Summer in Markham

Ward 4 BBQ

Markham District Vets Hall

7 Washington St.

June 27th 12 pm- 2pm

Watch the torch relay and join me after for a BBQ, along with ice cream, entertainment and raffle prizes.

Canada Day

July 1st

Proud to be Canadian are holding their annual Canada Day parade starting at 11am at Reesor Park.

Festivities at Milne Park with fireworks at dusk.

Pan Am / Parapan Am Games

July 10th – 26th

August 7th -15th

During the Games and especially in rush hour, the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area will be busier than usual. Traffic measures such as temporary HOV lanes and parking restrictions may affect your regular routine. Be sure to plan ahead and take steps to avoid delays.

Global Fest July 11-19th

Visit www.markham.ca for further information on the 9 day free street festival outside our new Pan Am Centre.

18th Annual Markham Jazz Festival

August 13-16th

Markham Auto Classic

Sept 13th 10 am- 5pm

Main St, Markham

Over 300 classic cars, street machines and motorcycles.

Crime prevention Workshop

Sept 17th , 7pm- 9pm

Markham Village Community Centre

Presentation with Police Constable Imtiaz Manjra of YRP. Learn how to keep your home safer.

Doors Open.

Sept 26th 2015

For more information please visit Doorsopenmarkham.com

Learn to play tennis

Markham Tennis Club open daily from May to October 905-472-4748

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Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Spring 2015

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Upcoming Events:

- Main St Markham Farmers Market
- Ward 4 BBQ
- Crime Prevention Workshop
- Canada Day

Dear Residents,

As your new Ward 4 Councillor, it is my pleasure to send you my first newsletter. I hope that you find this newsletter informative and helpful.

It has been an exciting and challenging few months in my new position. I made commitments during the campaign which I am happy to announce that all of the items have been introduced to Council and are underway to be completed. There are still many items that were brought to my attention during the summer and fall which I am now starting to work through.

The City is in the process of hiring an auditor general and this should be completed by the fall.

The petition to keep Morgan Park baseball diamond has been submitted and I have asked staff to bring back new drawings that include the diamond and pool. More public consultation will be held in the fall for the revitalization of this historic landmark of old Markham Village.

We are having a work shop regarding the expansion of the boundaries for notices to be sent out for Committee of Adjustments and zoning changes and to provide more notice to residents of the applications.

The first of the Arena reports has been released and is available on my website for viewing.

Exciting news is that Markham will be the new home of the York University satellite campus and that Parks Canada announced that 4722 acres of the federal lands have been officially transferred by Transport Canada to Parks Canada for the Rouge National Urban Park.

In addition to the bi-yearly mailing of a newsletter, I send out an e-newsletter every other month. If you would like to be included and kept up to date on what is going on around Markham, please email Rose, my Executive Assistant rmittelholzer@markham.ca, to be included on our email list.

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Regards,

Karen

Keep Markham Beautiful

Markham's beautiful neighbourhoods are a source of pride for residents. This by-law ensures that owners properly maintain their homes and properties so that our neighbourhoods will always be attractive, safe and healthy places in which to live.

This allows City by law officers to come on to your property and issue work orders if your property is in contravention, this includes:

Lawns not to exceed 6 inches, including abutting side and front boulevards.

Hedges and bushes to be maintained from being overgrown

Exterior of homes must be kept in good repair, painted and maintained.

Sewage and drainage water run off must drain away from your home and also not on to a neighbour's property.

Waste management and storage -unsafe or large, unattractive piles of materials must be removed.

16th Avenue Road Surfacing

16th Ave between Markham Rd and Ninth line and 16th Avenue between Warden and Kennedy will be resurfaced this spring/summer 2015. The region will be reviewing the remainder in 2016.

Robinson Street Reconstruction

Robinson street has experienced severe issues with asphalt rising and an increased number of pot holes. The City conducted tests and they revealed a high level of water content in the road base. Once school is out this summer, the City will be excavating the road to a pre-determined depth where the high water content is, stabilize this, and then rebuild the road back to where we can place the first layer of asphalt. The City will monitor the repair and put the last layer of asphalt down in 2016.

Community mail-boxes continue to be a concern. Unfortunately the City has no jurisdiction over the placement of the boxes unless it is placed on top of our infrastructure or will interfere with snow removal. Residents should contact the Post Office directly at 1-844-454-3009 and express your concerns.

NAME IT and WIN

We need YOUR help to name our NEW MULTI-USE PATHWAY

The City is building a 15km multi-use pathway from 16th Avenue and Kennedy Road through Toogood Pond and the Milne Dam Conservation Area to Bob Hunter Memorial Park.

This important project will connect neighbourhoods and other, protect our natural features, species and wildlife habitats, encourage physical activity, and much more.

Markham residents are invited to submit their ideas by *Friday, June 26, 2015*

Visit markham.ca/WinIt for full contest details.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The City is committed to further develop and implement its approved EAB Management Plan as science and technology adapt to the challenging and changing destruction this pest is leaving behind and also deal with the devastation of what the ice storm left behind.

Our replanting program is being managed by our City's arborists for an urban forest that is strong and diverse. It is Markham's goal to create a forest composition that is resistant to significant pests.All newly-planted trees on boulevards and manicured park areas are supported by a quality control process to ensure the best possible results. These trees are under warranty for two years, after which the City will be responsible for their care and maintenance.

This year we will be removing 5000 trees and removing 7000 stumps. The streets hardest hit will be replanted first. Not all the trees on one street will be planted simultaneously.

It is important to note that the City cannot accept individual requests for trees. We ask that residents are patient as this is a huge project and will take time to complete.

Gala for Giving 2015

It was an honour to assist 12 local charities and organizations as the Vice-Chair to raise $202,300. Regional Councillor Armstrong and myself would like to send a special thank you, to all the sponsors and residents who purchased tables, advertisements and donated prizes to make this event a success.

Stop the Train Horn

The City should be in a position in the fall to make a decision regarding the cessation of the train whistle once all information has been provided to us. Not only is there a cost factor but there is a liability issue that Council will have to decide upon. With the announcement of the all day train service, this is something that needs to be addressed and resolved.

Storm Water Fee

Markham's Flood Control Program is a long term, city-wide initiative to improve storm drainage capacity and limit surface and basement flooding risks in urban areas. Work is already underway in Thornhill to help protect public and private property and make critical infrastructure more resilient to climate change.

These flood control improvements will be funded through a new Storm water fee charged to all property owners, residential and non-residential. This new, annual flat Fee of $47 will be applied to the Final 2015 Tax Bill for each residential property owner in Markham.

Did you Know?

You can take your broken green box and blue bin to the depots and exchange it for a new one.

If your item is past its prime it can still be RECYCLED, including single shoes, soiled towels, stained or ripped clothing. Bagged recyclables items can be dropped off at donation boxes located throughout Markham.

ROADWATCH.CA

Road watch is a community driven program that provides citizens with a means to report: dangerous driving, speeding, unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic signals and driving through stop signs.

100 Women

We are 100 women in Markham who care about local community causes and who are committed to community service. We gather for just one hour every three months where, at each meeting, we jointly select a local charity or not-for-profit organization and write a $100 cheque (per person) to the selected organization.

Want to learn more about the many worthy community service programs and organizations servicing Markham. Then, join 100 Women Who Care Markham!