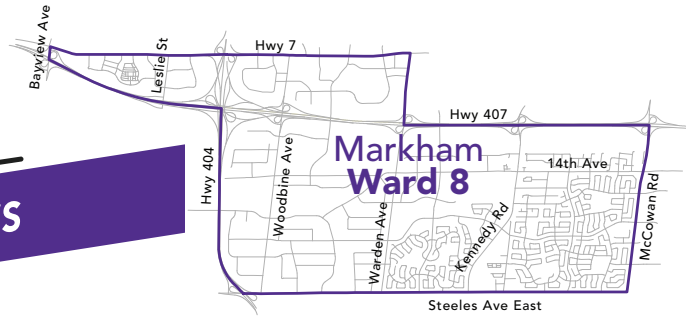




YOUR WARD



NEWS



Isa Lee Ward 8 Councillor



Spring/Summer 2026

Dear Ward 8 Residents,

As we welcome the warmer spring and summer months, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the past winter and look ahead to the season before us.

This winter presented exceptional challenges, particularly with heavy snowfall and the impact of windrows. I understand the frustration these conditions caused for many residents. Please be assured that addressing windrow concerns remains a priority. I will continue working closely with the City's Operations team and my colleagues on Council to seek better, more effective solutions that improve safety, accessibility, and service delivery for our community.



Caring for one another remains at the heart of our work in Ward 8. Through strong community partnerships, we have continued to organize food and toy drives in support of families in need, benefiting the Markham Food Bank and the Gibson Centre Food Bank. These efforts are made possible by the generosity of residents, volunteers, and local organizations, and I am deeply grateful for your continued compassion and support.

As we move into the spring and summer seasons, I look forward to building and expanding these meaningful partnerships. Should your organization or group wish to partner with us on future food or toy drives, or other community initiatives, please feel free to connect with my office.

Thank you for your resilience, your kindness, and your ongoing commitment to making Ward 8 a caring, connected, and vibrant community. I wish you a safe, enjoyable, and fulfilling spring and summer.

Yours Sincerely,

Isa Lee

Councillor Isa Lee
Ward 8, City of Markham



SPECIAL RECOGNITION: MR. SAMMY CHUNG

We would like to extend special recognition to Mr. Sammy Chung for his kindness and dedication to helping a senior living alone in our community. On a snowy evening, Mr. Chung voluntarily cleared snow to ensure safe access to the resident's home. His thoughtful actions allowed PSWs to attend their scheduled visit and enabled the senior to safely attend a medical appointment despite the challenging conditions. Mr. Chung's compassion and willingness to help reflect the true spirit of community, and we are grateful for his outstanding care and generosity.

REQUEST SLOW DOWN SIGN

Slow Down



In an effort to promote safer residential roads, I'm distributing 'Slow Down' signs to residents by request. These signs serve as a reminder for drivers to be mindful of their speed on local streets. To request a sign, please reach out to my office - let's work together for a safer community!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER: FOOD DRIVES

Supporting local food banks is one of my greatest passions. I am proud to partner with various organizations in our community to host food drives, ensuring that families in need receive the help they deserve. These initiatives would not be possible without the incredible support of our partners, and I am deeply grateful for their commitment and generosity.

February: Remington & Denison Centre - Toy Drive

On-going - UB- Complex - Food Drive

March to May 1: TCCSA



TCCSA The Cross-Cultural & Community Services Association

WARD 8 COUNCILLOR ISA LEE COMMUNITY EVENT SERIES
向來善舉與學志願者與社區活動系列

FOOD DRIVE
食物募捐

Mar 24 - May 1, 2026

DISCOP OFF LOCATION AND TIME
在場外及時間

TCCSA York Centre 多倫多總中心
5017 21st Street Unit 1, Markham, ON L3R 1K7
9:00AM - 6:00PM (MON - FRI)

Invitation to Join Food Donation Help those in need in the community
誠邀參加食物捐贈, 幫助社區上有需要的人士解決困難

We do not accept 恕不接收

- Worms/Mealworms 蟲類/蠕蟲
- Unopened/Unsealed 未開封/未密封的食品
- Alcohol or items containing alcohol (e.g. chocolate with alcohol content) 酒類及含酒精類食品 (包括加了酒精的巧克力)

Please ensure that donated food is properly stored and used within the expiry date 在儲存及食用時

- Keep in original container 保持原裝
- Properly sealed 妥善密封

5017 21st Street Unit 1, Markham, ON L3R 1K7



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS - MARKHAM & GIBSON

As the holiday season approaches, let's come together to support families in need within our community. Please donate your food to: Markham Food Bank: 11-190 Bullock Dr, Markham ON L3P7N3 and 105 Gibson Food Bank: 105 Gibson Drive Markham ON L3R 3K7.

