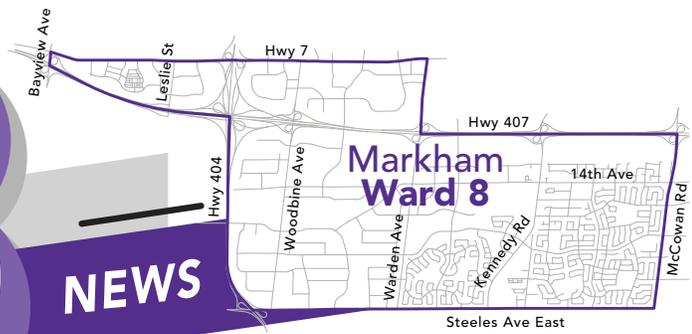




YOUR WARD



NEWS



Isa Lee Ward 8 Councillor



Summer 2020

Dear Ward 8 Residents,

We have witnessed some major changes globally over the last few months. This public health crisis has made us re-evaluate our lifestyle, our healthcare system, the way businesses are run, and so much more.

In response to the financial challenges due to this pandemic, Markham Council approved several pandemic relief measures to provide immediate financial relief to our residents and businesses back in March. (please refer to page 2 of the newsletter)

Over the last few months, I helped deliver a large number of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) donated by local residents, community groups, individuals and businesses to our senior homes, community housing, hospitals and long-term care facilities. Thank you all for your generosity and stepping up to help one another during these difficult times.

I have also been mobilizing volunteers to make handmade masks and deliver to those in need. If you, or anyone you know are in need of masks, please do not hesitate to contact my office. On the other hand, I have also been receiving a lot of emails from businesses and organizations who are unable to reopen as they do not have sufficient PPEs. If anyone would like to donate PPEs, please let me know as well.

As you all know, face masks are now mandatory in all indoor public spaces across York Region. There are exemptions, including for children under the age of five, people with underlying medical conditions, and persons who are unable to place or remove a mask or face covering without assistance. This policy will be in effect until November 30, and may be extended.

I know that we can get through anything together as a community. Let's continue being mindful, and together, we will get through this.

Yours Sincerely,

Isa Lee

Councillor Isa Lee
Ward 8, City of Markham

RECAP OF PAST FEW MONTHS



Markham By-Law Information Session hosted by Councillor Isa Lee



Working with Logos Baptist Church-Milliken to deliver Reusable Masks and Hand Sanitizers to Hagerman Corners Community Homes



Delivering Disposable and Reusable Masks donated by local business and resident to Mon Sheong Private Care and Mon Sheong Court Staff and Residents



Supporting local small businesses and restaurants with Social Distancing floor decals

**Looking for more frequent updates!
Subscribe to our digital newsletter**

Send an email to ilee@markham.ca

RELIEF FROM CITY OF MARKHAM

The City of Markham approved property tax and fee relief measures to help residents and businesses experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This financial assistance includes:

Benefits for Residents

- No late payment (penalty and interest) charges for residential property taxpayers from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020;
- Elimination of the 2020 Stormwater Fee of \$50
- Deferral of the April 1, 2020 water rate increase of 7.8%

Please continue to make your property tax payments on their original due dates if you are able. Property taxes are critical to ensuring that the City can continue to provide essential and necessary services to the entire community.

YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION

The Provincial Government and York Region recently signed a Preliminary Agreement, marking a significant milestone in the delivery of the Yonge North Subway Extension. The extension to Markham and York Region will provide another commute alternative for our residents, especially our Leitchcroft residents who is a few Viva and YRT stops away from the proposed subway line.



STEELES GRADE SEPARATION

Steeles Avenue East Temporary Road (Between Redlea Avenue and Silver Star Boulevard/Old Kennedy Road):



As of Monday, June 1, 2020, the temporary diversion road has been commissioned and will be in place until late 2021. The diversion road will maintain the same number of lanes as Steeles Ave E (two lanes each direction) and also includes a pedestrian pathway on the northern side.

The temporary diversion road will allow crews to build the new railway overpass bridge and pedestrian bridge at Steeles Ave E while maintaining traffic flow.

PATIO EXTENSIONS FOR BUSINESSES AND OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND SALES AREAS

On June 11, 2020 Markham City Council ratified a Temporary Use Zoning Bylaw to Permit Extended Outdoor Patios and Outdoor Display and Sales Areas at a special Council meeting. This was to help Markham restaurants, small businesses and the community for Ontario's Phase 2 re-openings. Along with this permission, Council authorized the waiving of fees for review for any proposed patio. These measures remove many of the barriers that licensed bars, restaurants, and retail businesses may experience when seeking City approval to extend their operations outdoors.

