



COUNCILLOR

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UNIONVILLE WARD 3

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This newsletter marks 6 months on the job. It is a privilege to serve the residents of Ward 3. As you will see in the following pages, the city, and particularly our part of it, continues to grow at an astonishing pace. The only constant is change.



Value for Taxes

The City's portion of your property tax increase for 2019 was limited to 1.97%, less than inflation. We maintain a 25-year infrastructure reserve to keep our roads, parks, community centres and other assets in good shape. Unfortunately, water rates went up 7.8%, due largely to huge increases in the price of water from Toronto and Peel Region, to cover upgrades to their water infrastructure. We have a reserve to maintain our own water infrastructure. A \$48 million grant from the federal government will allow us to advance flood control work in Thornhill and accelerate work in Unionville. However, the province recently passed Bill 108. This could have a significant impact on our taxes. Stay tuned.

Affordable Housing

Approximately 2/3 of Markham residents struggle to afford the cost of owning or renting a home in Markham, including Ward 3. This is a crisis. The City is working on a set of policies to encourage the building of more rental housing and other affordable options.

Traffic and Transit

At its central traffic management centre York Region manages and synchronises the traffic lights on our major roads. But with roads at or beyond capacity there is little that technology can do during rush hour. Transit must become a more attractive option for more residents. The Region is examining options to widen some of our key roads to accommodate HOV/transit lanes, and the frequency of GO trains is increasing.

Historic Unionville

The Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee oversees implementation of the Vision Plan for Unionville. Already a new 14-unit luxury condo building is under construction (Hart Haus) and another is in works. The streetscape of Main Street will soon undergo a major transformation. Parking is perhaps the next big issue to be tackled.

Parks and Trails

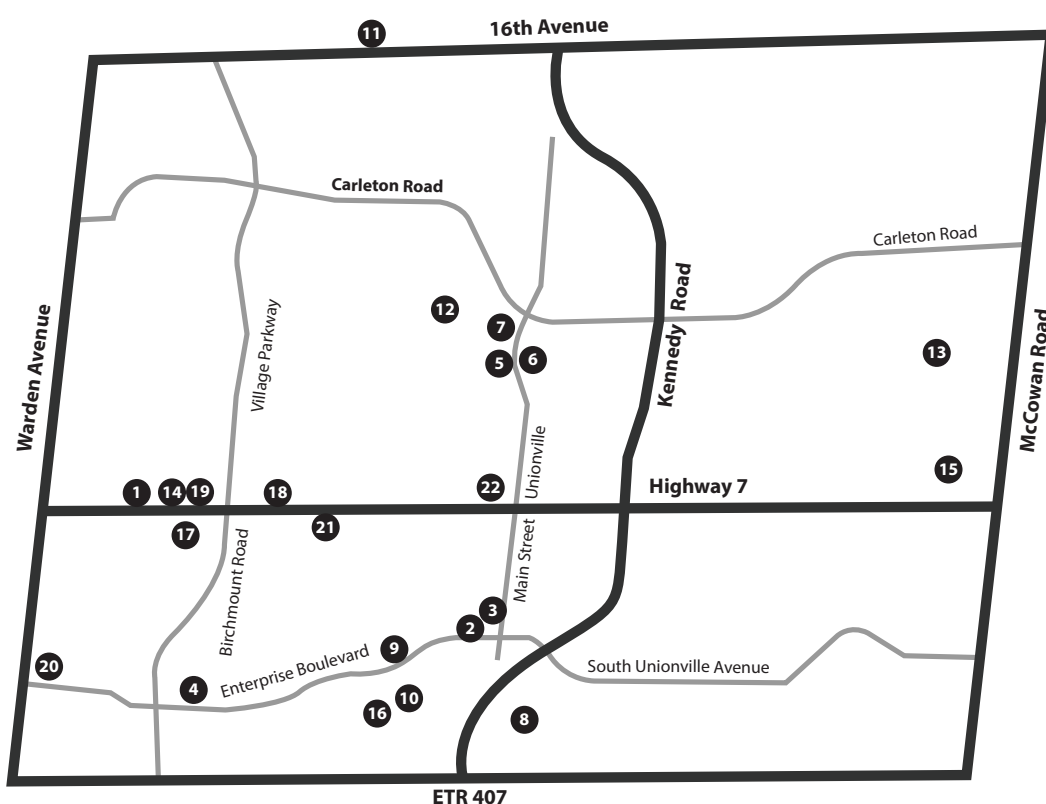
The hidden jewels of Markham! An environmental assessment is underway to extend the Rouge Trail system from Main Street Unionville South through Markham Centre. New bridges and trails will soon help connect Milne Park to Bob Hunter Park and the Rouge National Urban Park. Watch for upgrades to Crosby and Centennial Parks this summer.