Looking for more frequent updates? **LET ME KNOW!**

Send an email to **ilee@markham.ca** to subscribe to our digital newsletter

* This newsletter is intended for the residents of Ward 8. Residents in adjacent wards may receive this newsletter as a result of Canada Post's distribution routes that do not align with Markham ward boundaries.

SOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS

CANADA'S HOUSING PLAN



BUILD CANADA HOMES

Driving Long-Term Affordable Housing Solutions

Canada's housing crisis is too big to solve with a business-as-usual approach. That's why the federal government is taking a bold new approach with unprecedented investments, to increase housing supply in Canada.

Build Canada Homes is a new federal agency that will build affordable housing at scale. It will leverage public lands, offer flexible financial incentives, attract private capital, facilitate large portfolio projects, and support modern manufacturers to build the homes that Canadians need.



Build Affordable Homes

Lead the planning, management, and construction of affordable housing, fast-tracking large-scale housing projects across the country—in collaboration with partners—bringing more homes to Canadians, faster



Finance Affordable Homes

Provide predictable, low-cost financing to support non-market and Indigenous housing providers to grow affordable and community housing in Canada



Catalyze The Housing Industry

Help generate demand for innovative and sustainable building methods like factory-built and prefabricated construction—helping manufacturers scale up, strengthen supply chains, and create sustainable jobs



Build Canada Homes supports the growth of affordable housing in Canada and fosters and maintains collaborative relationships to support the following objectives:

- Build affordable homes
- Finance affordable homes
- Catalyze a new housing industry

Building More Homes

By bringing down the costs of homebuilding, helping cities make it easier to build homes at a faster pace, changing the way Canadian homebuilders manufacture homes, and growing the workforce to ensure we get the job done.

Making It Easier To Own Or Rent A Home

By ensuring that every renter or homeowner has a home that suits their needs, and the stability to retain it.

Helping Canadians Who Can't Afford A Home

By building more affordable housing for students, seniors, persons with disabilities, equity-deserving communities, and eliminating chronic homelessness in Canada.

<http://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/bch-mc/index-eng.html>

BLUE BOX REMOVAL AT CANADA POST MAILBOXES

NO MORE BLUE BOXES BY THE MAILBOX.

KINDLY TAKE ALL ADVERTISEMENTS HOME IN YOUR OWN BLUE BOX.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD TIDY!!

Why the change?

Canada Post will now take responsibility for site clean-up Recycling boxes were frequently misused for pet waste, illegal dumping, and general litter



What you can do: Please take all mail and flyers home with you. Recycle unwanted flyers in your household blue box.

To reduce unwanted mail, visit Canada Post's Consumer's Choice Program to customize your delivery preferences. Canada Post Maintenance Responsibilities Canada Post is also responsible for snow removal around mailbox areas to ensure accessibility.

Reporting Issues at Mailbox Locations:

For mail-related litter or maintenance concerns:

Call Canada Post at 1-866-607-6301

Visit canadapost.ca/support

For illegal dumping of household waste:

Call the City of Markham at 905-477-5530

Email: customerservice@markham.ca

How to stop receiving unaddressed advertising mail

Simply put a note on your mailbox stating that you do not wish to receive it. Place the note in or on your mailbox where your delivery agent can see it, or on the inside lip of your community mailbox, group mailbox or postal box.

MILLIKEN TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITY (TOC)

Information Meeting on March 25, 2026, at the Milliken Mills Community Centre. Residents participated actively in discussions about the proposed redevelopment, which aims to improve transit access, expand housing options, and enhance community amenities in the Milliken area.



