



▶ IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

Markville Mall Secondary Plan

The City of Markham has initiated the Markville Secondary Plan. The Plan will address

land use and urban design, transportation and municipal servicing to support development of a sustainable and complete community.

For further information please visit: <https://yourvoicemarkham.ca/markvillesecondaryplanstudy>

Despite the work being started by the City, we have just received an application from Cadillac Fairview that will be reviewed and a decision made.

The applicant is proposing a high-density, mixed use development consisting of 4,340 residential units, three public parks, community amenity space and various privately owned public spaces as well as above grade and underground parking structures. Markville Mall will remain on the property.

Mount Joy Secondary Plan

- both sides of Markham Road from 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive

Forecast is 14,500 residential units and 6,000 jobs. Proposed heights are up to 40 storeys. A public statutory meeting will be held in September to solicit public feedback on the draft secondary plan proposal. Additional details are available at: <https://yourvoicemarkham.ca/yourmarkhamroadmountjoy>

5871 Highway #7 E

An application has been received to re-designate the property from Mixed Use Mid-Rise to Residential High-Rise. The proposal is requesting a 13 storey residential building containing 146 units. A public meeting was held Feb 27th 2023. No updates are available at this time.



347 Main St N

- approval of 14 three storey townhomes.

144 Main St N

- approval of a condominium building.

• **For additional information on any of these applications please reach out to my office.**

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TREE BY-LAW UPDATE

The city is looking for your input on the Tree Preservation By-law Update. The current bylaw was implemented in 2008 and has had minor updates over time, and now a comprehensive review is underway.

Please see the presentation online at: <https://YourVoiceMarkham.ca/trees> and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

A public meeting will be held in the fall to present the recommended changes.



You can subscribe for updates on this and other major projects at: YourVoiceMarkham.ca



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Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Dear Residents,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months.

Things have been a little quieter these days on Provincial Bill 23. Municipalities are still hoping that changes will be made to this Bill and other legislation to ensure that growth pays for growth and new development is not built on the backs of existing taxpayers.

One of the more recent hot topics is, should there be an "amalgamation or a divorce" from York Region? I am personally opposed to amalgamation. I have been unable to find any report that confirms amalgamation would result in any cost savings for a city. I agree that our government structure needs to change, but instead of an amalgamation or a complete divorce we could have a one-tier municipality and York Region could be more of an administration centre only, with a board of

directors that would oversee shared services such as police, emergency medical services and water. This is a conversation that many of us will have in the near future. The fall is going to be a busy time with changes to our tree preservation bylaw and our comprehensive zoning bylaw, and I would encourage all residents to read through the extensive proposed changes.

Updates on policy changes, developments and other topics of interest are sent out monthly in my e-newsletter. To subscribe please sign up at: www.karenrea.ca

I hope everyone finds something of interest in this newsletter and please reach out if you have any concerns, comments or ideas.

Regards,

Karen

Karen Rea | Ward 4 Councillor

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW (CZB) – REVIEW & UPDATE/CHANGE

This is a consolidation of 46 different zoning bylaws for all of our different neighbourhoods... including all of ours in Ward 4.

This CZB is a guide on how lands are used for specific purposes and includes but not limited to, new development standards for:

INFILL NEW HOUSES:
- with the new calculations some new homes could be 1000 - 1200 square feet larger than is currently allowed, as the net lot area and net floor area control is being removed. The size of home will now be based on setbacks and lot coverage.

- **in-fill housing, lot coverage, setbacks, heights etc.**
- **home occupations**
- **RV PARKING:**
- Recreational vehicle includes but not limited to; motor home, camper, boat, snowmobiles – should a resident be allowed to park their RV on their property? If allowed should there be a limit of number of days? This item has now been deferred and will be discussed in our parking strategy later in the year.
- **soft and hard landscaping**
- **recreational vehicle parking**
- **parking standards**
- **garden homes**
- **...among many other things**

There are pages of definitions and proposed changes which include updates for residential and commercial areas.

This affects how we all live in Markham and I encourage everyone to read through this document.

Find the document online at: YourVoiceMarkham.ca/zoningbylaw or contact my office for further information.

