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Our Home. Our Future.

Community Update - Spring/Summer 2016

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A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci

Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

As I am approaching my second year serving the community as your Ward 6 Councillor, it is with privilege to continue working hard on your behalf.

2016 Priorities

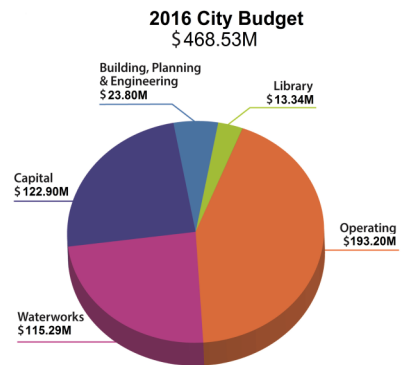
- ☑ **School zone safety** No stopping restrictions recently implemented at Stonebridge Public School. We will continue to address your safety concerns with student drop-off and pick-up zones.
- ☑ **Speeding** Radar speed display boards has proven to be very effective with drivers complying to the speed limit. The display boards will relocate to other reported problematic areas to raise awareness in slowing down drivers from speeding.
- ☑ **Parking By-Law** Administrative Monetary Penalty System is in effect. The walk-in ticket dispute office is no longer available at the City of Markham.



☑ **2016 Budget Results**

Base on public reports on 2016 municipal tax rate increase, Markham's 8 year tax rate increase of 10.43% or 1.3% per year is the **lowest** among 27 GTA municipalities.

"Through collaboration and team work, we have reduced the tax rate increase from the original proposed 3.63% to the approved 2.44%, a reduction of 1.19% equivalent to a reduction of \$13 for the average residential household. We are proud of the balance we have achieved to maintain excellence service levels so our residents receive the best value for their tax dollars." Budget Vice Chair Councillor Collucci.



Thank you for all your support. We will continue working together to help our community flourish. I wish all residents a fun and safe summer.

To stay informed, I encourage you to subscribe to our e-newsletter by emailing fionlau@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.

Sincerely,

Amanda Yeung Collucci
Ward 6 Councillor
City of Markham

BUILDING MARKHAM'S

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

TRAFFIC RELIEF

Community Traffic Safety

Traffic Operations hosted a workshop in February to promote the safety of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. It was attended by York Region Transportation Services, York Regional Police, York Region Community & Health Services, and the York Region School Boards. Presentations included collaborative programs and strategies used by the City, encouraging healthy and sustainable modes of transportation for school children. Please visit www.markham.ca/traffic for upcoming updates.



RADAR SPEED DISPLAY BOARDS



Radar speed display boards have proven to educate and reduce vehicle speed by up to 20%. As part of Markham's Safe Streets Strategy, two speed boards have been placed at these priority locations in **April & May** and two proposed locations in **June & July**.

MONTH	STREET	SECTION
April & May	William Berczy Blvd.	Wilfred Murison Ave. and Beckett Ave.
	Roy Rainey Ave.	San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School Zone
June & July	Angus Glen Blvd.	The Fairways and Royal Troon Cres.
	Castlemore Ave.	Kennedy Rd. and McCowan Rd.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



Safety matters! Safety restrictions were implemented with student drop-off and pick-up activity at Stonebridge Public School. These restrictions are in effect between the hours of 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00pm-4:00pm from Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

- No stopping on the East side of Stonebridge Dr., between Wilfred Murison Ave. and Manorwood Dr.
- No stopping on the South side of Wilfred Murison Ave., between Barkwood Hollow and Stonebridge Dr.
- No parking on the West side of Stonebridge Dr., between Wilfred Murison Ave. and Manorwood Dr.
- No parking on the North side of Wilfred Murison Ave., between Campden Pl., and Stonebridge Dr.

PARKING BY-LAW

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is now in effect. The walk-in ticket dispute office is no longer available. Residents will be given an appointment time with a screening officer located at the Civic Centre.



TO AVOID PARKING TICKETS:

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

LAWN MAINTENANCE



SPRING into action! Time for residents to prepare their lawn mowers. Important that grass on your private property, and the boulevard at the front and side of your home to be cut and maintained to 15cm (6 inches) or lower. If not compliant, the City of Markham may charge you a fee up to \$250 to cut your grass. Please keep your neighbourhood beautiful.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

We ask all residents to participate in keeping our parks clean, safe, and a healthy place for all to use. Do not deposit household waste in the park receptacles and clean up after your dogs in the park. Under our Animal Control by-law (2005-254), pet owners are required to pick up after their dogs and subject to a fine if not compliant. Please do your part in maintaining our wonderful City!



EMERALD ASH BORER PROGRAM

Forestry Operations had a successful 2015 program of the multi-year Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. In 2016, the City will implement to following:

- Removing the remaining 2,000 dead and dying ash trees.
- Viable ones will continue to be assessed and may remain in the treatment program.
- 6,000 more trees will be planted.
- 4,000 stumps will be removed across the City in preparation for these new trees.



