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Our Home. Our Future.

Community Update - Fall/Winter 2015

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**A Message From Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci**

Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

It has been one year since I was elected as your Ward 6 Councillor. We have been working diligently with you, city staff and other parties to address the concerns you brought to our attention. Here are the most notable concerns and how we are addressing them:

**Your Voices Are Heard**

- ✓ **Parking spaces** I have put forward a motion to revisit the city's current parking scenario and explore alternatives options.
- ✓ **School zone safety** Parking restrictions are recently implemented on a street in front of Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. We will continue to work with public school officials and city staff to calm traffic around school zones.
- ✓ **Property maintenance** Mobile signs are installed in problematic areas to inform residents of their responsibility.
- ✓ **Speeding** Two radar speed boards are rotated and installed on priority streets to educate and reduce speeding. We are also working with staff to install necessary traffic signals, signs and develop connectivity in our road network.
- ✓ **Snow Removal Tracking** An electronic winter maintenance tracking system will be available to residents this month.

- ✓ **Windrow Removal** We continue to investigate the viability and competing factors of providing the service.
- ✓ **More Park Features and Equipment** We inputted your requests in the city's capital budget for 2016.

**2016 Outlook**

**Operating Budget:** As the Vice Chair of Budget Committee, we have started on the 2016 budget process to review Markham's programs, projects and services, looking for opportunities to increase efficiency and continue to deliver excellent services while keeping taxes low. The budget will receive approval in December, and residents are welcomed to email me to provide your input.

**School Zone Safety:** I have submitted a request to review current traffic situation and explore traffic calming measures around school zones. I will continue to work with public school officials, city staff and local residents to ensure the safety of our children are protected.

**Parking:** Insufficient parking remains an issue for many small housing units. I have raised a motion to revisit our parking restrictions, and our staff will be conducting a workshop in the upcoming months to address the concern.

To stay informed, I encourage you to **subscribe to our e-newsletter** by emailing [mqi@markham.ca](mailto:mqi@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'd like to take this opportunity to extend very warm wishes to everyone for the winter season. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Sincerely,

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



Amanda with husband Chris, daughter Alysa and son Anthony.

# BUILDING MARKHAM'S

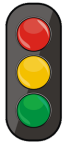
## TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT



### TRAFFIC PLANNING

A Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) is required by the city for development applications. A TIA identifies potential transportation impacts from the development and necessary transportation improvements.

With limited opportunities to widen arterial roads, network connectivity is essential in dispersing traffic and providing alternative routes. Disconnecting streets will funnel traffic into a few facilities and exaggerate the congestion. Collector roads must serve the broader community and not be restricted to only local residents.



### TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Traffic signals at **Bur Oak Ave. & Stonebridge Dr., and Bur Oak Ave. & William Berczy Blvd.** have been installed and will be in operation this winter.

## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



**Student safety comes first!** Parking restriction is recently implemented on the west side of Brunswick Ave. (between Bur Oak Ave. & Madison Heights Blvd.). No parking is allowed between 7:45am - 8:45am and 2:30pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday. This restriction is in response to traffic and pedestrian safety concerns associated with student drop-off and pick-up at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School.

## RADAR SPEED DISPLAY BOARDS

Radar Speed Display Board has proven to educate and reduce vehicle speed. Ward 6 has two of these devices, which are rotated to priority locations every two months.

They were deployed to the following locations from **March - November 2015**: 19th Ave., The Bridle Walk, Ridgecrest Rd., Mingay Ave., Trail Ridge Lane, Prospectors Dr., Glenbourne Park Dr., Stonebridge Dr.



## MUNICIPAL SERVICES



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

Markham is proud to be the first municipality in Ontario to host a Level 3 Electric Vehicle Charging Station, which offers an 80% charge in 30 mins at an affordable price. Markham is also home to three other publicly accessible Level 2 chargers, delivering full charges to vehicles in four hours or more.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Once the storm stops and accumulation reaches 7.5cm, we get to work! Over 2000kms of road is plowed with 200 pieces of equipment to ensure service levels are met.

