the history of hockey in Canada and opportunities to meet with their hockey idols.

GET INVOLVED

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.

Markham Ward 6 Youth Council

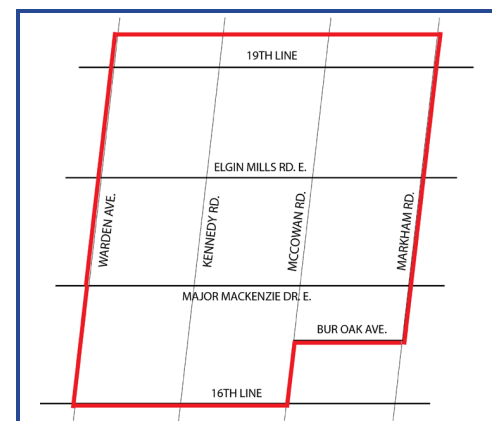
MW6YC is a youth-lead non-profit organization in Ward 6 that provides opportunities for youth to make a positive impact in the community.

If you're interested in joining these groups, please email to Fion Lau at fionlau@markham.ca or myself at acollucci@markham.ca

Mayor's Seniors Hall of Fame Award

The award is presented to a nominee over 60 years of age who has made a unique and outstanding contribution to the Markham Community. The 2018 nomination form will be available soon! For more information, please visit www.markham.ca or email yash_kapur@hotmail.com

WARD 6 MAP



If you require immediate assistance or have municipal related concerns, please contact:

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