



Community Recognition Night – Students from NOX Dojo

### NEW TO MARKHAM?

Check out the **City of Markham's Good Neighbour Handbook**, which provides helpful tips on



property upkeep, waste disposal, parking, noise, and pet care.

It also outlines key by-laws and city services to help residents understand their rights and responsibilities while supporting a respectful and friendly community.



### ROAD WATCH

Aggressive driving continues to be an issue across the GTA. Road Watch is a community driven program that provides residents with a means to report aggressive or unlawful driver behaviour.

Speeding, unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic lights and stop signs are some typical types of behaviors that qualify for a Road Watch submission and can be reported through the York Regional Police website:



[onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch](https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch) or [online-reporting/Report-a-Community-Concern.asp](https://online-reporting/Report-a-Community-Concern.asp)

### ROAD OCCUPANCY PERMIT

– Store materials on your property – not on the road.

If you are planning upgrades or repairs to your front or rear yard landscaping, please remember that storing materials such as soil, gravel, or bricks on a city road is not permitted without a permit – even for a short period of time.

Contractors must store materials on your driveway or yard, or obtain a **Road Occupancy Permit** before placing anything on the roadway.

### CONSTRUCTION HOURS

As renovations and landscape projects begin, please remember that construction equipment may only operate during the following hours:

**Monday - Friday: 7 am to 7 pm**  
**Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm**

Construction noise is not permitted on Sundays & all Statutory Holidays. This includes home renovations and the replacement of a roof.

### DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**5871 Hwy #7** – At the Ontario Land Tribunal hearing on December 10, 2025, a settlement was reached regarding the proposed development. As part of the agreement, the proposed building height was reduced from 13 stories to 11 stories. The settlement also includes specific Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures, which are intended to help address traffic impacts, to the satisfaction of the city.

**Hwy #7 & 9th Line Development** – The city is waiting on a resubmission from the applicant.

**Markville Secondary Plan** – Markville Secondary Plan Study is now targeted for Q1 2027.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That you can report a problem online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at:

📄 <https://www.markham.ca/services/report-a-problem>

Your online requests will be assigned a reference number, and you can use this number to track the progress of your request.

📞 **905.477.5530**

Additionally, our contact centre is available Monday – Friday from 8 AM to midnight at:

If you are calling outside of these hours simply press 0 and your call will be directed to our on-site security office, which will ensure the information is passed along to the appropriate department.



Spring/Summer 2026

# Ward 4 NEWS

[www.karenrea.ca](http://www.karenrea.ca)

Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

### Dear Residents,

After a long winter, and spring now arriving, we can all look forward to warmer days and outdoor activities. Science Rendezvous will return on May 9th to kick off the Farmers' Market at Robinson & Main St. An interactive event run by York University for families and children of all ages. Then on June 19th and 20th Markham Village Music Festival will take over Main Street Markham for the largest free music festival in York Region. I hope you can come out and enjoy two days of great entertainment, local vendors, and of course, great food while supporting our local businesses. Not forgetting, Markham will be the host of the Markham Indy August 14th to 16th 2026.

Please note that there will be a brief pause to my regular monthly e-newsletters starting May 2026. However, please feel free to reach out to me or my assistant, Savindi, at [sjinasena@markham.ca](mailto:sjinasena@markham.ca) with any questions, concerns, or ideas. We are always happy to hear from residents and do our best to assist.

I look forward to seeing many of you out at local events in the coming months.

*Karen Rea*

**Karen Rea** | Ward 4 Councillor

"Have your say"... participate in on-line surveys that work for you – [www.karenrea.ca](http://www.karenrea.ca)

The Honda Indy will be coming to Markham **August 14 – 16**, bringing an exciting weekend of racing and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at: [www.hondaindy.com](http://www.hondaindy.com)

In addition, **Ontario Honda Dealers' Free Fan Friday** offers complimentary general admission on Friday August 14th, courtesy of the **Ontario Honda Dealers Association** with a voluntary donation supporting **Make-A-Wish Canada**.



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**OLD DESIGN**

**SPEED HUMP**

Full Road Width

**BLOCKS EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Slows Down Response

**NEW DESIGN**

**SPEED CUSHIONS**

Gapped Sections

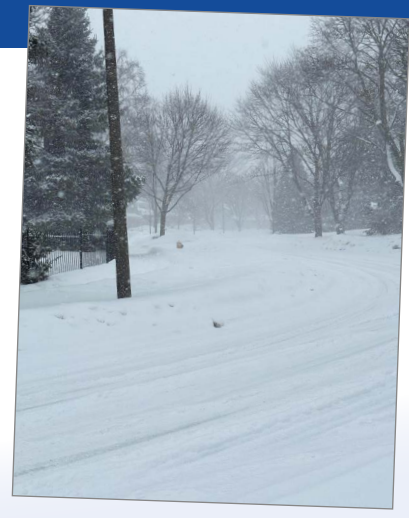
**ALLOWS EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Passes Through Easily

**SPEED CUSHIONS**  
Designed to Slow Cars, Not Emergency Vehicles.

### WINTER IS OVER!

This certainly was a memorable winter season. This past winter was recorded as the eighth snowiest winter since 1939, with even more snow falling after those figures were released (Toronto Star, March 7th). The combination of heavy snowfall, extended periods of cold temperatures, freezing rain, and ice created challenges for our operations crew and for many residents trying to go about their daily routines. To the staff and contractors who worked long hours, and the residents who showed extra patience throughout the winter – Thank You. Together, we made it through a challenging season.



