



## City of Markham Ward 6 Councillor

# Amanda Yeung Collucci

Community Update - Spring/Summer 2019

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## A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci

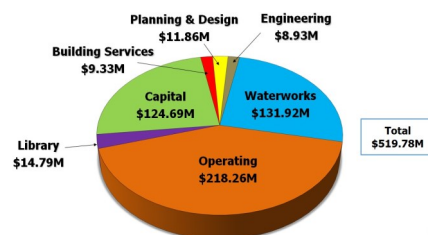
Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

It is my honour to continue serving you during the term of 2018-2022 and I would like to thank all of your countless support. I will continue to work close with you and our City staff to address all the concerns and issues you may have.

As the Budget Chair in City of Markham and possibly the first Chinese Budget Chair in York Region, I'm very proud that Markham is one of the lowest tax rate municipalities among the GTA. "Markham prides itself on its demonstrated track record of strong fiscal management. Each year, budget requirements are scrutinized by both senior staff and Council during the budget process and ongoing financial performance is monitored closely," says Councillor Amanda Collucci, Budget Chief, quoted during the budget press conference in March. "Our Excellence through Efficiency and Effectiveness initiative (E3) has yielded more than \$27 million in operational savings and revenue enhancements since 2009. We also managed to save \$2 million through E3 measures in 2019 which was a key factor contributing to our low tax rate increase." The 2019 tax rate increase of 1.97 per cent is below the rate of inflation and will mean an increase of \$24 in property taxes for the average residential household in Markham.



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To stay informed, I encourage you to subscribe to our e-newsletter by emailing [fionlau@markham.ca](mailto: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 hope all of you have a safe and joyful summer with your friends and families.

Sincerely,

**Amanda Yeung Collucci**  
Ward 6 Councillor  
City of Markham

# BUILDING MARKHAM'S

## TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

### SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



The City of Markham, York Region, York Regional District School Board and York Catholic District School Board have partnered to conduct an Active Travel to School project at eight Markham elementary schools during **May and June**. The goal of this project is

to encourage students walking or cycling to schools through various levels of incentives and promotional programs. At each of the school, a kick-off event will be held the day or a few days after a 30 minutes indoor assembly where students will be reminded of the program. In Ward 6, **All Saints CES** (130 Castlemore Ave.), **Castlemore PS** (256 Ridgecrest Dr.) and **Stonebridge PS** (168 Stonebridge Dr.) have been selected for this project.

### SPEED RADAR DISPLAY BOARDS

Speed radar display boards are used as educational tools, intended to modify drive behaviour. It can be quite effective at reducing vehicle speeds, resulting in speed reductions up to 20% on average. On a regular basis, each speed radar display boards 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
Angus Glen Blvd.	At Arthur Stollery Common Park
Stonebridge Dr.	Between Castlemore Ave. and Major Mackenzie Dr. E
Prospectors Dr.	Between The Fairways and Major Mackenzie Dr. E

### MARKHAM PARKING BY-LAW

**\*\*\*We value your opinion!** Markham is a fast growing community and the needs for parking space is rising significantly. With the current parking by-law restrictions, if you wish to raise your feedbacks and concerns to Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci, please send email to [fionlau@markham.ca](mailto:fionlau@markham.ca).

#### 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

## TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

**Edgeline Pavement Marking** - In responding to the ongoing safety concerns across the neighbourhood, the City has introduced a Traffic Calming Initiative by providing a white edgeline pavement marking on the streets below in Ward 6. The purpose of the edgelines are to narrow the travel lanes, thereby helping reduce vehicle speeds. The previous travel lanes were very wide and contributed to higher vehicles speeds. By introducing the edgeline markings, the travel lanes are narrowed and will result in drivers modifying their behaviour to travel at lower speeds.

- Roy Rainey Ave. (Between Oscar Dr. and Castlemore Ave.)
- Fred McLaren Blvd. (Between Mingay Ave. and Castlemore Ave.)
- Fred McLaren Blvd. (Between Castlemore Ave. and Stricker Ave.)
- Greenspire Ave. (Between Major Mackenzie Dr. and Castlemore Ave.)
- Ridgecrest Rd. (Between Bertram Earnshaw Dr. and Bur Oak Ave.)
- The Bridle Walk (Between Major Mackenzie Dr. and Wilfred Murison Ave.)

## MARKHAM SAFETY

### CANNABIS FIRE SAFETY

**\*\*The Cannabis By-law in Markham prohibits the smoking and vaporizing of recreational cannabis in any public space in the City of Markham.**

#### IMPAIRMENT INCLUDES CANNABIS

Cooking while under the influence of alcohol, prescription drugs or cannabis can result in a fire. **Don't put yourself or your family at risk.** Always remain alert when cooking.



#### SMOKING IS SMOKING

Smoking is the **leading cause of residential fire deaths** in Ontario. Encourage smokers to smoke outside. **Never smoke or toke in bed.** Whether it is tobacco or cannabis, cigarettes and joints need to be properly extinguished in **large, deep ashtrays.**



#### HAZARDOUS EXTRACTION OF CANNABIS OIL CAN CAUSE EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES

Extracting cannabis oil with flammable solvents is extremely hazardous. It can result in the uncontrolled release of flammable vapours. If ignited, these vapours lead to explosions and fires that can cause serious injury or death.