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Ward 3 Unionville is Growing!

- 1 3882 Highway 7**
A proposal for an 8-story condo has been received for the site between the Ellington condo and St Justin Martyr Church.
- 2 Markham Square - 28 Main Street Unionville**
700 units in two towers at Enterprise and Main Street. Construction is about to start. www.markhamsquare.ca
- 3 Amica Unionville - 34 Main Street Unionville**
A new wing will soon be constructed to the east of the current building. www.rockportgroup.net/amica-unionville
- 4 Gallery Square and Towers**
Construction should begin soon by the new Marriott Hotel. www.downtownmarkham.ca
- 5 Queen's Hotel Unionville**
Plans are in the works for a 60-unit luxury building behind the Queen's Hotel and its neighbouring properties. An official application has not yet been received by the City.
- 6 Main Street Unionville Streetscape**
New sidewalks, pavement, trees, lighting and street furniture are coming in 2020 and 2021.
- 7 Hart Haus (206 Main Street)**
14 new luxury condos are now under construction. www.ledgemarklivgreen.com
- 8 Helen Avenue**
Look for new proposals for the property between Town and Country Volkswagen and South Unionville.
- 9 Northeast corner of Enterprise and the Stouffville GO line**
This parcel is zoned for several new highrise condos. Watch for new proposals.
- 10 GO Station Upgrades**
Under construction, including 300 new parking spots.



11 York Downs Golf Course
Construction has started along Kennedy Road north of 16th Avenue. Redevelopment of the golf course will begin in 3 to 5 years – approximately 2300 new homes. www.kylemorecommunities.com

12 Crosby Park
New playground and pathways in 2019

13 Centennial Park
New playground and landscaping in 2019

- 14 East of St Justin Martyr Church**
This parcel, also known as the Hildebrandt property, is approved for an 8-story building on the front portion, with a park, plus a school yard to the north. Current discussions include a seniors residence.
- 15 Markville Mall**
A new secondary plan for the area around Markville Mall is in the planning stages. This area near the Centennial GO station and VIVA buses on Highway 7 will likely see proposals for new high-density residential development around the mall.
- 16 Markham Centre and Mobility Hub**
Have your say on how Markham Centre develops through the new secondary plan at yourvoicemarkham.ca. This area will eventually house over 40,000 residents. It is home to approximately 10,000 already.
- 17 Crystal Garden**
This new townhome development is under construction now. www.crystalgardenhomes.com
- 18 Scardred 7 (Canada Computers Site)**
A proposal for about 50 townhomes and 20 single family homes is close to approval.
- 19 Unionville Gardens**
Northwest corner of Highway 7 and Village Parkway. Under construction. www.wyviewgroup.com
- 20 York Condos**
Under construction. www.downtownmarkham.ca
- 21 Sheridan Nurseries**
This site is zoned for highrise development. It was recently sold to a new developer.
- 22 Unionville Seniors Hub**
Housing York will soon begin construction of a 12-story 260-unit seniors building behind Union Villa. www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/support/yr/housing/newdevelopmentsandproposedprojects/

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Summer in Markham and Unionville!
 It doesn't get much better!


Stiver Mill Farmers Market

Thursday Nights at the Bandstand

May 30 to August 29, 2019

Main Street Unionville

www.unionvillepresents.com
Stiver Mill Farmers Market

Sundays 9 am to 2 pm, June 9 to October 6, 2019

unionvillestivermillmarket.com


Canada Day Celebrations at Milne Dam Park

Canada Day

July 1, 2019

Milne Dam Park

Unionville Exotic Car Show

July 28, 2019

Main Street Unionville

unionvilleinfo.com


TD Markham Jazz Festival

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August 16 to 18, 2019

markhamjazzfestival.com
The Markham Pan Am Centre – World Class Sporting Events

Almost every week in the gym and in the water

markhampanamcentre.ca
Flato Markham Theatre – check out the 2019/2020 season. markham.ca


Markham Museum

Varley Art Gallery

 World class contemporary art FREE ADMISSION, plus classes for all ages. markham.ca
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 Explore life in Markham in years past. Another of our hidden gems. markham.ca

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