To learn more about Markham's replanting program, please visit www.markham.ca

FUTURE TOGETHER

MARKHAM NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT



The City of Markham has filled its vacant position for the **Auditor General**. The firm of MNP LLP has been appointed to a four-year term to provide Auditor General services. MNP LLP is the fifth largest business advisory and chartered accountancy firm in Canada. The role of the Auditor General is to review and ensure the quality of stewardship over public funds and for the achievement.

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

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



GET FIT! DON'T QUIT.

Cycling & Walking:

Markham plans on developing almost 400 km of bicycle routes. When complete, the cycling network will include on-road signed routes and bicycle lanes. Cycling is a great way to get around in Markham!



Get your Markham Cycling Map of dedicated bike lanes. Look for the "bike route" signs installed on local streets and motorists. Please remember to "Share the Road" with cyclists.



The City also plans on expanding the Multi-Use Parkway (MUP) that stretches from 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter Memorial Park. Cycling is good for your body both physically & mentally. This is the perfect way to enjoy the great outdoors and stay fit! **To receive regular updates, please subscribe to our e-newsletter by emailing fionlau@markham.ca.**

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

PARK UPDATES



Upper Unionville Parks:

- 4 parks in design stage, to be opened in Summer 2017.
- Park 1:** Between Harbord St. and Wilfred Murison Ave.
- Park 2:** Between William Barlett Dr. and Wilfred Murison Ave.
- Park 3:** Between William Berczy Blvd. and Beckett Ave.
- Park 4:** Between William Berczy Blvd. and Wilfred Murison Ave.

Berczy Square Park:

- Under construction, completed by Fall 2016.

Angus Glen:

- Community Centre Park is under construction, to be opened in Spring 2017.
- West Villages Playground construction is on hold pending condo area construction activities.

Wismer Park:

- Maintenance Building construction to begin Fall 2016, completed by Spring 2018.

POWERSTREAM DISCOUNT

PowerStream, in conjunction with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and participating retailers, is launching a Spring discount coupon initiative designed to provide consumers with instant savings on a wide range of energy-efficient products and to help them better understand the benefits of conservation. Each individual customer could save over \$100 in savings! This campaign is scheduled to run in Spring 2016 [saveONenergy](#). Coupon Event features discount coupons on energy-efficient products that can be redeemed at participating retailers including Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, RONA, The Home Depot, Lowe's and Walmart.



RECREATION

SUMMER CAMPS



The city offers a diverse mix of culture, library and specialized summer day camps. Our summer camps are affordable and conveniently located in community centres, libraries and cultural facilities across the City, which fit most family schedules. For more details, please visit www.markham.ca.

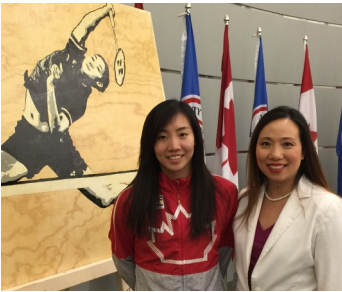
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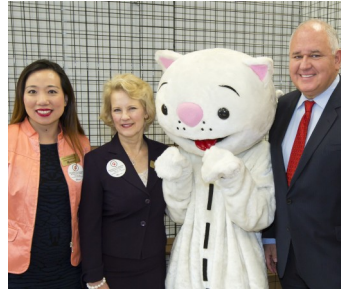
It was my pleasure hosting our 1st Christmas Party in 2015. We celebrated the holiday season with over 100 residents to share the blessing and peace.



This is my first journey to the East visiting India as part of the Markham Trade Mission delegation. It was my privilege visiting a local private school in New Delhi and the students gave me a warm welcome.



Congratulations to our Markham resident, Michelle Li in 2015 Pan Am Games for winning the gold medal in Singles and bronze medal in Doubles for the Women's Badminton Finals. You made us proud!



Congratulations to the grand opening of the new Cat Adoption and Education Centre (CAEC) at the Thornhill Community Centre which provides awareness programs about animal care and wellness.



It was our honour to present a charitable donation at the Mayor Frank Scarpitti's Chinese New Year Dinner 2016 for the Cherish Integrated Services that provide services and supports persons with Developmental Disabilities.



Markham pre-qualified in Table Tennis for the Olympics which took place at Markham Pan Am Centre in April. Women Singles champion, Mo Zhang secured the Olympic spot to Rio de Janeiro. Good luck to your future challenges!

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Philip's Church Summer BBQ Event

Date: May 23rd, 2016
Location: St. Philip's On-The-Hill, 9400 Kennedy Rd.
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm



ALS Double Play Intentional Walk

Date: June 11st, 2016
Location: Markham Civic Centre Ground
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: \$40



Canada Day Event

Date: July 1st, 2016
Location & Time: Senior Lunch at Le Parc at 12:00pm; People's Parade, live entertainment, food and displays, fireworks display from 3pm-11pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

Councillor Collucci's Ward 6 Fun Fair

Date: August 13th, 2016
Location: Berczy Park North
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm



2nd Annual Markham Cycling Day

Date: September 25th, 2016
Location: Markham Civic Centre
Time: TBC



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