

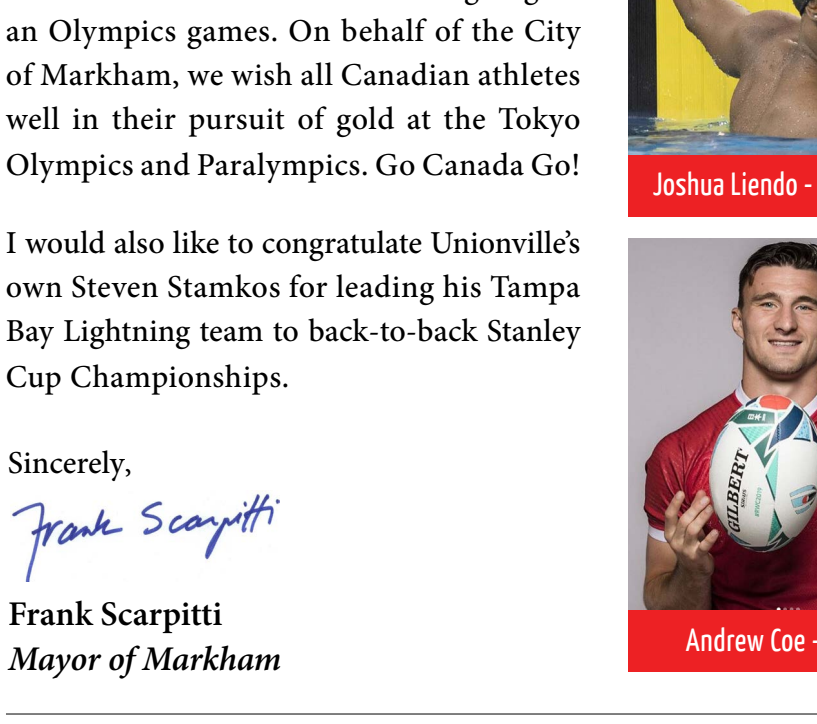
MAYOR'S Review

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Markham's 50 Years of Excellence

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Summer! Your efforts to adhere to COVID-19 protocols and become vaccinated are helping turn the tide of this pandemic, and for that, I say a big thank you. I hope you and your family have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy a variety of safe and enjoyable activities this summer. The City of Markham has you covered. Whether you prefer to cool off in the pool, exercise in a park or participate in a virtual program, there is something for everyone and I encourage Markham residents to enjoy what we have to offer. To learn more, visit Markham.ca/recreation.

This September, York Region Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Karim Kurji will be retiring. Dr. Kurji has notably guided our region through the COVID-19 pandemic and we are forever grateful for his extraordinary efforts. Dr. Kurji has been a trusted source of information and guidance for York Region residents and we wish him all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.



The City of Markham is pleased to introduce several new additions to its senior leadership team in a variety of roles. The new appointments bring with them valuable experience, a proven track record of accomplishment and a focus on innovation. We are delighted to announce the appointments of Morgan Jones as Commissioner of Community Services, Alice Lam as Director of Operations, Frank Clarizio as Director of Engineering and Eddy Wu as Director of Environmental Services.

After a year delay, the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics are officially a go and we are thrilled that several Markham and Markham-based athletes will be representing Canada on the biggest global stage. Headlining Markham's contingent will be previous Olympic medalist Andre de Grasse who will be competing in Athletics. Also headed to Tokyo is Michelle Li and Jason Ho-Shue competing in Badminton, Joshua Liendo in Swimming, Andrew Coe of Men's Rugby Sevens and Gabrielle Smith in Rowing.



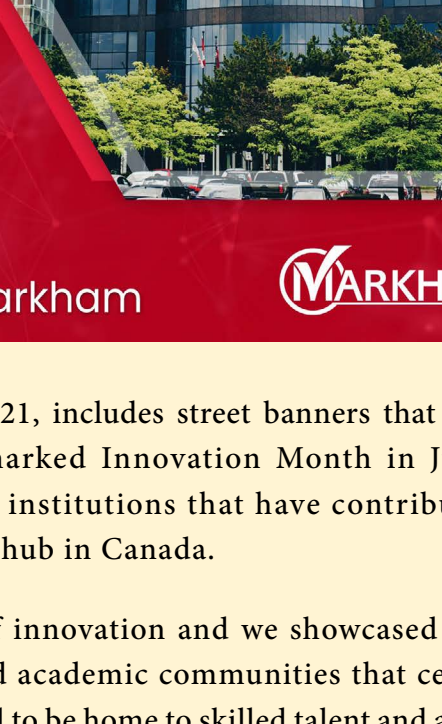
Markham is proud to be home to the Markham Pan Am Centre and many of Canada's Olympics-bound athletes train in our world-class facility, including the largest Canadian badminton team ever going to an Olympics games. On behalf of the City of Markham, we wish all Canadian athletes well in their pursuit of gold at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. Go Canada Go!

