



Ward 7 MARKHAM NEWS

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Dear Residents,

I wish you all a happy spring! I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Ward 7 and friends who have trusted and supported my journey to date and for the privilege you have given me to serve you as the Councillor for a city I take great pride in. I look forward to serving you with grace and commitment.

One of my election platforms was to enhance community safety. As a resident in the ward for more than 20 years now, I understand the existing barriers to safety in our community. The safety of residents has been and will continue to be a priority for me as I work with you to make Ward 7 a more comfortable and safe space for us all.

I look forward to keeping you informed and working collectively with you to increase road safety and reduce crime in our community. I have also heard from many of you on matters related to winter maintenance, and I continue to work with staff on efficient service delivery following a winter weather event.

Stay informed on local planning matters, surveys, public consultation events and other items essential to your neighbourhood by scanning the QR code below to sign up for my newsletter.

Let's work together to make Ward 7 safe and welcoming.

Juanita Nathan



Upcoming Community Events

May 24 - Water & Wastewater Management Presentation

> Zoom Meeting ID: 893 0641 5082
Passcode: Ward7-Meet

June 22 - Fire Presentation

> Zoom Meeting ID: 828 6661 1695
Passcode: Ward7-Meet



City of Markham Contact Centre

The Contact Centre is the City's centralized customer service centre. If you have an inquiry regarding general municipal services (Bylaw complaints, garbage pickup, graffiti, property standards, programs, etc.) please contact the City at customerservice@markham.ca or call 905 477-5530.

MEET ABINA



Hello, Ward 7 Residents! My name is Abina, and I'm Councillor Nathan's new assistant. I look forward to assisting you to the best of my abilities. Please bear with me as I get accustomed to this new role. If you need to get in touch with me, you can call me at 905-475-4736 or email me at ANimalraj@markham.ca. And here's a little more info about me...

- > I love to travel!
- > One of my favorite restaurant in Markham is Classic Greek. I love their chicken souvlaki dinner!
- > Ward 7 is home to me as well. I enjoy taking my dog on walks by the neighborhood and nearby parks.

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BILL 23

The Province of Ontario wants 1.5 million new homes built in the next 10 years. In the provincial plan Markham has a target of 44,000 homes, which is double the current pace of new home construction for the next decade. We are expected to double our growth while facing a reduction in revenue from development which allows us to build strong, vibrant neighbourhoods that residents have come to expect. To ensure we have new parks, community centres and the necessary road network, the City will need to significantly raise property taxes or risk overcrowding in existing amenities and services across the city. Municipalities use a model that growth should pay for growth and without changes to Bill 23 this will shift the burden of growth to existing Markham taxpayers. A high level estimate from city staff could result in a 50-80% increase to property taxes if we maintain existing service levels (depending on regulations that are not yet defined.) The impact of the property tax increase is estimated at \$600 - \$1000 per year to the average homeowner. Every resident should be concerned on the impacts that this will have on all of us.



Budget Highlight



What residents can do

I encourage all residents in Ward 7 to review Bill 23 and share your feedback with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Premier and our local MPP. Growth needs to pay for growth. The city and residents cannot afford Bill 23!

Contact Premier Doug Ford:

Premier@ontario.ca | 416 325-1941

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Steve Clark:

minister.mah@ontario.ca | 416 585-7000

MPP Logan Kanapathi:

logan.kanapathi@pc.ola.org | 905.305.1935

MPP Billy Pang:

Billy.pang@pc.ola.org | 905.474.3288

For more in depth information, please refer to the City of Markham website – Special Council meeting November 22nd 2022.

2023 Capital Budget Highlights

\$100.4M
Improve road infrastructure



\$25.7M
Flood control, stormwater management, ponds and culverts



\$23.0M
Renovations & repairs to City facilities



\$20.5M
Water and wastewater system replacement/upgrade, and water billing transition



\$20.4M
Green initiatives and climate strategies



\$17.8M
Parks construction and maintenance



\$16.1M
Replacement of day-to-day City assets



MARKHAM

Markham Council approved the City's 2023 Budget of \$668.6 M including a 3 per cent property tax rate increase.

The 3.00% property tax increase translates to an increase of approximately \$38.85 in property taxes for the average residential household in Markham. The tax rate increase includes 2.4% for Markham's day-to-day operations and 0.60% for infrastructure investments.

For more detailed information on these and other investments, visit markham.ca/Budget.



2023 Water/Wastewater Rate

Markham purchases water through York Region and the Region provides Markham with wastewater treatment services. The purchase price for the water includes the Region's cost for water distribution and wastewater treatment services.

The 2023 Budget results in a 3.8% increase to the water and wastewater rate of \$4.7937m³.

Markham's portion of the rate increase is necessary in order to:

- > Fund the day-to-day operations of the Waterworks Division within the Environmental Services Department
- > Fund the future replacement of existing water and wastewater assets over the next 25 years
- > Compensate the increase as imposed by the Region and to catch up with the temporary pause of water rate increase during the past two years due to pandemic

Box Grove Community Housing Development

The City of Markham is one of Canada's most diverse communities and the need for affordable housing remains high. York Region is exploring an opportunity to develop community housing at the corner of 14th Avenue and Donald Cousens Parkway in the Box Grove neighbourhood. Initial project plans are considering a mid-rise development of approximately 150 units with both affordable and market rental units. The project is in the early planning stage and once complete, will provide much-needed rental housing options for families, seniors and those living alone. Your input is important and helps ensure York Region's plan best considers the community's needs. Here are ways you can get involved:

- > Project Webpage: Visit york.ca/BoxGroveHYI to learn more about the community housing development
- > E-newsletter: Receive project updates and information about engagement opportunities by signing up for the Box Grove community housing development e-newsletter

Community Liaison Committee: This committee, made up of residents and business owners, works closely with York Region staff to provide input and address issues throughout the planning and construction phases. Learn more and/or apply at york.ca/BoxGroveHYI



Community Involvement





KEEP MARKHAM / *Play* BEAUTIFUL / *Your Part*

If we all do our small part and work together to be good neighbours, we can all be proud of our community and enjoy our outdoor spaces.



Upcoming Public Meetings

May 23 – Development Services Public Meeting
> Live stream 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

June 6 – Development Services Public Meeting
> Live stream 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Deliberate dumping is illegal!
Illegal dumping can lead to fines up to \$2,000.

Stray Animals

Markham is not only home to humans. We coexist with different wildlife such as foxes, coyotes and rats. There is also an increasing number of deceased birds due to the Avian Bird Flu situation in Markham. There are measures you can take to make sure that we are able to peacefully

coexist with our wild-neighbours. If you find a stray domestic animal or sick or injured wildlife, please call the Contact Centre at 905-415-7531 or email animalservices@markham.ca to report to Animal Services. An animal service officer will come on site to get the animal to provide them with the care and protection needed. If you have any animal related questions or wish to learn more about any animal related services, feel free to contact Animal Services.

Construction Noise By-Law

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

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



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