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What you need to know when living in Markham:

Keep Markham Beautiful By-law

As a homeowner or a tenant, the state of your property not only affects the value of your property but affects the neighbourhood and other residents. Let's all do our part to ensure that our streets have a visually attractive curb appeal. Highlights of our Keep Markham Beautiful By-law include:

- Every owner shall maintain their property clear of all waste material. Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored on a property.
- Grass must be trimmed to grow no higher than 6 inches. NOTE – You are also responsible for maintaining the boulevard in front of your home and the boulevard at the side of your home if you live on a corner.
- All hedges, bushes and shrubs shall be maintained from becoming overgrown and unsightly.
- Fences are to be maintained in a state of good repair.



Side boulevards need to be maintained by homeowners.

Road Occupancy Permit

When you are considering upgrading or making repairs to your front or rear yard landscaping, please remember that storing any material, soil, gravel or bricks is not allowed on any city road without a permit. Not even for a couple of hours. Your landscape company will need



Store materials on your own yard, not the road.

to store all materials on your own yard or driveway, or apply for a road occupancy permit prior to starting. To inquire if a permit has been issued, you can email to: customerservice@markham.ca

Open Air Fire Pits

All open air fires including wood burning fire pits are not allowed south of Major Mackenzie Dr. or west of 10th Line (Reesor Rd.) and permits will not be issued within this area.



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Building Permits

Building permits are required when you are constructing an addition to an existing building, attached garage, carport, solarium, porch or deck which is over 24 inches above ground. Making structural changes within your home also needs a permit, including but not limited to removing walls, installing windows/doors when there were none before or enlarging/relocating existing windows & doors. You will also need a permit when constructing any accessory structure larger than 10 square metres, such as a garage, carport, pool house or cabana and the enclosure of a porch or patio of any size. Please note that if you are building a structure that is attached to an existing building and/or has plumbing, then a permit is required regardless of size.

Sheds over 15 square metres also need a building permit

Stagnant Water

It is prohibited to leave any kind of container that is capable of holding water outside. Standing or stagnant water provides a breeding environment for mosquitoes that could carry the West Nile Virus and therefore endangering the health of the residents that live in our city. Pools, hot tubs or artificial ponds must be kept in good repair and in working order.



Pet Owners

Although pets can be a delight to their owners, they can also be a cause of conflict among neighbours. In order to ensure that pet owners respect other residents, the rules for caring and keeping animals are very clear.

- Dogs must be kept on a leash of 2 metres length or less when off your property.
- The fine for allowing your dog off leash is \$430.00
- No dogs are permitted within 5 metres of a children's playground or water-play area.
- You must always 'Stoop and Scoop' while walking your pet off your property (clean up any poop your pet may leave).



Overnight Parking

Parking on Markham streets between the hours of 2:30 AM and 6:00 AM is not permitted. However,



the City can make exceptions for driveway repairs and out-of-town overnight guests (but not during snow clearing operations). Learn more at:

[markham.ca Overnight Parking Request](http://markham.ca/OvernightParkingRequest)

Traffic & Community Concern

Aggressive driving continues to be an issue across the GTA. Road Watch is a community driven program that provides residents with a means to report aggressive or unlawful driver behavior. Speeding, unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic lights and stop signs are covered under the Highway Traffic Act and need to be reported to York Regional Police. For general concerns you can submit a complaint under: <https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/communityconcerns.html> If you have a license plate of a driver acting inappropriately, then you can use: yrp.ca/RoadWatch



Do Not Feed Wildlife

Coyotes, raccoons, squirrels and other wildlife are not pets and will naturally find their own food. Feeding wildlife has negative impacts on their health & behavior and is not allowed. Feeding of any wildlife will result in a \$615 fine. To help us all have a peaceful coexistence with wildlife, do not leave any food outside and do not put waste bins out too early for waste pick up.

Family Fireworks Permit

Family fireworks may only be set off on private property and with the homeowner's consent. Fireworks are not allowed on City property. This includes parks, fields and roads.

Permits are not required on Victoria Day, Canada Day or the day prior on each of these days. You will need a permit to set off fireworks on any other days. Under the Provincial Offences Act, violators may be fined up to \$5,000.

Construction Noise

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, landscaping projects and the replacement of a roof.



Tennis Court Rules

Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a 60 minute limit.

Use of city owned public tennis courts for private instruction is prohibited. Anyone wishing to have tennis lessons should reach out to one of our

tennis clubs.

In ward 4 that would be the Markham Tennis Club at Reesor Park.