I would also like to congratulate Unionville's own Steven Stankos for leading his Tampa Bay Lightning team to back-to-back Stanley Cup Championships.

Sincerely,
Frank Scarpitti
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Mayor of Markham

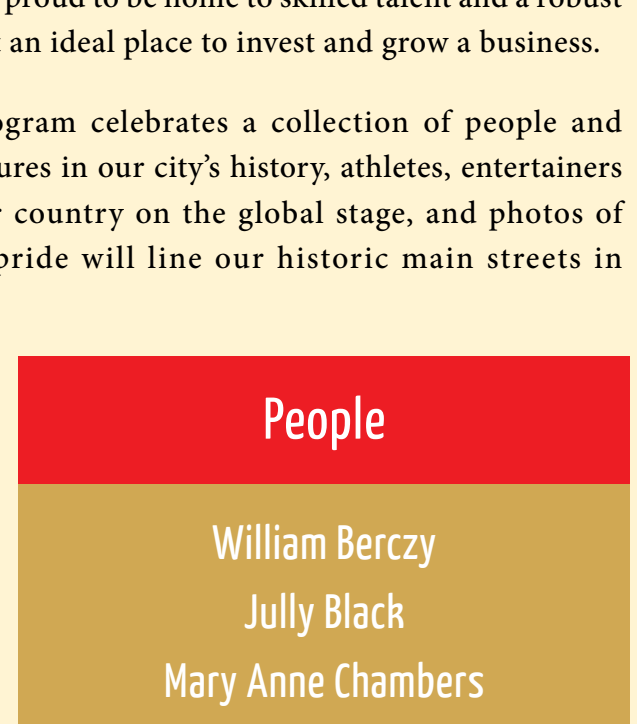
Marking 50 Years of Excellence

This year, we invite the community to join us in celebrating 50 years as one of Canada's best managed municipalities that provides a much envied quality of life. Since our incorporation 50 years ago, we have transformed into a premier municipality in Canada focused on our history, reconciliation, diversity and inclusion, delivering exceptional services in state-of-the-art amenities. Markham has earned a reputation for strong fiscal stewardship and leveraging new technology and innovation. We will be marking this milestone with a series of commemorations celebrating key points in time and the people that made it happen.



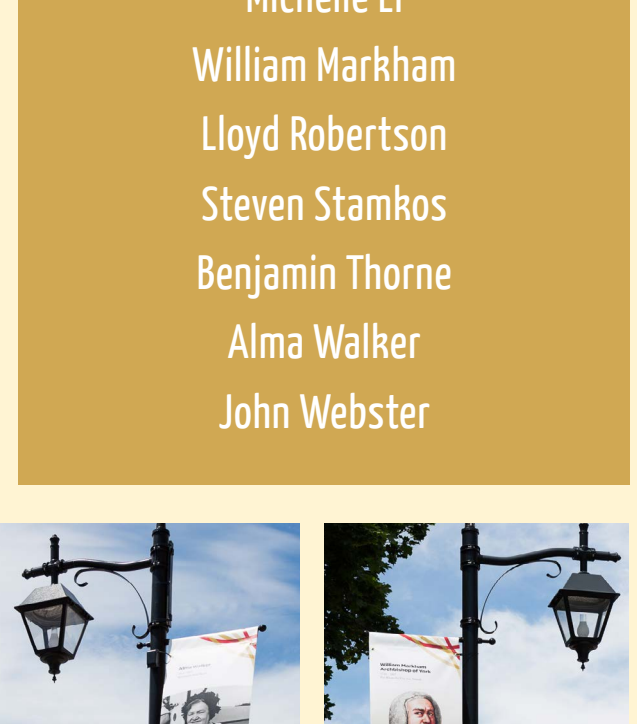
"AMD in Markham is one of our largest locations worldwide and we are grateful for the access to world-class and diverse talent that is home to more than two thousand employees who innovate every day contributing to AMD's product roadmap from computer graphic processors to gaming console technology. In Markham, AMD has and will continue to innovate, inspire, and collaborate."

