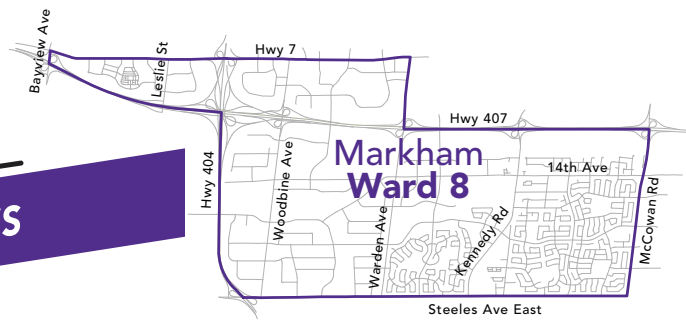




YOUR WARD

NEWS



Isa Lee Ward 8 Councillor



Winter 2025

Dear Ward 8 Residents,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy of the season.

As we celebrate the holidays, I am reminded of the incredible sense of community that makes Ward 8 so special. This year, I've had the privilege of partnering with local organizations to host monthly food drives, supporting families in need. Your generosity and participation have been truly inspiring, and I am deeply grateful for the positive impact we've made together. I look forward to continuing these initiatives in the new year with your ongoing support.



I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us at the summer Community Fun Fair. Your presence made the event memorable, and it was wonderful to connect with so many of you.

As winter approaches, let's work together to keep our homes and streets safe. Timely snow removal and winter maintenance are essential for everyone's well-being, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Isa Lee

Councillor Isa Lee
Ward 8, City of Markham

Thank you for being an integral part of our community and for your commitment to making Ward 8 an even better place to live. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments.



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, & I am deeply grateful for their commitment and generosity.

February: Markham Wesley Centre | **March:** CCTTA | **April:** table Tennis Association | **May:** Tsz Chi Chinese School | **June:** Hildebrand Garden | **July:** Rotary Markham Unionville, Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club, Markham Fire Department | **July to August:** STMG | **September:** Leitchcroft Community Association | **October:** Milliken Football Club, UB Complex & One Heart Concert | **November to December:** Fairchild Radio, Markham Fire Department



May: Tsz Chi Chinese School



July: Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club, Markham Fire Department, Markham-Unionville Rotary Club

Food Banks Canada / Banques alimentaires Canada

THIS HOLIDAY, FAMILIES NEED FOOD BANKS, AND FOOD BANKS NEED YOU.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS - MARKHAM & 105 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.



September: Leitchcroft Community Association



June: Hildebrand Garden

REQUEST SLOW DOWN SIGN



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!



July to August: STMG (A1 Radiothon)



November: Fairchild Radio

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.

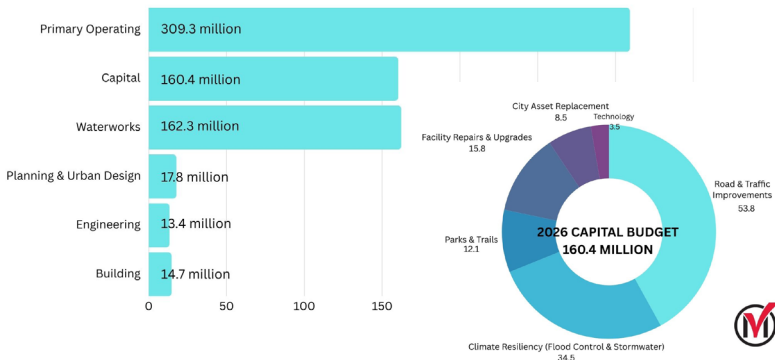
CITY OF MARKHAM BUDGET 2026

\$677.9 million plan that strengthens our community while maintaining a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and service excellence. With Budget 2026, we maintain our record of lowest average property tax rate increase in the GTA over two decades. This year's budget addresses growth, inflation pressures, and service demands, ensuring our community continues to receive high-quality service.

The budget supports the programs and services residents and businesses depend on every day while making important investments in strengthening our community. It includes a property tax rate increase of 3.90%. This represents an increase of \$54.99 on the City portion of the tax bill for the average home in Markham.



