

AILEEN-WILLOWBROOK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (AWRA)

(An officially registered ratepayers' group within the City of Markham)

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... QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – October 2018 ...

1/ **SUCCESS:** Our membership is up 20% over last year!

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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2/ **SUCCESS:** Toxic-air monitoring

AWRA gets things done!



Active resident monitoring at Green Lane/Guardsman/Harlech industrial area has enabled AWRA to continue to keep up pressure on the polluting firms (via the Provincial Ministry of the Environment) to keep their air-scrubbers on and keep air pollution to acceptable standards. The past 3 months have been clear of reported issues.



3/ **Success:** Speed Bump Repairs

Willowbrook & Aileen Roads have 9 speed bumps, many of which had gone into disrepair with missing brickwork and asphalt.

The City of Markham has patched the missing pieces with asphalt during September/October. We will revisit this item in the spring after the last snow clearing.

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4/ Work in Progress Clean-up of Thornhill Square environment



Thornhill Square management has changed hands and **AWRA** will meet with the new management in the next few months along with the new City of Markham Property Bylaw Manager to review issues of the past.



This is not a one-time fix and requires ongoing monitoring to adhere to Markham's prescribed property standards.

5/ Work in Progress: Bayview Ave. traffic congestion

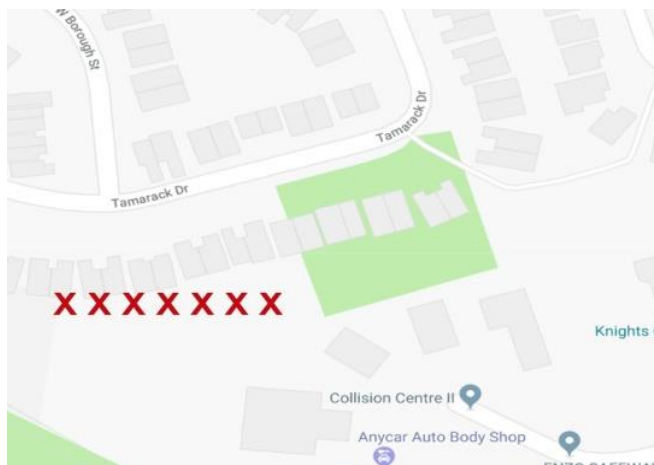
The Aileen-Willowbrook community will be impacted by traffic from 3 local projects in the planning stages
a/ the Langstaff 30,000 residential/commercial mega-project, of which 5,000 residences have been approved for immediate development at Yonge & Langstaff.

b/ there are 2 towers of approx. 650 residences going in on the east end of the previous ladies golf course on Royal Orchard and Bayview

c/ a portion of the Shouldice Hospital site was purchased under Atlas Healthcare, but details are few at this time as to what will be done with this land.



AWRA will continue to stay on top of these projects along with the City to ensure our concerns are addressed.



6/ Work in Progress: Industrial Property Unsightly Storage & Garbage on Harlech Court Blowing onto Bordering Residences

Residents at the south end of Tamarack are extremely bothered by blowing dust and garbage from the industrial sites bordering on their property, since their Ash trees were forcibly removed with no replacements by the City.

AWRA is working with the City of Markham Bylaw & Development Depts. to bring pressure to bear on the offending industrial sites.

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7/ **Work in Progress: Improvement of our parks**

AWRA is working to improve parks accessibility and utility.

We have managed to have the old Windy Hill jungle gym scheduled for replacement by the end of 2018. The old one has presented an injury risk,



Consultants presented their findings to the City and **AWRA** in October, and recommendations are underway now for **Maple Valley** and **Valley View parks** with an outline of the project to be completed by March 2019. The recommendations will then be presented to City Council, and then a budget has to be approved.

8/ **Aileen-Willowbrook Neighbourhood Picnic:**

Sadly, our planned community picnic on July 22, 2018 was rained out. Since so many members of our neighbourhood so enjoyed the 2017 picnic, we will try again for the summer of 2019.



9/ **Markham Elections are finished for another 4 years.**



Congratulations to **Keith Irish** who assumed the Ward 1 councilor role, taking over from Valerie Burke. **AWRA** is looking forward to working closely with him to move our common agenda forward.

There are some new & old faces at the Regional Councilor level – Don Hamilton, Jack Heath, Jim Jones, and Joe Li... and again, we will work with those councilors to help reinforce the Ward 1 councilor role towards the Aileen-Willowbrook issues.

And Frank Scarpitti continues on as Mayor of the City of Markham.

10/ **HELP Additional Volunteers needed**



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

We are looking for more neighbours to participate in running the Association... please



consider joining our Executive Committee so we can better keep our neighbourhood in tip-top shape.

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.

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PLEASE JOIN US

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