For more information, visit Markham.ca/patios

WE'RE UPDATING THE MARKHAM CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN – AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Markham Centre is the City's vibrant mixed-use downtown that serves all of its diverse communities. To ensure our downtown continues to grow as a complete and integrated community, the City is updating the Markham Centre Secondary Plan.

This summer, we're holding a series of virtual interactive discussions. All members of the public and stakeholders are welcome to participate. Please visit yourvoicemarkham.ca/YourMarkhamCentre to register, or just to share your thoughts on the future of Markham Centre.



PROPER DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

It is crucial for us to maintain proper hygiene during a pandemic, and take an extra step to ensure we properly dispose of these PPEs.

- For those who are sick with or who tested positive for COVID-19:
- Place all disposable items that have come into contact with your mouth, nose or eyes into the garbage – this includes masks, gloves, recyclables such as plastic water bottles, pop cans or milk cartons and compostables such as tissues and paper napkins.
- To assist in protecting our waste collectors, double-bag and tie securely.

WONDERING WHAT GOES WHERE?

Not sure what to do with your clothing hanger, broken refrigerator or leftover motor oil? Or what about those old shoes you no longer wear? With Markham's online search tool, simply enter your item to learn if it goes in the blue box, green bin or drop off at a depot for recycling.



[Check it out at markham.ca/WhatGoesWhere](https://www.markham.ca/WhatGoesWhere)

****Sign up for recycling & garbage reminders! Text, email, iCal or Google Calendar****

BY-LAWS

Noise In Connection With The Delivery of Goods

By Order of the Province of Ontario, all retail establishments are exempt from the regulations of the City of Markham's Noise By-law pertaining to deliveries. This means that deliveries can take place at any time of day to ensure store shelves are stocked with essential goods until September 19, 2021. I would encourage residents to report any disturbances to the Contact Centre. If the disturbance is particularly egregious or serious, residents are encouraged to call the York Regional Police Non-Emergency Number at 1- 866-876-5423.

HAND SANITIZER SAFE IN THE CAR?

As the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers have increased since COVID-19, a lot of people are questioning whether storing hand sanitizer in these conditions presents a fire hazard. The short answer is no. From a fire safety standpoint, it is not unsafe to leave hand sanitizer inside a hot vehicle. Recently the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management has advised that hand sanitizer will NOT spontaneously combust or explode if left in a hot vehicle. While hand sanitizer gives off ignitable vapors at roughly room temperature or above, that vapor-air mixture still needs to be exposed to very high temperatures to ignite. A hot car alone cannot ignite it.



Beat your summer boredom with Millie's Summer Fun Kit! Compliments of the Markham-Milliken Children's Festival, presented by Tim Hortons.

Let your kids' imagination run wild at [markham.ca/ChildrensFestival](https://www.markham.ca/ChildrensFestival)

MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY – CURBSIDE PICKUP



You can now pick up holds that were available before the COVID closure at three MPL locations (Markham Village Library, Thornhill Village Library, Unionville Library) during dedicated hours.

IMAGINE CREATE LEARN GROW Starting now, you can place holds on items and arrange for curbside pickup. You can also return library items you have at home (excluding toys, equipment and Lendery items).

UPCOMING FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We're partnering with community agencies to connect community members with resources, programs and support for all Markham residents.

You can register for these Workshops through the City's Programs Registration (EZ Reg) website econnect.markham.ca or over the phone at 905.477.5530. Please use the Barcode below to register.

Workshop	Date	Time	Barcode	Presenting Organization
Networking: Build Your Way to Employment	6-Aug-20	5:30 to 7:30 PM	370236	JVS Toronto Employment Services
Neck Pain and Vertigo	10-Aug-20	6:30 to 8:00 PM	376365	Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association
Self Care Practices	17-Aug-20	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	370237	Women's Support Network
Diabetes Prevention	20-Aug-20	6:00 to 9:00 PM	370207	Markham Stouffville Hospital Adult Diabetes Education Centre
Complications of Diabetes	26-Aug-20	4:00 to 6:00 PM	370214	Markham Stouffville Hospital Adult Diabetes Education Centre
Accessible Movie Night	27-Aug-20	6:30 to 9:30 PM	370242	Hand Over Hand



Celebrating Christmas with children at Hagerman Corners Community Housing



Delivering a \$10,000 cheque to Joy Beyond Vision Community, one of the beneficiaries of the 2019 Mayor's Chinese New Year Dinner



Celebrating International Women's Day with the Armadale Older Adults Club



Site Visit to the future Markham Multicultural Centre Construction Site

ATTENTION SWIMMERS!



Markham Pan Am Centre will open its lane swimming as of August 4th, 2020

For more information, Please check www.markhampanamcentre.ca



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Contact Centre: If you have an issue regarding City of Markham's services, programs, or inquiries (e.g. by-laws, license, garbage, recycling, trees, roads) please contact the City's Contact Centre at (905) 477-5530 or customerservice@markham.ca.

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