**VISION ZERO** was first developed in Sweden in the 1990s and has since gained worldwide attention. Through this approach, Sweden was able to reduce traffic fatalities by nearly half over a 20-year period. Because of its success in Europe, many municipalities across North America are now adopting similar strategies to help reduce serious collisions and injuries on our roads.

One recommendation I was pleased to support, was removing the moratorium on 'vertical traffic calming' measures, such as speed humps. In the past, traditional speed humps extended across the full width of the roadway and could create challenges for emergency vehicles. Today, newer designs such as speed cushions provide an improved solution. Speed cushions are spaced so that emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks and ambulances, can pass through with minimal reduction in speed, while still encouraging drivers to reduce their speed. It is important to note that this does not mean speed cushions will be installed on every local road. Any implementation of vertical traffic calming measures will continue to be based on proper traffic analysis and will include public consultation with residents in the affected neighbourhood.

**X**

**X**

City trees impacted by hard landscaping.

**✓**

The city tree is in good condition, with no hard landscaping, allowing for healthy growth.

### TREE CARE

Many properties have a city-planted tree located on the boulevard. To help keep these trees healthy and growing, please do not place bricks, stones, pavers or other landscaping materials around the base of the tree. These items can damage tree roots and restrict proper growth. If these materials are installed around a boulevard tree, the city's By-law Officers may request that they be removed. Keeping the area around the tree clear helps to protect this important neighbourhood tree canopy, and ensures the trees can continue to thrive for years to come.

**Councillor's Cup Tournament at Premier Racquet Club (PRC)**



**X** Not In-Compliance

**✓** In-Compliance

### KEEP MARKHAM BEAUTIFUL BY-LAW

As a homeowner or a tenant, the state of your property not only affects the value of your property but affects the neighbourhood and other residents. Let's all do our part to ensure that our streets have a visually attractive curb appeal. Highlights of our Keep Markham Beautiful By-law include:

- Every owner shall maintain their property clear of all waste material.
- Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored on a property.
- Grass must be trimmed to grow no higher than 6 inches.
- All hedges, bushes and shrubs shall be maintained from becoming overgrown and unsightly.
- Fences are to be maintained in a state of good repair.

**Note:** You are also responsible for maintaining the boulevard in front of your home and the boulevard at the side of your home if you live on a corner.

All open air fires require a permit

Keep dogs leashed on public property to avoid a fine of \$430

**DO NOT FEED COYOTES**  
**\$615 IMMEDIATE FINE**

markham.ca/wildlife

## Who is Responsible for What?

MARKHAM	YORK REGION	PROVINCIAL	FEDERAL
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Roads</li> <li>• Parks, Recreation &amp; Libraries</li> <li>• Organic &amp; Garbage Collection</li> <li>• Animal services</li> <li>• Land use planning</li> <li>• Building Permits</li> <li>• Property Tax</li> <li>• Fire Services</li> <li>• Local By-laws</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Roads</li> <li>• Public Transit</li> <li>• Water &amp; Sewers</li> <li>• Public Health Services</li> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Affordable Housing/ Shelters</li> <li>• Ambulance/ Paramedics</li> <li>• Waste Management</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthcare</li> <li>• Education &amp; Schools</li> <li>• Highways</li> <li>• Provincial Law &amp; Courts</li> <li>• Housing &amp; Planning Act</li> <li>• Natural Resources</li> <li>• Recycling Collection</li> <li>• Labour</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Defence</li> <li>• Immigration</li> <li>• Canada Pension</li> <li>• Employment Insurance</li> <li>• Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Federal Law &amp; Courts</li> <li>• Postal Services</li> <li>• Income Tax</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>

While land use planning is a municipal responsibility, recent provincial changes have made it more difficult for local councils to manage development. Legislation and the shift to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) have reduced local decision-making authority. Provincial tools, such as Minister's Zoning Orders, can also override local policies. As a result, municipalities have fewer options to refuse or scale back developments, even when there are concerns about over-development or neighbourhood fit.

When faced with an OLT appeal, planning staff often work to negotiate a settlement to secure some level of community benefit and modification to what is being proposed.

### BUILDING PERMITS

If you are a homeowner or business owner planning to demolish, construct, renovate or change the use of a building, it is important to make sure you are constructing in accordance with the Ontario Building Code. Building permits are required before proceeding with any construction or home renovation projects. To learn more about the types of permits and what is required, please visit our Markham website or contact Building Standards at **905.475.4858**

**Halloween & the Batmobile on Main St.**

