



Opening Celebration

BYLAWS

Fallen leaves on residential and commercial properties shall not be raked or blown onto the roadway, but set out for collection in Kraft paper bags.

From Nov 1 to December 13th yard material collection will occur weekly.

Sweeping leaves on the road obstructs catch basins and sewers, and prevents pavement markings along the road from being visible. Please help and remove leaves to keep the drains free of litter, in order to allow proper drainage and prevent your street from flooding. Please ensure your lawn contractor services abide by the City rules.

Canada Post – Community Mailbox

Canada Post is responsible for snow clearing of all mailboxes and their immediate surrounding area. Please report any related issues directly to Canada Post at **1.800.267.1177**.

Noise bylaw

The operation of any equipment connected with construction is only allowed between Monday and Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm. Construction noise is prohibited Sundays & all Statutory Holidays. This includes home renovations and the replacement of a roof.



Road Watch is a community driven program that provides residents with a means to report aggressive or unlawful driver behaviour. Unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic lights and stop signs are some typical types of behaviors that qualify for a Road Watch submission. File a confidential report at <https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch.html>



ROUGE VALLEY TRAIL AT MILNE DAM PARK

Thank you to all the staff involved in the construction of the MUP (multi use path) that starts in Unionville and will eventually go to Bob Hunter Memorial Park.

A special reminder this MUP is for everyone to enjoy.
– Cyclists need to SLOW DOWN, this is not a cycle path only. Remember that you are sharing the pathway with pedestrians, including many seniors and children.

CITY OF MARKHAM DRINKING WATER QUALITY

The City is not aware of any lead public service lines nor have we encountered any lead issues in our City drinking water.

Distribution samples are taken twice a year throughout the City of Markham and tested for lead according to the requirements under the regulations. The results showed no exceedances in the past since the Community Lead Sampling Program began in 2007. Results for lead sampling are available on the City website by searching Markham's annual "Water Quality Report".

If you suspect that your home has lead service, contact the City of Markham Contact Centre at **905.477.5530** or customerservice@markham.ca and the Environmental Services Department will conduct an investigation. If required the City will conduct a lead test on behalf of the resident and report the results.

November is National Radon Action Month. Health Canada encourages you to test.

TAKE ACTION ON RADON
www.takeactiononradon.ca
#RADONACTIONMONTH

Radon is the leading Cause of Lung Cancer in Non-Smokers
Test your home for radon and reduce your risk.

November is CPR month. Learn to save a life redcross.ca/firstaid

CPR
Call 9-1-1
#redcrosscpr
not breathing? not breathing? not breathing?

CANADIAN RED CROSS



Fall/Winter 2019-2020

Ward 4 NEWS

www.karenrea.ca

Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Dear Residents,

I can't believe how quickly time has gone by and it's winter again. This year we celebrated Markham's 225th birthday at the Museum during Applefest, where we announced that our Civic Holiday in August will now be known as William Berczy Day, after one of Markham's founding pioneers and designated national historic person.

After months of hearing rumours about amalgamation from the Regional review, I am pleased that the Province has decided not to make any changes. However, Municipalities across the Province have some serious concerns about the upcoming Bill 108. Motions have been passed by different Municipalities opposing this Bill. We are asking for your help, as citizens, voters

and taxpayers, to let your local MPP know that Bill 108 could have severe negative consequences on community building and proper planning.

For more information please see inside: "Bill 108 - Let Markham Plan Its Own Development"

To sign up for my e-newsletters please visit my website at www.karenrea.ca and stay informed on local planning issues, surveys and items of interest.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Karen Rea

Karen Rea | Ward 4 Councillor

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Markham at the Movies - 2019 Winner of the Flato Markham Theatre Award for Community Group of the Year! TIFF films are screened in the fall and winter at the Flato Markham Theatre. For showing information please visit <http://www.markhamatthemovies.com>

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"Have your say"... participate in on-line polls that work for you – www.karenrea.ca



Markham Delegation visits sister city Nördlingen, Germany – origin of our Berczy settlers

WINTER OPERATIONS



During snow storms, Markham's Winter Maintenance INTERACTIVE MAP shows the progress of road and sidewalk plows in Markham.

Residents can watch as snow

clearing efforts start with primary roads and then move to secondary roads, local roads and sidewalks to help keep Markham moving. Markham is responsible for managing the services of Markham-owned roads only. These are mostly local roads and roads that don't cross over City boundaries into other municipalities. For full snow clearing details, visit markham.ca/winter.

Windrow Removal Assistance Program

The City of Markham's Driveway Windrow Removal Assistance Program helps all residents of Markham who require assistance in removing their snow windrow during the winter season. To check if you qualify and to apply for this service please visit Markham.ca.

