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 Our Home. Our Future.

Community Update - Fall/Winter 2017

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**A Message from Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci**

Dear Ward 6 neighbours,

It has been my honor to serve the community and to support the seniors and youth for the past three years. With all your countless support, I'm delighted to represent all of you as the Ward 6 Councillor. I enjoyed attending all the events within the community staying connected and interacting with the residents. This year's Community Fun Fair was a tremendous success with over 2,000 residents came out to celebrate with their friends and families. We had more activity booths and special performances this year from various ethnic groups showcasing their culture, tradition and heritage. In addition, this year was particularly special as it marked the 150<sup>th</sup> Canada Day. The City had its biggest celebration yet as the number of the event attendees this year exceeded all previous years; A true display of our diverse city growing and joining together in these celebrations. I look forward to working with all of you in bringing even bigger and better events in the future and I believe we will continue to build a strong community together, ensuring infinite growth and positive development.



**2017 Budget Results:**

Markham has been recognized once again for its outstanding municipal tax rate leadership based on a publication report in comparison of the current 2017 tax rates among 27 municipalities across the GTA. With an average annual tax rate increase of 1.54% per year, Markham has the lowest tax rate increase of 13.89% through a 9 year average among all municipalities in the GTA.

"Our commercial and industrial tax rates are the lowest in the GTA, something to be proud of" said *Mayor Frank Scarpitti*, "and we have been able to keep it that way for many years, which is an outstanding achievement. A low tax rate, a diverse and highly educated workforce, superior and sustainable infrastructure make Markham an ideal place to invest."

To stay informed, I encourage you to subscribe to our e-newsletter by emailing [fionlau@markham.ca](mailto: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.

I'd like to take a moment and give thanks to all of you for your support. I hope you enjoy all the winter festivities to come. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a new year of happiness.

Sincerely,

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

# BUILDING MARKHAM'S

## TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

### TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

In responding to ongoing safety concerns across the neighborhood, the City has implemented a series of traffic safety improvements in Ward 6:

**Warden Ave, between 16<sup>th</sup> Ave and Major Mackenzie Dr**

– Implemented signage along the Multi-Use Pathway to encourage cyclists to use the on-boulevard pathway, instead of riding on the road.



**William Berczy Blvd**

– Designated William Berczy Blvd as an official bicycle route, with requisite signage.

**Bur Oak Ave & Roy Rainey Ave Traffic Signals:**

– City staff will be finalizing the design for the traffic signals at this intersection this Fall, with a tentative schedule to have the traffic signals constructed and activated by year-end. It is expected that once complete, traffic operational safety at the intersection will be improved. In particular, the provision of accessible pedestrian signals with countdown displays will help assist pedestrians and students attending San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School in crossing the street.



### RADAR SPEED DISPLAY BOARDS

Radar speed display boards can be moderately effective at reducing vehicle speeds, resulting in speed reductions by 20% on average. Regularly, each location is provided with a radar speed display board for a 3-month period. For the months of **October to December**, three speed boards have been deployed at these priority locations.

STREET	SECTION
19 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Between Kennedy Rd and McCowan Rd
Bur Oak Ave	Between Stonebridge Dr and McCowan Rd
William Berczy Blvd	South of Bur Oak Ave

**Speed Monitoring Program:**

Below is a list of locations where radar speed display boards have been deployed so far in 2017.

- Stonebridge Dr, south of Bur Oak Ave
- Mingay Ave, south of Major Mackenzie Dr
- Angus Glen Blvd
- William Berczy Blvd, north of Bur Oak Ave
- Glenbourne Park Dr



## TRAFFIC CONCERNS

For any general traffic operations issues or concerns on the municipal road network, residents are encouraged to contact the City's Customer Contact Centre at 905-477-5530 or [customerservice@markham.ca](mailto:customerservice@markham.ca). Our representatives will create a work order for Traffic Operations staff to investigate and follow up with the client. For traffic operations issues on Regional roads (arterial roads such as Major Mackenzie, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kennedy, McCowan), please contact York Region Transportation Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext.75000 or [transportationservices@york.ca](mailto:transportationservices@york.ca)



## MARKHAM SAFETY



### Keeping Markham Safe

The Public Education Division of Markham Fire and Emergency Services (MFES) develops monthly messages to raise public awareness about fire prevention and life safety to reduce the loss of life and property within the City. This fall, the public message we have is **“Look While You Cook”**.

In the City of Markham, more fires start in the kitchen than any other room in the home and all too often human error is a contributing factor. Careless cooking is the leading cause of fire in our community, and also one of the leading causes of fire-related injuries. **To help avoid a kitchen fire, residents must:**

- **Never leave cooking unattended**
- **Keep appliances clear of combustibles**
- **Double check to make sure appliances are turned off before leaving the home or going to bed**



A working smoke alarm on every floor of the home and outside the bedrooms is required to alert you to a fire should one occur. The appropriate pot lid or a fire extinguisher can be used to extinguish the fire by adults who are trained to do so. If you are not able to bring the fire under control right away, evacuate the home and call 911.

