

AILEEN-WILLOWBROOK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (AWRA)

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1/ RESULTS OF OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Nov. 6, 2019

The minutes were sent out within a couple of weeks after the meeting... if you haven't received a copy, please send a request to awra.thornhill@gmail.com

Your elected officers are all volunteers from our neighbourhood...



President – Alena



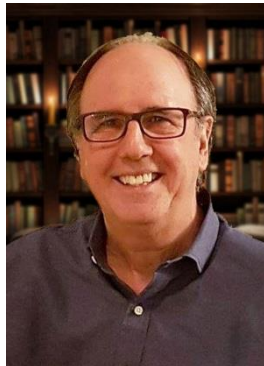
1st VP. – Joan



2nd VP. – Laurie



Treasurer – Brian



Director – Eric



Director – PanYan



Secretary - Roman

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2/ THE CLIMATE IS FIGHTING BACK!

FLOODING ALERT!

Flood Remediation - Relief to those who have had basements flooding.

Note: Markham's Private Plumbing Protection Program is scheduled to end April 30, 2020

Utilising the available rebate programs being offered by the City, installation of a backwater valve can be the answer to your flooding concerns.

Eric Casper (AWRA) has been working diligently to identify a plumber who is not only highly recommended, but someone who will ensure a professional installation of a backwater valve at an affordable price... Cooper's Plumbing & Drains.

Eric's been in discussion with the General Manager & is happy to share the program & costs we've been offered. One small catch. In order to benefit from these discounts, they need a minimum of 5 homeowners to participate. So far four residents have approached him & will be taking advantage of this service.

The Plumber explained that he can offer two types of backwater valve installations. Apparently the installation done in the basement, is only on the sanitary/ sewage pipeline (not the stormwater pipe). In order to install a backwater valve to both pipes, this is done from the outside of the house. When being installed on the outside, other than initially having the drainage pipe scoped from the inside, all other work is done outside. No basement construction is necessary.

Note: the Plumber has offered a 50% discount on both the Building Permit fee & the taxes (see below)

Charges/Quotes

- For an **inside backwater valve** installation (Sanitary pipe only),
Actual cost (without discounts)

- Cost of installation: \$1,750 + \$227.50 (tax)
- Building permit: \$117 + \$15.21 (tax)
- Total: \$2,109.71
- Less City rebate: \$2,109.71 - \$1750 = **\$359.71**

Final cost to Resident (after discounts);

- 50% discount on permit & taxes:
 - \$1,750 + \$113.75 + \$58.5 + \$7.61 = \$1,929.86 - \$1,750 = **\$179.86**
 - **After all rebates are received, cost to Resident will be \$179.86**

OR

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• For an **outside backwater valve** installation, both inlets (Stormwater & Sanitary pipes) **Actual costs (without discounts)**

- Cost of 2 x installations: \$4,000 + \$520 (tax)
- Building Permit: \$117 x 2 = \$234 + \$30.42 (tax)
- Total: \$4,784.42
- Less City rebate: \$4,784.42 - \$4,000 = **\$784.42**

Final cost to Resident (after discount)

- 50% discount on permit & taxes:
 - \$4,000 + \$260 + \$117 + \$15.21 = \$4,392.21 - \$4,000 = **\$392.21**
 - **After all rebates are received, cost to Resident will be \$392.21**

- The cost of scoping drain (\$250.00) is covered by Cooper's Plumbing
- All permits & inspection submissions done by Cooper's Plumbing
- All rebate paperwork will be supplied on completion of installation... rebates are applied for and received by the homeowner after the installation is completed
- Downspouts will be disconnected but not redirected (homeowner's responsibility).
- Cooper's Plumbing will cement over drains, take pictures & send to Inspector
- 50% of cost to be paid upfront, balance on completion

Indoor (single) installation - \$1,929.86/2 = **\$ 965.00 (each payment)**
Outdoor (double) installation - \$4,392.21/2 = **\$2,196.00 (each payment)**

Note: The Markham Private Plumbing Protection Program was a pilot program that is scheduled to end April 30, 2020

Eric is planning on starting this Program over the next few weeks. Please let him know if you're interested in participating.
Eric Casper floodremediation@gmail.com

What rebates are available?

The table below lists the maximum rebate amounts for individual protection measures. A property owner may be eligible for one or more rebates depending on work completed on their property.