Kevin O'Neill
Managing Director, AMD Canada



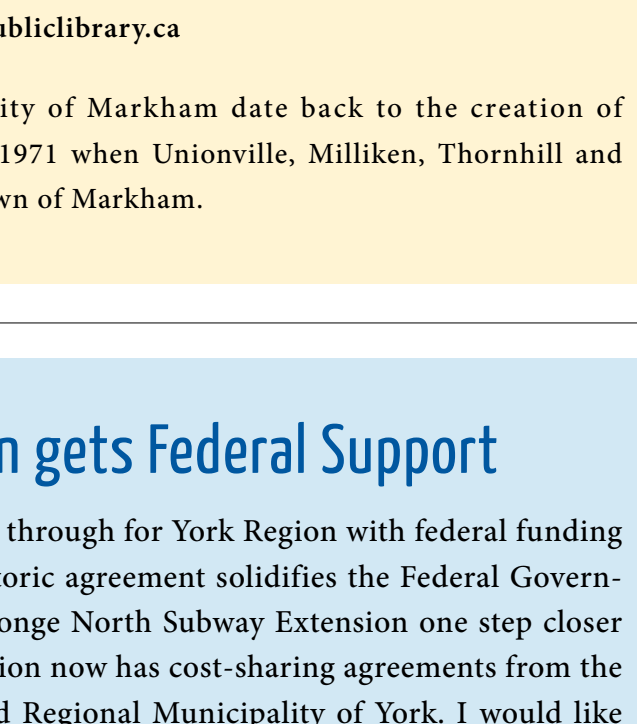
"Innovation and agile thinking is at the heart of this region, led by the City of Markham in partnership with industry."

Steven Astorino
Canada Lab Director, IBM Canada



"We selected Markham Ontario as the base for our Canadian Technical Centre campus because there is a clear capacity for innovation in the area. Markham is home to many talented engineers and is surrounded by a strong ecosystem of great universities, start-ups and collaborators."

Scott Bell
President & Managing Director
General Motors Canada



"It is great to be in a community that embraces diversity and innovation."

David Agnew
President, Seneca College



MARKHAM INNOVATES #WeAreMarkham **MARKHAM**

The 50th celebration, which will continue through 2021, includes street banners that feature notable Markham residents and landmarks. We marked Innovation Month in June by paying tribute to the many companies and academic institutions that have contributed to Markham's ascent as a leading tech and innovation hub in Canada.

For 50 years, Markham has been on the forefront of innovation and we showcased stories throughout the month of June from our business and academic communities that celebrate key achievements and collaborations. Markham is proud to be home to skilled talent and a robust and diverse ecosystem of companies that makes it an ideal place to invest and grow a business.

The recently launched main street banner program celebrates a collection of people and places that have put our city on the map. Key figures in our city's history, athletes, entertainers and business leaders that have represented our country on the global stage, and photos of municipal landmarks that bring about civic pride will line our historic main streets in recognition of this milestone anniversary.

Places/Landmarks

- Aaniin Community Centre
- Angus Glen Community Centre and Library
- Heintzman House
- Markham Civic Centre
- Main Street Unionville
- Markham Train Station
- The Old Town Hall in Markham Village
- Stiver Mill and Unionville Train Station
- Veterans Square and Cenotaph

People

- William Berczy
- Juliy Black
- Mary Anne Chambers
- Bill Crothers
- Andre De Grasse
- Phylcia George
- Michelle Li
- William Markham
- Lloyd Robertson
- Steven Stankos
- Benjamin Thorne
- Alma Walker
- John Webster



Markham Public Library and the Markham Museum are also celebrating 50th anniversaries and I encourage you to check out the various programs and services they have planned to mark this milestone occasion at markham.ca and markhampubliclibrary.ca

The roots of the current The Corporation of City of Markham date back to the creation of the Regional Municipality of York on January 1, 1971 when Unionville, Milliken, Thornhill and Markham Village were consolidated to form the Town of Markham.