Clearing is done first on arterial roads, followed by secondary and sidewalks, and then local roads and rear lanes. This is to ensure primary roads are clear for emergency and public transit vehicles and allow access to community centre, hospitals, schools and workplaces. Sidewalks are maintained during and after snowfall. Sidewalk machines are out salting in the evenings and after snowfall to ensure pedestrian safety.

- **Arterial:** Angus Glen Blvd., Bur Oak Ave.
- **Secondary:** Glenbourne Park Dr., Roy Rainey Ave.
- **Local:** Hammersly Blvd., Madison Heights Blvd.



### NEED WINDROW REMOVAL ASSISTANCE?

If you are a senior of 60 or over, or with a disability, you are eligible to apply for Markham's Driveway Windrow Removal Assistance Program. The service is provided within 8 hours after all roads have been plowed. To apply, please email Contact Centre at [customerservice@markham.ca](mailto:customerservice@markham.ca).

\*Residents living in laneway houses should not experience windrow issues.

## WINTER MAINTENANCE TRACKING



The City of Markham is launching an electronic winter maintenance tracking system to update residents on the status of snow removal. This will soon be available online and through the City's Mobile App. For further information, please email [mqi@markham.ca](mailto:mqi@markham.ca).

Markham Civic Centre's **FREE Outdoor Ice Rink** will re-open in December (weather permitting) from 10am to 10pm. Skate rental is available.



**MERMAID SWIM** is available at Angus Glen Community Centre. Learn to swim like a mermaid for only \$20! This 45 minute session includes fun, games and basic mermaid skills. Tails provided.



# FUTURE TOGETHER

## AMPS PROGRAM

The new Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is a customer service enhancement that will allow the city to resolve parking matters in a fair, effective and efficient manner. Through this program, persons disputing parking tickets will schedule an appointment with a screening officer located at the Civic Centre rather than dropping by during office hours.

### TO AVOID PARKING TICKETS:

- Pay close attention to “No Parking” zones
- Do not park within 9 meter of any intersection
- Do not park on ANY city street between 2:30am-6:00am
- Do not park within 3 meter of fire hydrants or access routes



## YORK UNIVERSITY-MARKHAM CAMPUS



Residents were thrilled to hear that York University-Markham Campus will be coming to Markham Centre! The new campus will accommodate 4,000 students in the first phase, after which adjustments will be made to meet future demand. The new campus will be accessible to transit, major employers, research centres and the Pan Am Centre. A range of programs will be offered, as well as joint programs with Seneca College.



## MARKHAM NEWS



The 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games was a resounding success for Markham! It encouraged community involvement, increased volunteers, enhanced our reputation as a sport destination city and raised our international profile. We delivered the Pan Am Centre under budget and ahead of time, and welcomed over 40,000 attendees to Globalfest, a 9-day diverse cultural street festival. 1.4 million people attended the games, and \$3.7 billion was generated in new economic activities in Ontario. Team Canada placed second in the Games with 385 medals in total. Way to go!

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT

### PARKS



**Wismer Park:** Parking lot improvement and landscaping are complete. Maintenance building will begin construction in 2016.

**Angus Glen:** Construction started in May 2015, anticipated to complete by August 2016.

**Berczy Square Park:** Completed by July 2016.

**Berczy Upper Unionville Parks:** 4 parks to complete by fall 2016, and 1 park to complete by fall 2017.

## POWERSTREAM MERGER

PowerStream Inc. (owned by Markham Enterprises Corporation, Vaughan Holdings Inc. and Barrie Hydro Holdings Inc.) is currently negotiating a merger with Enersource (Mississauga) and Horizon (Hamilton & St. Catherine) to create a new utility company and to purchase Hydro One Brampton.