Private Plumbing Protection Measure	Maximum Rebate
• Backwater Valve (Indoor) – Installed on Sanitary Lateral	\$1,750
• Backwater Valve (Indoor) – Installed on Storm Lateral	\$1,750
• Backwater Valve (Outdoor) – Installed on Storm Lateral	\$2,000
• Weeping Tile – Disconnection and Redirect to Storm Lateral	\$3,000
• Weeping Tile – Disconnection and Sump Pump Installation	\$5,000
• Storm Lateral – Reline & Repair	\$2,500
• Sanitary Lateral – Reline & Repair	\$2,500

Read the Fine Print – Check your insurance policy carefully and regularly to ensure you are covered for sewer backups. Installing the measures offered in this program may improve your home insurance coverage.

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3/ HELLO NEIGHBOURS !

**CONTINUING SUCCESS:
Your neighbours agree...
this is a group you should belong to!**

AWRA concerns YOU and WHERE YOU LIVE and was set up to represent the best interests of our neighbourhood.

This includes keeping members informed of issues and betterment programs that will impact them, and the meetings and lobbying with the various levels of Government to make changes and improvements. We are your **volunteer** Neighbourhood Voice to Markham City Council.

We are a not-for-profit group. Your **\$20.00 annual fee** helps immensely in offsetting the administration costs.

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as well as cheques and cash sent to **AWRA, 18 Innisbrook Cres., Thornhill, On L3T 5B1**



4/ PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WILD ANIMALS!



Our area borders on a beautiful forest where wildlife makes their home. Those animals come into our area looking for an easy food source. Especially at this time of year, food scraps, peanuts, bird seed, etc. left on the ground all attract various wild animals **like squirrels, chipmunks, crows & ravens, foxes, skunks, raccoons and mice & rats...** **AND WE DON'T NEED MORE THAN WE ALREADY HAVE!**

When they can't find the food they want, then they do damage to homes looking for it, and can also cause problems for our pets.

5/ WINTER SPEED HUMPS /BUMPS !

The City of Markham Operations Department just confirmed that the remaining 5 speed humps on Willowbrook not repaired last year, will be repaired this coming 2020 construction season.

This winter has been especially hard on the speed humps & bumps. We've had rains, sleet & snow, freezes and thaws. And the paving stones are all over the place, leaving pot holes.

In the meantime, slow down when approaching these humps & bumps, to avoid damaging your vehicle's suspension or tires.



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6/ SPEED PANELS ONLY FIRST STEP TOWARDS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY !

BEWARE OF SPEEDING CARS – SLOW DOWN PLEASE!



Speeding cars in the area of Willowbrook Public School caused a growing number of complaints resulting in a speed measuring panel installed by the City, at Willowbrook and Trimble Ct.

Some pedestrians also have had near-misses on Green Lane. We commend Councilor Keith Irish for his immediate action to order another speeding panel for Green Lane for a duration of April and May after we related the incidents to him. There is heavy pedestrian traffic at risk due to the Green-Lane/Guardsman/CN tracks area being shared by many car repair shops and many pedestrians who walk to Thornhill Square, attend two places of worship, seniors many of them in wheel chairs who live at St. Luke's Lodge, and last but not least parents and kids who go to the two daycares.

if someone gets hurt, then painful measures like speed traps, speed-control cameras and stoplights may have to be added.



7/ TRIDEL DEVELOPMENTS & ROYAL ORCHARD /BAYVIEW TRAFFIC IMPACT:

Two new luxury condo towers at Bayview Ave and Royal Orchard were just approved by Markham Council.

Residents' concerns raised about traffic impact during public consultations were dismissed by Markham based on a Traffic Impact Study submitted in support of Tridel's proposal.

The Study claims a "minimal impact" on the surrounding traffic network and traffic conditions where two slip roads currently connect Royal Orchard Blvd. to Bayview Ave. It is to be noted that residents in consultations with Markham had pointed out currently occurring rush hour traffic jams in that very area.

8/ HELP Can someone help AWRA develop a website!

AWRA (Aileen-Willowbrook Residents Assn.) is keeping a watchful eye on our neighbourhood and the safety of our residents.

As well, **AWRA** is looking for opportunities for improvement in our area and in property values, and raising the red flag and lobbying when there are issues to be resolved.



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High school, college and university students are welcome as well.

For those seeking volunteer hours, they can be earned easily

through participating in the AWRA committees.

If you are interested, please email awra.thornhill@gmail.com with your name and contact information, & we will get right back to you.

PLEASE JOIN US

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