Yonge North Subway Extension gets Federal Support

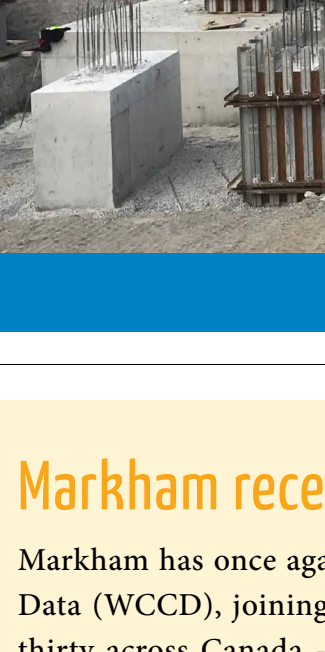
This Spring, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came through for York Region with federal funding for the Yonge North Subway Extension. This historic announcement solidifies the Federal Government's contribution to the project, moving the Yonge North Subway Extension one step closer to construction. The Yonge North Subway Extension now has cost-sharing agreements from the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario and Regional Municipality of York. I would like to thank Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for honouring his commitment to fund this important rapid transit project for the people of Markham and York Region. During the past few years, when I had one-on-one meetings with the Prime Minister, I always conveyed the importance of this project to Markham, York Region and the GTA. When the Prime Minister signed the Yonge North Subway Extension shovel in Markham in 2019, he understood the critical importance of the Federal Government's funding in order for this project to proceed. I also want to acknowledge Deputy Prime Minister Christia Freeland, Infrastructure Minister Catherine McKenna, Minister Mary Ng and York Region MPs for their ongoing efforts to secure funding.



I would like to personally thank Premier Doug Ford, Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney and Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma for their unwavering commitment to the Yonge North Subway Extension and their hard work in reaching a deal with the Government of Canada. Recently, Metrolinx and the Provincial Government announced that Clark Station was selected to be neighbourhood station along the route. I will continue to push for Royal Orchard station to be built as part of this subway extension to Markham and York Region.

I want to thank the residents of Thornhill for being active participants in the ongoing development of the Yonge North Subway Extension. Throughout the process, I always expressed concerns about the impact to existing communities and I thank Thornhill Councillor Keith Irish for his advocacy and active communications with impacted residents as we work collaboratively with all stakeholders to advance this important rapid transit infrastructure project. I am confident we will soon see shovels in the ground.

Remembering Markham's Favourite "tito" (uncle) Alex Chiu



Markham's longest-serving ward councillor, Alex Chiu passed away in May. Former Councillor Alex Chiu served on Markham Council for 33 years and played an instrumental role in the City of Markham's growth and development. As we celebrate Markham's 50th anniversary this year, we are reminded that it was Alex Chiu that championed Markham's change from a town to city in 2012. Alex was a fixture in the Milliken Mills community and was instrumental in the push for the Milliken Mills Community Centre which opened in 1989. As an avid swimmer, Alex took great pride in being one of the first persons to swim in our new aquatic facilities, including the Markham Pan Am Centre. In recognition of his extraordinary public service, the pool at Milliken Mills Community Centre was dedicated in his name in 2019. An exceptional community leader, Alex fundraised for a variety of community organizations including all three York Region hospitals. Known as "Alex's Swim," he swam 100 laps non-stop each day for one week as a fundraiser for the City of Markham's United Way campaign. Over 20 years, the Alex Chiu Golf Tournament donated more than \$2 million to many organizations including the Markham YMCA, York Regional Police Community Safety Village, Power Unit Youth Organization, and the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services, amongst others. He also raised funds for a mobile fire house teaching children about fire safety. As co-chair of the annual Markham Theatre Gala, he raised thousands of dollars for the Discovery Program providing children the opportunity to experience live theatre. Former Councillor Alex Chiu retired from political office in 2018. His contributions to our community were immense and his legacy will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted by warm memories and the appreciation and gratitude from our entire community.

Housing Choices: Markham's Affordable & Rental Housing Strategy

The City of Markham has been on a journey to establish a new affordable and rental housing strategy that will guide future development. After more than a year of research, development and community and stakeholder consultations, the final strategy was brought forward to council for approval. Included in the strategy is 35 actions. Included in the final strategy are the following priority actions:

- Develop an inclusionary zoning bylaw for major transit station areas.
- Review permissions for additional residential units.
- Use public land for affordable housing.
- Develop an incentive package for affordable and rental housing.
- Facilitate partnerships for affordable and rental housing.

Ongoing actions include supporting current affordable and rental housing projects and working to increase awareness of housing needs in our community. Markham and the Greater Toronto Area continues to be unaffordable and these 35 actions will guide the City of Markham's efforts to increase the supply of affordable and rental housing so we can remain a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community.