# FUTURE TOGETHER

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

### WINTER ROAD OPERATIONS

**Public safety is a top priority.** At the start of a snowfall, or at the first signs of ice forming on roads and sidewalks, the City sends its salting and sanding equipment out, first servicing roads with the greatest amount of traffic, called arterial and primary roads. Then intersections, hills and sharp turns on residential streets are serviced. Snow removal service begins on local roads, including rear lanes, when snow reaches a depth of 7.5 centimetres (about 3 inches) or more, and from sidewalks when it reaches 5 centimetres (about 2 inches) deep. Markham's road network (the area we control and plow) is over 2,000 km. That is equivalent of travelling from Toronto to Montreal 4 times and the City clears over 1,000 km of sidewalks.



#### Tips to help you and your community safe:

- Clear snow away from fire hydrants and catch basins on your street.
- Pile snow from your driveway onto the right side (when facing the road) of your driveway, to reduce snow accumulation in your driveway when the plow comes by.
- It is important to note that pushing snow onto the street can cause safety issues for drivers and pedestrians in your neighbourhood, and it's illegal.
- Effective November 15 to April 15 – park on the odd numbered side of the street **only**.
- No street parking from 2:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. (year-round).

## WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL

The City of Markham has new textile donation bins! In Ward 6, there are City of Markham donation bins at the following locations:

- Fire Station 98 (650 Bur Oak Ave)
- Angus Glen Community Centre (3990 Major Mackenzie Dr)

#### **What are textiles?**

Markham's unique textile recycling program accepts all adult and children's clothing and footwear, including undergarments, towels, pillows, and curtains, including items that are worn, torn or stained. Even single socks and shoes are welcome!

#### **What's not accepted?**

All donated textiles must be dry and free of any medical or hazardous liquids such as grease/oil, blood and vomit. Due to sanitary, health and safety concerns some items are not accepted, such as infant car seats.



## TEXTILE PROGRAM RECOGNITION

The City of Markham has received national recognition for its Textile Recycling Program from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). The City was presented with the 2017 CAMA Environmental Award, in the over 100,000 population category. "This is an aggressive textile recycling program designed not only to divert such waste from the landfill, but to track as much textile waste as possible." - *Marie-Hélène Lajoie, president of CAMA.* To learn more about textile recycling, please visit [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca)

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT

### PARK UPDATES



#### **Upper Unionville Parks:**

- All parks will be expected to be opened in October 2017.
- Park 1:** Between Harbord St. and Wilfred Murison Ave.
- Park 2:** Between William Bartlett 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 Beckett NW Park (next to school) will commence in Spring 2018 and is expected to open in the Spring of 2019.

#### **Angus Glen Community Centre Park:**

- Anticipated to open to public in the Spring of 2018.

#### **Wismer Park:**

- Maintenance Building will commence in the Spring of 2018 and expected to be in service for the Summer of 2019.
- Wismer Percy Reesor Parkette will commence shortly in the Fall 2017 and will be open to public in Spring of 2018.

#### **Berczy Square Park:**

- Maintenance Building currently under approval process, to begin construction in the Summer of 2017.

## PARKS RENAISSANCE PROJECT

As part of the Parks Renaissance Project, we are very excited to announce that the installation of the adult fitness equipments at the Wismer Park (980 Bur Oaks Ave) is now completed and open to public as of August 2017. These equipments include:

- Horizontal Bars
- Pull/Chest Press
- Walker (Double)
- Handbike

# SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



I have hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diwali Celebration in October at the Wismer Park and it was filled with many wonderful performances presented by the South Asian community. I had a lot of fun celebrating with the residents and families!



The Annual Seniors Health Day was successfully held in July at the Berczy Park by the Ward 6 Seniors Association. I had a very fun day practicing exercises such as Tai Chi and dancing with the seniors!



As the Co-Chair of Canada Day, I was happy to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Canada Day with all the residents this year. The Markham Star Search Audition was also a huge accomplishment which was packed with talented acts by local residents!



It was with great pleasure that I attended the Summer Jukebox Festival hosted by the Markham Ward 6 Youth Council. The youth were joined by their families and friends demonstrating great music talents and it was a great party that couldn't be missed.



It is a historical site marked by the Federal government and it was my honour to attend the Berczy Statue Dedication along with the delegations from Nordlingen Germany at the Berczy Square. Many residents came out to witness this memorable moments together!



The Ward 6 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Fun Fair event was a tremendous success! Over 2,000 residents have attended the event and it was a fun and joyful day to meet with all the neighbours and families!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ward 6 Youth Council Park Clean Up

Date: Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Berczy Park North

Address: 447 The Bridle Walk

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

### Ward 6 Holiday Meet & Greet 2017

Date: Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Angus Glen Community Centre, Activity Room 1

Address: 3990 Major Mackenzie Dr. East

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

### Ward 6 Chinese New Year Celebration

Date: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Location: Angus Glen Community Centre, Activity Room 1

Address: 3990 Major Mackenzie Dr. East

Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

## COMMUNITY

### Resident's Round Table Discussion

If you're interested in setting up a meeting, please contact:

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