BUDGET 2026 - TOTAL 677.9 MILLION



Milliken Transit-Oriented Community



(TOC) UPDATES:

The Milliken TOC application, submitted by Remington Group and Infrastructure Ontario under the Minister's Zoning Order (MZO), is progressing through its consultation and planning stages. This proposed development aims to create a vibrant, mixed-use community near Kennedy Road and Steeles Avenue, supporting transit accessibility and sustainable growth.



Community Engagement to Date:

- Two rounds of public consultation were completed in October 2025, including both virtual session and in-person open house.
- These sessions provided residents with an opportunity to review preliminary plans, ask questions, and share feedback.

Next Steps:

- A Statutory Community Information Meeting (CIM), hosted by myself, is scheduled for Q1 2026. We are expecting to expand the notification scope to include residents within up to a 450-metre radius of the site, ensuring broader community engagement and participation in the consultation process.

ADA MACKENZIE PARK EXPANSION – COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thank you to all community members who joined us at the Ada Mackenzie Park Open House on September 23, 2025, and to those who shared feedback through the survey by October 8, 2025. Your time, input, and thoughtful comments are greatly appreciated and have been invaluable in shaping the proposed design concept for the park expansion.

For those who were unable to attend, all conceptual panel boards presented during the open house are available online at markham.ca/ParkConsultations.

Project Timeline:

- Construction Start: Spring 2026
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2027 (subject to weather and logistical factors)



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

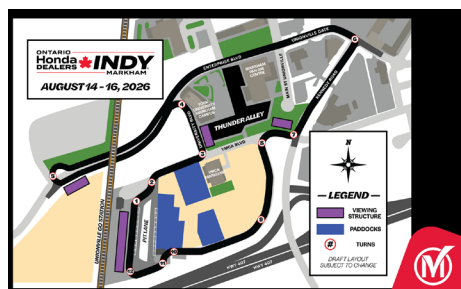
The Ontario Honda Dealers Indy, part of the prestigious NTT INDYCAR SERIES, will make its debut in Markham Centre under a new multi-year agreement. Previously held in Toronto, this iconic race is moving to Markham, where a brand-new street circuit will be built to host the event.

For more information about:

- Track map and road closures.
- Construction at Unionville Go Station and alternative parking options.
- A timeline for when construction is expected to be complete.

Sign up for Unionville Go Station updates including construction notices at gotransit.com

Learn more about the Ontario Honda Dealers Indy at markham.ca/Indy



BLUE BOX REMOVAL AT CANADA POST MAILBOXES

The City has removed blue recycling boxes from community mailbox sites.

Why the change?

Canada Post 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 or visit canadapost.ca/support

For illegal dumping of household waste: Call the City of Markham at 905-477-5530 or 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.

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


PARKING REMINDER:

Obstructing Sidewalks

A vehicle is considered in violation if any portion of the vehicle is obstructing the sidewalk. By-law 2005-188 Section 5 (e)



Why is this rule important? This supports the safety of children, seniors, cyclists, strollers, and persons with disabilities—day and night. Let's keep sidewalks safe and welcoming for everyone.

 Parking on both sides of all City streets is prohibited during snow clearing operations. Existing parking permits and overnight exemptions held by residents are not valid during snow clearing operations. Snow clearing begins at the start of any snowfall and continues for up to 24 hours.

WASTE & RECYCLE NOTICE:

Property Standards - Illegal Dumping

Dumping is not allowed! Dispose of your garbage properly. Illegal dumping harms our community and environment—please dispose of waste properly and report any incidents to the City of Markham to help keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.

Visit Our Website For Recycling and Garbage Information: <http://markham.ca/Recycling>

A Person or Corporation who is guilty of the offence shall be subject to penalties up to \$100,000. By-law 2017-27 Section 19.0



THEY CAN START A FIRE.

Drop lithium-ion batteries or devices off at the York Region Household Hazardous Waste Depot on Rodick Road. It's safer and way better for the planet.



Visit markham.ca/BatteryRecycling for more info.