**Hazardous extraction using flammable materials such as butane is against the law in homes and basements.**



# FUTURE TOGETHER

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

### ROADS SPRING CLEAN UP

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.
- Complete road rehabilitation began on May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**REMINDER!** Spring is coming, please do not push the leaves out to the City's street as it's illegal according to Highway Traffic Act and City's bylaw.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHT

### CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION IN WARD 6

On March 19, 2019, Markham Council approved the City's 2019 Budget of \$519.78 million, which maintains current high quality services and continues investment in Council approved priorities. The 2019 tax rate increase of 1.97 per cent is below the rate of inflation and will mean an increase of \$24 in property taxes for the average residential household in Markham.

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#### Some approved projects in Ward 6 includes:

- Approx. \$45,000 on Future Urban Area Natural Heritage Restoration Plan. To prepare an approx. 120 ha of protected greenway system lands within the FUA.
- Approx. \$550,000 on Berczy Beckett East Park. To design and construct the 1 ac park in Upper Unionville at the corner of Harbord St and Henry Bauer Ave.
- Approx. \$550,000 on Wismer Greenspire Parkette. To design and construct a parkette at the corner of Greenspire Ave. and Fred McLaren Blvd. in Wismer.
- Approx. \$228,000 on Downstream Improvements Program. Project will reduce risk of flooding and provide various erosion protection and sediment removal to various sections in the City.
- Approx. \$347,000 on Elgin Mills Road Environmental Condition Study. Conduct a corridor and environmental conditions assessment of Elgin Mills Rd. from Victoria Square Blvd. to York-Durham Line for managing growth in Markham and our transportation and road network.

- Approx. \$59,000 on Markham Road Multi-Use Pathway Cross-ride Design. To design "Cross-rides" at signalized intersection at various locations to improve safety and comfort for cyclists and promoting the use of the MUP facility.
- Approx. \$280,000 on Angus Glen Community Centre Mixing Valves, Boiler Tank Relining and Library. To improve the facilities and equipment at the Angus Glen CC library, change rooms, tennis centre etc.

## PARK UPDATES



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

- is currently under construction and will be opened in Summer 2019. This park will include a play structure for junior and senior children, a gazebo and open green field and associated walkway loop.

### **Wismer McCowan Park** (9431 McCowan Rd.)

- just completed designing changes. Construction will begin in Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, anticipate to open in late Summer 2020.

### **Wismer Alexander Park** (81 Alexander Lawrie Ave.)

- is currently under construction and will be opened in Summer 2019. This park will include a play structure for junior and senior kids as well as a small spray pad and gazebo.

### **Berczy Beckett East (Cemetery) Park** (Corner of Harbord St. and Henry Bauer Ave.)

- design is scheduled in Spring and Summer 2019. Construction anticipated to begin in 2020 for a Fall 2020 Opening.

### **Wismer Greenspire Parkette** (396 Fred McLaren Blvd.)

- design is scheduled in Spring and Summer 2019. Construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2020.

## REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

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# SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



As the Chair of Canada Day, I'm proud to say that last year was another huge success with more than 30,000 visitors participated throughout the day. I look forward to another fantastic celebration on July 1!



It was fun to attend the Summer Jukebox Festival hosted by the Ward 6 Youth Council in August. It was an annual musical festival filled with fun and amazing performances organized by our youth.



It was my pleasure to speak to grade 3 students on municipal issues and listen to their presentations. It's remarkable how our children are getting involved to aim for a better future in their own community.



During the inauguration ceremony in December, I'm very pleased to be re-elected as the Ward 6 Councillor and having many local residents joining me to celebrate this memorable moment together!



It was our honour to present a charitable donation once again at the Mayor Frank Scarpitti's Chinese New Year Dinner to support three senior groups in our local community.



As the Chair of Budget, I'm proud to see Markham once again become one of the lowest tax rate increase municipality. It is an outstanding achievement 10 years in a row.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Canada Day Celebration

Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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

### Ward 6 Back to School Fun Fair

Date: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

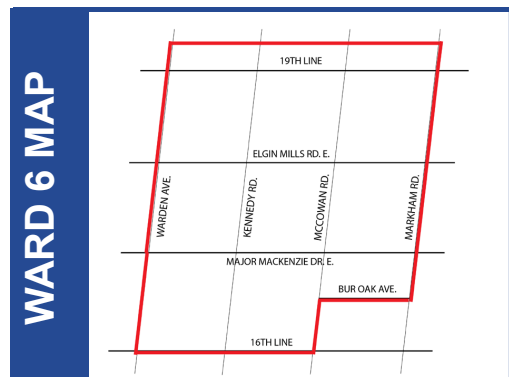
Location: Wismer Park

Time: 2-4pm



It was my honour to be the emcee at the Opening Ceremony of Gordon Stollery Park in my ward located behind the Angus Glen Community Centre which is approx. 3.5 hectares include a soccer field and entire play area.

## WARD 6 MAP



## COMMUNITY

YourVoiceMarkham.ca for Gateway Master Plan and Entrance Features: <https://yourvoicemarkham.ca/gateway-master-plan>. Residents are encourage to visit the page and fill out the survey.



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

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