Representatives from The Remington Group and Infrastructure Ontario, along with City of Markham staff, shared the latest project updates and responded to community questions in an open and constructive setting. The strong turnout reflected growing local interest following previous virtual and in-person open houses held in October 2025.

Councillor Lee thanked residents for their engagement and emphasized the importance of transparency and ongoing dialogue. Additional outreach, including mailed invitations to nearby households, helped encourage broader participation. Another virtual meeting will be scheduled in the future. For more information, visit www.millikentoc.ca.

Milliken TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITY (TOC)

You are invited to attend the Community Information Meeting as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: North Hall, Milliken Mills Community Centre, 7600 Kennedy Road, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

The event will be held in an informal open house format, where residents can directly engage with your local Councillor Isa Lee and representatives from The Remington Group and City of Markham staff.

For inquiry, please contact Councillor Isa Lee office via email: ilee@markham.ca or apoon@markham.ca

Logos for Markham, Ontario, and Milliken are also present.

Go green, go digital



Go Green, Go Digital

Download your favourite digital flyers online so you can skip the flyers piling up in your mailbox.

To stop receiving paper flyers all together, simply submit a request to Canada Post. It's easy and it's your choice!

Canadapost.ca/ConsumersChoice

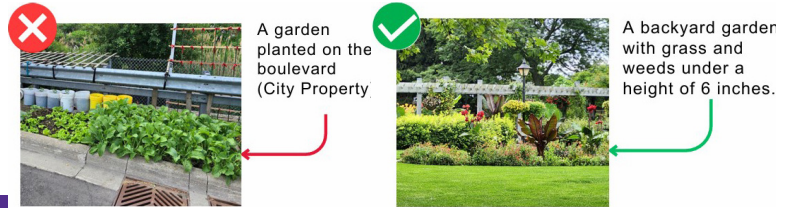
PROPERTY STANDARDS UNDER BY-LAW

Long Grass and Weeds

Property owners are responsible for keeping their yards safe and in accordance with city standards. Ground cover should be kept at 15 centimetres (6 inches) or less, soil erosion must be prevented, and yards should be kept free of invasive plants.

Planting on the Boulevard

A boulevard is the area between the roadway and your property line, and it is City property. The boulevard must remain clear at all times to ensure safety, accessibility, and proper maintenance. Residents are encouraged to use their private property for beautification activities in accordance with City standards.



A garden planted on the boulevard (City Property)

A backyard garden with grass and weeds under a height of 6 inches.

TREE PRESERVATION

Concrete Barriers

Hard landscaping and pruning of City trees is not permitted and may result in fines or penalties. Hard landscaping—such as placing brick, stone, pavers, or other hard surfaces around a tree—is considered tree injury. These activities can damage the tree's roots and affect its growth, potentially making it unsafe. If you are unsure who owns the tree, please contact the City.



City trees impacted by hard landscaping.

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

Caring for Your Private Trees

Property owners must apply for a permit before injuring, or destroying any private tree in Markham with a trunk diameter of 20 centimetres (about 8 inches) or more, measured at 1.37 metres (about 54 inches) above the ground at the base of the tree.



DRIVEWAY EXPANSIONS

Property owners may expand their driveway if they meet the City's eligibility requirements. It is the owner's responsibility to review City by-laws and obtain the necessary approvals before starting any work. Properties not in compliance may be required to restore the land at the owner's expense and may incur additional charges or fees.



COMMUNITY TIPS

Help keep our community safe, clean, and welcoming:

- Clear gutters and storm drains to help prevent flooding
- Keep yards tidy and free of debris
- Drive carefully and watch for children playing
- Keep toys, plants, and structures off roads and ensure they don't block visibility



PARTNER WITH US IN COMMUNITY SAFETY - PLEASE REGISTER YOUR SECURITY CAMERA

The Security Camera Registry allows residents and businesses to voluntarily register security cameras with York Regional Police to assist investigations if a crime occurs. Registered cameras help officers quickly identify potential footage, saving critical time and resources. Police do not have direct access to cameras and must request permission to view footage. Registering your cameras—with details such as location, direction, and retention time—can help solve crimes, recover property, or even save lives. Sign up today to support community safety.