Vision and Goals

- Goal 1:** Increase the supply of affordable rental housing options, particularly for small to larger households with low incomes and that meet their needs in terms of site accessibility and support services.
- Goal 2:** Stimulate the development of ownership housing options for families, which are affordable to households with moderate incomes as well as households with low incomes.
- Goal 3:** Expand the supply of purpose-built rental market units throughout Markham.

Mayor's Black Youth Liaison Committee

Over the last couple of months, we have made significant progress on our strategy to combat anti-Black racism. Most recently we held the first meeting of the Mayor's Black Youth Liaison Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the 9 founding members listed below. The Mayor's Black Youth Liaison Committee will be a voice for Black youth in the City of Markham by providing an open forum for youth to convey perspectives on issues and initiatives that are of particular importance to them. The Committee will provide guidance and advice to the City to support Black youth in the community and combat anti-Black racism. I have been impressed by the caliber of these youth volunteers, as has our staff at the City of Markham, and we look forward to working with them to bring about positive change.

Members

- Sydney Baxter
- Hanifah Johnson
- Alexis Agyei-Gyamara
- Maxine Ehiogu
- Phineas Crepin-Nkaba
- Rafeeda Rania
- Cameron David
- Daniel Esson
- Addisa O'Brien-Thompson

Indigenous Reconciliation

On June 11th, in recognition of the anniversary of the Government of Canada's official apology of the Residential School System, the City of Markham lit 215 candles in memory of the children in Kamloops, British Columbia and one additional candle for all lost souls. I also personally wrote to Tk'emlúps to Secwépemc First Nation Chief Rosanne Casimir expressing our condolences. We also sent the City of Markham flag that was lowered to half-mast for 9 days as a symbol of our support. Chief Casimir and her council will be including our message in a special presentation being planned to honour the children. In response to recent discoveries across Canada, we have

lowered our flags and held acts of remembrance. The City of Markham is committed to reconciliation and urges the Federal Government to advance the recommendations of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission. Let us never forget the children lost and re-energize our efforts and commitment to reconciliation. In 2017, Markham became the first urban municipality in Ontario to sign a partnership agreement with a remote First Nations community, Eabametoong First Nation. This partnership continues strong to this day and we enjoy regular communication and collaboration with members of band council and the broader community.

TESLA

CANADA'S SEMICONDUCTOR COUNCIL

Tesla Comes to Markham

I am delighted to share that Tesla Canada is joining our already robust automotive and technology ecosystem by locating a manufacturing facility in the City of Markham. The facility will be the first branded Tesla Canada manufacturing facility in Canada and will produce state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment to be used at the Gigafactories located around the world in the production of batteries.

VentureLAB

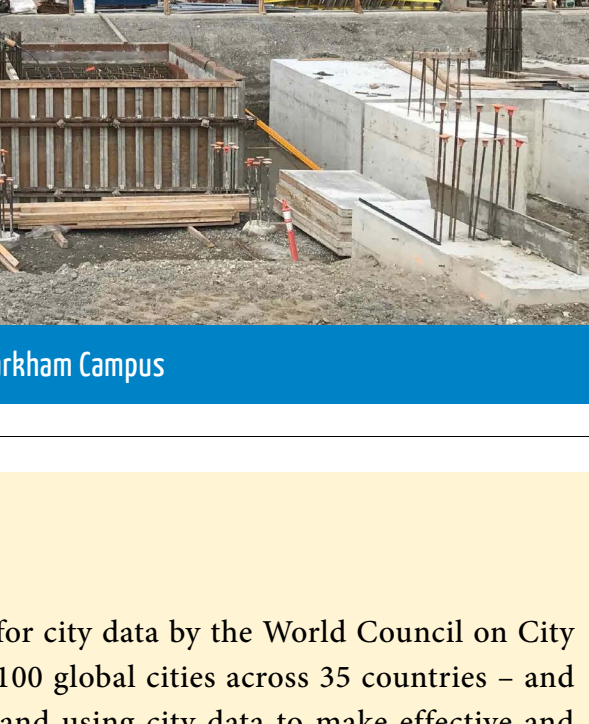
Recently, a National Semiconductor Council was launched aimed at making Canada a global hub for semiconductor research, design and manufacturing. The Council will focus on nourishing local semiconductor companies, attracting and retaining talent, scaling Canada's pools of investment capital for these companies, and expanding strategic investment opportunities in Canada. Congratulations to founding members, led by ventureLAB's CEO Melissa Chee. Markham is proud to be home to ventureLAB and are supportive of their ambitious plans to position our region and country as a global hub for hardware research and production.