When we clear snow

Road Type	When does the City start salting?	When does the City start plowing?	How much snow is that?	How many hours after the snow stops falling does it take to clear an average storm?
Primary Roads Distribute traffic to both Primary and Secondary roads. They provide access to schools, community, and commercial areas. Secondary Roads Distribute traffic onto Primary roads.	When snowfall begins	3cm	Standard paper clip 	3 to 12 hours
Local Roads & Rear Lanes Have low traffic volumes and often lead to garages, parking spaces, and are located towards the back of a home.	When road condition is deemed slippery	7.5cm at the end of snowfall	Bank card 	12 to 16 hours



Markham is proud to be environmentally friendly in salt usage.

SNOW WINDROW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

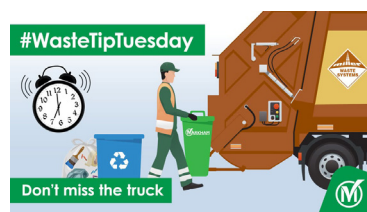
A windrow is the row of snow at the end of a driveway after snow clearing on the street. Only residents under the Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Program will have one car width of snow removed within 4 hours after the street is plowed. This happens after snow reaches 7.5 cm and the local plows are deployed. The program is designed to help persons with disabilities and elderly residents maintain road access from their driveways during the winter season. Learn more at markham.ca/winter



KNOW WHAT GOES WHERE THIS HOLIDAY!

While cooking a delicious feast this weekend, remember fats, oil, and grease go in the green bin, not down the drain! Do not overload your green bin! Put excess organic material in a clear bag and place beside your green bin.

Learn more at markham.ca/WhatGoesWhere



DON'T MISS THE TRUCK!

Have material at the curb by 7 AM on your regular collection day. Collection times can vary depending on truck route, weather conditions, construction delays and other factors. For more tips, visit markham.ca/Recycling

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

When Driving in a School Zone

- Reduce speed
- Be ready to stop at all times
- Wait for children to complete their crossing before proceeding
- Obey crossing guards
- Display good driving practices – you are a role model for young drivers
- Stop for school buses and be aware of children exiting

When Driving Children to School

- Park away from the school and walk your child onto school property
- Arrive early to avoid traffic congestion
- Obey crossing guards, safety officials, and parking signs
- Have your child exit the vehicle from the passenger side
- Be patient

Common Parking Violations

Fire Route



- Immediate drop-off/pick-up passengers
- No sitting and waiting for your child
- Do not leave your vehicle
- This sign overrides any 'kiss and rides' or any instruction from non-City officials

No Stopping



- No stopping at all near this sign
- No stopping to let your child in/ out
- No waiting

No Parking



- Immediate drop-off/pick-up passengers
- No sitting and waiting for your child
- No leaving your vehicle

KEEP OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFE!

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



KEEP MARKHAM BEAUTIFUL

Join the Ward 8 COMPETITION!

Eligibility & Categories open to homeowners living within Ward 8 Markham.

- Most beautiful floral display
- Outstanding landscaping design

Nominate yourself or your neighbours by sending the photos and address before **September 15, 2025** to apoon@markham.ca

Winners of each category will receive a \$100 gift card, and the first runner-up will be awarded a \$50 gift card!

The winners will be announced within one week after the deadline, and the prizes will be presented by Councillor Isa Lee and the sponsoring organization at the winner's home!

Sponsored by: Federation of Canadian Sichuanese Associates Gardening Club

For more information: please email to apoon@markham.ca




July: Food drive with Remax Excel Realty and thanks to drink sponsor



South & East Asian Mental Health & Well-being Endeavours (S.E.A.M.E.) in Action Finale 2025



AOAC Canada Day Celebration



8th Markham Scout Group



Dancing with seniors at Milliken Mills Park



Honoured to be the Chair of Run for Markham 2025



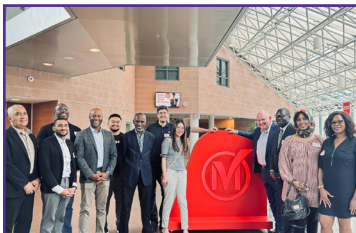
Mental Wellness Expo 2025 organized by Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club, the Opera One Association and Julia Wong & Friends



Cleaning up for Taste of Asia with young volunteers



105 Gibson Walkathon 2025



Receiving The South African summit delegation coming to Markham



At the Indigenous Learning Session



Canada Day celebration and Citizenship ceremony at City of Markham, with our local MP Minister Tim Hodgson



McHappy Day



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