<https://www.yrp.ca/en/crime-prevention/Security-Camera-Registry.asp>

ONTARIO HONDA DEALERS INDY AT MARKHAM AUGUST 14-16, 2026

Green Savoree Toronto ULC is seeking support from local businesses and service providers for the Ontario Honda Dealers Indy at Markham, taking place August 14–16, 2026. Services needed include audio-visual support, crowd control staffing and equipment, painting, sanitation assistance, and tents or furniture. Businesses may also pitch other services. Interested vendors are encouraged to apply early, as most selections occur before May 1, 2026. Please contact ops@hondaindy.com. The City of Markham is not responsible for vendor selection decisions.

KEEP OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFE!





Join our Ward 8 Neighbourhood Watch program to keep our neighbourhood safe! For more information, please contact neighbourhoodwatchward8@gmail.com.

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

- Legal document required by the Planning Act
- Sets the vision for the future of Markham
- Affects every resident, business and landowner in Markham
- An official plan provides a guide on how land is used and helps manage growth and development.
- The plan provides direction on key areas such as:
- Housing • Employment • Natural Areas • Transportation • Parks 3 • Services (Roads, Sewers, etc.)

THEMATIC AREAS OF REVIEW

 <p>Growing Markham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Forecasts • Settlement Area Boundary Expansions • Employment and Commercial Lands • Major Transit Station Areas 	 <p>Resilient Markham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Planning Framework • Natural Heritage and Water Resources • Agricultural Areas and Rural Lands Review 	 <p>Moving & Servicing Markham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation and mobility • Servicing and infrastructure (e.g., water, wastewater, utilities, etc.) 	 <p>Healthy & Complete Markham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public realm • Parks and Open spaces • Hamlet Communities • Affordable/Student Housing
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PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS:

Working Within the Election Year

- Markham's municipal election is scheduled for October 2026-approximately seven months in the OPR process.

Approach to Provincial Changes

- Any changes to provincial legislation will be discussed as a team and a path forward identified.
- A focus on public engagement elements will be conducted while waiting on any provincial changes and will be undertaken post election in Winter-Spring 2027.

WHO WILL BE ENGAGED?

- City Council
- Committees of Council
- Prescribed Bodies
- Indigenous Communities
- School Boards
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

- York Region
- Province (Municipal Affairs and Housing)
- General Public

Thematic Areas of Review Work (Spring 2026-Spring 2027)

<p>Key Element #1:</p> <p>Community and Stakeholder Engagement</p>	<p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Advisory Committee Meetings (includes Prescribed Bodies) • Visioning Workshops/ Pop-ups (Community and Stakeholder Engagement) • Indigenous Engagement • Online Engagement • Council Workshop
<p>Key Element #2:</p> <p>Discussion Papers</p>	<p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Paper(s) for each Thematic Area of Review



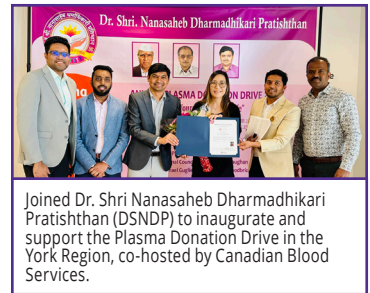
Celebrating 30 years of Black History Month & Flag Raising Ceremony



Chinese Heritage Month - Grand Opening Ceremony



Earth Month in Action- Toogood Pond Community by Heritage Lions Club



Joined Dr. Shri Nanasahab Dharmadhikari Pratishthan (DSNDP) to inaugurate and support the Plasma Donation Drive in the York Region, co-hosted by Canadian Blood Services.



Visited the Possible Cafe site by Cherish Integrated Services. A vocational training Centre— where training meets real-world work experience.



At the Veterans Recognition event



Visited Mon Sheong Court with gifts sponsors Markham Centre Realty and Max Advanced Brakes to celebrate Lunar New Year together.



Joint visit with MRVCVA and the Mayor to local shops at First Markham Place during Lunar New Year.



8th Markham Scout Recognition night at Markham City Council



Leitchcroft Community Meeting with York Regional Police Superintendent Kolin Alexander, Inspector Chad Lee Wing and Detective Sergeant Tyler Young



Visited Hagerman Corners Community Homes and delivered 80 boxes of noodles, generously sponsored by First Choice Supermarket.



Little NHL Tournament Opening Ceremony



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