The City has automatically renewed Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Service to those who have been approved for the previous winter season. If you haven't received this notification, or if you no longer require this service, please email customerservice@markham.ca or call 905.477.5530.

Emergency Preparedness

The Ice Storm of 2013 reminded everyone that being prepared for an emergency is extremely important. Having a 72 hour family emergency plan and an emergency preparedness kit(s) will save time and make real situations less stressful. Please look out for your neighbours, especially the elderly, people with disabilities and pets.

NO PARKING ON STREET WITH SNOW REMOVAL

Between November 15 and April 15, you can only park on the ODD numbered side of the street (unless existing parking signs state otherwise). However, **all parking (even permitted parking) on all streets is not allowed if there is a snowstorm** – so watch the weather and plan accordingly. Our plows cannot effectively plow the streets when cars are on the road and can also make access by firefighters and emergency personnel very difficult. You could also receive a \$150.00 ticket from interfering with our snow removal process.

BILL 108 - LET MARKHAM PLAN ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT

The City continues to have concerns over this Bill which has been touted to be favourable for the development industry. A long and successful fight to overhaul regulations at the OMB with the previous Provincial Government has now been repealed and has reverted back to the old OMB rules, now LPAT, more specifically to allow "De Nova" hearings. This will allow an adjudicator to overrule Council's decision, and ignore any reports or documents used prior to make a decision. A Provincially appointed LPAT adjudicator should not be allowed to overturn democratic decisions of Council and approve excessive development that is not in keeping with our Official Plan.

Changes are also being made to the Ontario Heritage Act, Conservation Authorities, Endangered Species legislation, Environmental Protection Act and the Planning Act.

We are hoping that the Province will listen to all of the Municipalities, as we all share the same concerns, ensuring that the regulations, that are still to be announced, will allow Municipalities to uphold our own Official Plans and allow Council to decide how we want to grow. With the changes to the Planning Act and the introduction of a new community benefit charge (CBC) and lowering of development charges, Cities need to be guaranteed that we will stay revenue neutral or services would have to be cut as we would not be able to fund all the community benefits that we have come to enjoy - community centres, parks etc. Minister Clark has repeatedly said we will not lose funding, then the question to ask is "why change anything?"

Please write to our local MPP and leaders of the opposition with your concerns of the impact that Bill 108 will have on our community.

MARKHAM ROAD INTENSIFICATION

The Markham Road/Mount Joy Corridor continues to experience growth primarily through medium and high density developments. As a result, the City will be undertaking a Secondary Plan process which will comprehensively plan for growth in the area. This will ensure that the transportation and municipal services infrastructure, schools, community services including parks, community and recreational facilities etc. needed to serve the population (both residential and employment) are provided.

It has been staff's position, with support from Council to date, that recent and future applications especially for high density development in the Markham Road/Mount Joy Corridor not advance beyond the statutory Public Meeting to a Recommendation Report, until the draft vision for the Secondary Plan has been at minimum, endorsed by Council.

MORGAN PARK PROJECT

In October, we held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Morgan Pool Revitalization Project. The new building will be compatible with and complementary to the existing heritage properties in the district. Some of the new features are: universal change rooms which will be AODA and Markham Accessibility Guideline compliant; a splash pad with more than 10 features; new parking spaces including accessible parking with Tactile Walking Surface Indicator (TWSI); external washrooms for park users; and more. The Ball Diamond will also be getting a face-lift but will be staying in the current position.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Markham Lions Club for donating \$15,000 to the Pool's renovations and Markham Village Conservancy for the Rose Garden Art Piece.

Groundbreaking Ceremony



Affordable housing development underway at Water Street

MICAH Update – Water Street

Markham Inter-Church Committee for Affordable Housing – MICAH is a non-profit corporation to address the need for affordable housing for low income families in Markham. MICAH in conjunction with Water Street Non-Profit Homes has obtained \$4.8 Million in capital funding for this new affordable housing development, through the Region of York. This will be a seniors' residency building. Two units will be designated for the use of 360 kids.

Housing Access manages a centralized waitlist for subsidized rental housing units in York Region (not MICAH). To apply for subsidized housing, call **Access York at 1.877.464.9675.**

NEW PARKS

Consultants and staff are working on designs for 2 new parks. The first park is located at the corner of McCowan Rd and James Parrott. Part of the design will include 2 new public tennis courts, which will also be designed for pickle ball.

The second park will be built between Hammersley Boulevard and Battista Perri Drive, north of the existing woodlot.

CITY PROJECTS

Recent Development Applications received:

- **12 & 16 Deer Park Lane** – 2 semi detached homes and one detached house.
- **347 Main St. N.** – Official Plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment, a request to build 19 3 storey townhomes.

Community Engagement Meeting for 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