THANK YOU
Students at Unionville High School celebrate and recognize our community's first and second service workers for their dedication to their service. They have helped us realize what it means to be a hero in our community. Today, we have created beautiful "Thank You" cards to recognize and honor their brave service workers and healthcare staff. Share their cards with others in the spirit of appreciation and gratitude.

Unionville HS students "Thank You"

Throughout the Spring, I shared "Thank You" cards designed by arts students from Unionville High School in recognition of frontline workers. I would like to thank participating students and their teacher, Shane Clodd for developing special tributes that have been shared with frontline workers, including doctors and nurses at Markham Stouffville Hospital.



Pride flag outside Civic Centre

The City of Markham was proud to celebrate Pride Month this past June. This year, we planted a Rainbow Flag flower installation outside the Markham Civic Centre along Highway 7 as a symbol of our unwavering support and solidarity with the LGBTQ2S community.

Construction Update of York University Markham Campus



June 2021 - York University Markham Campus

Markham receives top honours

Markham has once again achieved the highest level for city data by the World Council on City Data (WCCD), joining a select group of more than 100 global cities across 35 countries – and thirty across Canada – who are collecting, sharing, and using city data to make effective and transformative decisions. As a leading tech and innovation hub in Canada and the country's most diverse city, we proudly hold WCCD membership, allowing us to benchmark against other leading municipalities, continue to drive change and learn from best practices. Some of our many accomplishments include having the most patents created by our residents and businesses per 100,000 population than any other participating Canadian city. As well, Markham has the lowest greenhouse gas emissions compared to our neighbouring regional municipalities, a result of targeted steps we have taken to combat climate change. We have also learned that Markham is a leader worldwide for water conservation.

Recently, the City of Markham was honoured by the Ontario Good Roads Association and Smart Cities North America Awards for our innovative data-focused approach to ensuring our road infrastructure is monitored and maintained. We have worked alongside Visual Defense to implement their ROVER AI app to quickly and thoroughly identify deficiencies in execute timely improvements. This program has resulted in a 200% to 400% improvement in pothole reporting, enabling City staff to address potholes earlier, before they become a hazard to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, and also saving on repair costs. The City of Markham is committed to driving innovative change and leveraging technology to improve operations and services.

Markham recognized for Single-Use Plastics Initiative

The City of Markham has received two recognitions for its "Taking the Lead - Markham Targets Single-Use Plastics" initiative from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and the PI Marshall award from the Association of Municipalities Ontario. The program has greatly reduced the amount of plastics sent to landfill, further advancing and strengthening our sustainability goals and objectives. This recognition comes on the heels of Markham also being recognized for its Textile Recycling program that has collected and diverted 20 million pounds of unwanted textiles out of landfill. One of the most common Single-Use Plastics in use is expanded polystyrene foam, also known as Styrofoam. Waste audits performed by Markham indicated a growing volume of Styrofoam packaging in the waste stream. This material became the first crucial target for Single-Use Plastics reduction when Markham City Council approved a curbside collection ban of Styrofoam packaging starting in October 2020. Residents are now required to recycle Styrofoam packaging at a Markham Recycling Depot where it is densified and shipped to recycling markets.

COVID-19 VACCINE Roles & Responsibilities

Canada	Ontario	York Region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorize vaccines for use in Canada Procure vaccines & related supplies Work with vaccine manufacturers to ensure safe & timely delivery of vaccines to provinces & territories Provide scientific guidance on vaccine use Support provinces & territories in managing logistics Ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety throughout Canada <p>canada.ca/covid19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute vaccines & supplies received from the Government of Canada Prioritize rollout across Ontario Track volume of vaccines administered <p>ontario.ca/covid19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute & administer vaccines Manage vaccination rollout within York Region based on the Province's plan & contingent on Federal supply Manage bookings for priority populations and those eligible to receive the vaccine under the Provincial rollout plan Safely store vaccine supply received from the Province <p>york.ca/covid19</p>

markham.ca/Covid19Vaccine City of Markham is providing non-clinical support to the Regional Municipality of York

We're here to help your small business during COVID-19

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Markham, reopen and stay open!

Get back to business with free contact tracing and delivery support.

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