Should this be successful, consumers will save \$64 million on their electricity bills over 25 years. City of Markham's operating budget will see a reduction of \$1.5 million over the same period. Schools, university, hospitals, other government facilities and businesses will also benefit from significant savings.

A public meeting was held in October, and all relevant documents can be found the City's website. For further information, please email [acollucci@markham.ca](mailto:acollucci@markham.ca).

## 2041 PROJECTIONS

York Region released the growth forecast to 2041 along with three scenarios for Markham - 40% intensification, 50% intensification and no urban expansion.

	York Region		Markham	
	Population	Employment	Population	Employment
40%	1,790,000	900,000	541,800	275,700
50%			541,900	275,600
No Expansion			536,600	274,800

Council will recommend a best option to York Region that protects our greenway system, ensures Markham remain competitive, provides diverse housing options, supports various travel options and infrastructure planning. Please email [acollucci@markham.ca](mailto:acollucci@markham.ca) for more information.



# SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



We welcomed a new school to Ward 6 - Beckett Farm Public School! The school is designed with modern elements that support the future of learning and a sustainable environment.



Pets are an important part of families as companions and also as givers of love. Our family dog, Cotton, received blessings at St. Philips On-The-Hill during a pet service in October.



As the Co-Chair for Markham Canada Day, I'm happy to say that the 2015 Canada Day Celebration was a huge success! Thank you to all our staff, community partners and residents for making this year a memorable one.



Over 600 residents attended our first Ward 6 Fun Fair this summer. Families enjoyed free ice cream, fun-filled activities, chatted with their neighbours and local councillor. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



Markham Ward 6 Youth Council came together for a Fall Clean-Up of Wismer Park. They are a youth-led non-profit organization in Ward 6 that provides opportunities for youth to make a positive impact in the community.



This is the 171st year of Markham Fair. Our family attends every fall and we have a blast! I hope you had a chance to enjoy the activities and festivities Markham Fair has brought to our community.



Ward 6 resident and CEO of Clean4Me Chris Collucci was recognized by the City of Markham and Markham Board of Trade for his valuable contribution in the Starter Company 2015 and Community Mentoring Group.



Proud to have participated in the new Head Office Grand Opening of Kylemore Communities in Ward 6. Kylemore is recognized for building high quality homes, and they are a great community supporter of the City of Markham.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ward 6 Holiday Meet & Greet

Date: Saturday, December 19

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Angus Glen Community Centre (3990 Major Mackenzie Dr. E.)



### Mayor's Chinese New Year Dinner

Mayor Frank Scarpitti's Annual Chinese New Year Dinner will be held in Feb 2016 in celebration of the Year of the Monkey. For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact [mqi@markham.ca](mailto:mqi@markham.ca). Hope you can join us!



## MARKHAM LIBRARY

### Entrepreneurs in Residence (EiR)

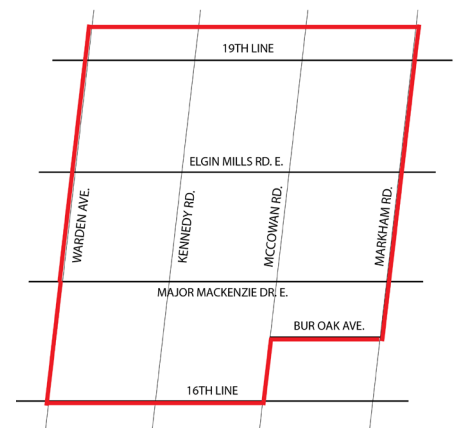
EiR is a monthly speaker series at Angus Glen Library that spotlights local entrepreneurs, innovators and small business people. Please email [akelly@markham.library.on.ca](mailto:akelly@markham.library.on.ca) for details.

### Storytime Program

Angus Glen Library offers free, drop-in Storytime program that develops children's literacy skills and prepare them for success through 5 activities: reading, singing, playing, talking and writing.



## WARD 6 MAP



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

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