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4 Lane Network

- Proposed Future 4 Lane Widening
- Existing 4 Lane Road
- Proposed New 4 Lane Road

6 Lane Network

- Proposed Future 6 Lane Widening
- Existing 6 Lane Road
- Proposed New 6 Lane Road

Note:

- Special Study Area

Interchange Improvements (to be confirmed by MTO)

- Future Interchange on Existing Freeway
- Future Interchange on Future Freeway
- Other Interchange Improvement

Other Improvements

- Rapid Transit
- Rapid Transit Subject to Further Study
- Midblock Crossing
- Proposed Grade Separation (Road Classification Study to identify grade separations on collector roads)

September Meeting

We hope to see you all at our September meeting.

Date: Monday September 17th 2018 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Venue: Markham Pan Am Center

Address: 16 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

The September meeting will focus on our local arterial road widenings, involving expert speakers on both sides of the issue.

Local Arterial Road Widenings

York Region is currently planning to widen several arterial roads in Markham from 4 to 6 lanes, including 16th Avenue, Kennedy Road and McCowan Road. The extra two lanes would be designated for HOV/Transit during rush hours. The plans also improve cycling and pedestrian facilities on these roads. Road widenings are always controversial. URA will be conducting a focus session to learn about all sides of the issue. The session will have the following panellists:

- Brian Lee - Director of Engineering, City of Markham
- Lorenzo Mele - Advisor, Healthy Design, Peel Region Health Services
- Nesta Morris - Resident of Unionville, and knowledgeable about effects of road widenings
- Brian Titherington - Director, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning, York Region

Come and join us! We have also invited all candidates for Regional Councillor for Markham, and will give each candidate an opportunity to make a 2 minute statement on this important regional issue.

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York Downs Negotiations Show Some Promise

The URA position on the York Downs development was discussed at a member workshop in October, 2017 and documented in the October/November, 2017 newsletter. Since then, as discussed in subsequent newsletters, the subcommittee has tracked events closely and met numerous times with the proponent and City staff to clarify and negotiate aspects of the development plan.

The committee now feels that, based on the public report just released by staff and debated at DSC on Sept 10th, a settlement may be possible with the developer. Before that can happen the confidential detailed attachments, final confidential report and ensuing in camera council debate has to produce a similarly positive outlook and a process path that enables settlement.

The committee will review the status of negotiations and the potential settlement details at our member's meeting on September 17, 2018, immediately after the focus session on road widenings.

Ward 3 All Candidates Meeting

Date: Monday October 1st 2018 - 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Venue: Markham Pan Am Center

Come and join us! We have invited all candidates for Ward 3 councillor for Markham and will give each candidate an opportunity to make a statement on important local issues before answering questions from the audience.

Renew your Membership

For over 40 years, the Unionville Residents Association (URA) has been led by fellow neighbours dedicated to improving our community through public education, engagement, and representation.

The URA holds monthly meetings and we encourage you, your family, and friends to join us. Learn about what's happening in Unionville, get to know your neighbours, and become involved.

Stay part of the conversation and renew your membership with us! Membership provides you the opportunity to vote on topics at meetings and to be eligible to participate on the URA Board and committees.

For more information on how to become a new member or to renew your membership please visit our website at unionvilleresidents.ca or contact treasurer@unionvilleresidents.ca.

Together, our voice is stronger!

Election Year

The 2018 Markham Municipal Election takes place October 12 starting at 10 AM and ends on October 22 at 8 PM.

The governing body of the City of Markham is municipal council. City of Markham Council has 13 members (1 Mayor, 4 Regional Councillors and 8 Ward Councillors) and makes decisions, sets policies, directions and budgets for local services. Those elected earn a seat on Markham Council for 4 years. The Mayor and 4 Regional Councillors are elected by the community to represent the City of Markham on the York Regional Council.

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Please find additional information as well as an up-to-date candidates list on the official Markham Votes website.

www.markhamvotes.ca



Neighbourhood Road Safety

Unionville is a school community with 6 elementary schools and 3 high schools. Road safety is important so that our children can walk, bike or skate to school or home without any hazard. According to the Allstate Insurance of Canada, Ontario has the highest frequency of collision and Markham is ranked in the top of 10 worst car accident rate in Ontario.

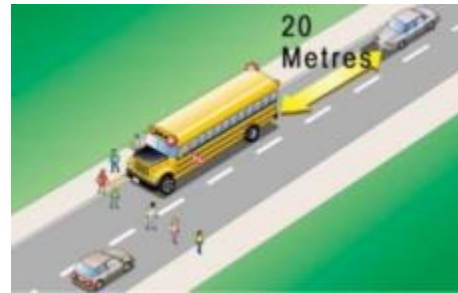


Flex Post Pilot

We often see cars driving faster than they are allowed near and in front of schools. Children age 7 or below still don't have a good grasp on how fast a car is going. A 4 year old was killed by a car in front of David Suzuki Public School while crossing the. As a result, a pilot of centerline flex post in 8 Markham schools was conducted in 2016. The pilot result shows areas with an average speed exceeding 50 km on a 40 km zone

has 5 km per hour reduction. As such, Markham has decided to expand the pilot to 16 more schools including Central Park Public School and Unionville Meadows Public School, to improve traffic calming in addition to other safety means such as crossing guard, crosswalk enhancement, edge line markings or speed radar display board.

Drivers: know the rules



When driving on a road **WITHOUT** a median:

- drivers travelling in both directions must stop for a stopped school bus with its upper red lights flashing
- when you approach the bus from the front, stop at a safe distance to let children get on or off the bus and cross the road
- don't move forward until the red lights have stopped flashing or the bus begins to move

When driving on a road **WITH** a median:

- traffic coming from the opposite direction is **not** required to stop.

Drivers can be charged if they pass a stopped school bus with its upper red lights flashing:

- First offence: **\$400 to \$2,000 and six demerit points.**
- Each following offence: **\$1,000 to \$4,000, six demerit points and possible jail time** (up to six months)

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Vehicle owners can be charged if their vehicle illegally passes a stopped school bus, even if they weren't driving.

Report Bad Driving Behaviour Online

If you see driving behaviour that will post immediate danger to the public, please call 9-1-1

If you witness someone breaking the law on the road, you can report a road watch complaint with the license plate and the specific offense.

<https://www.yrp.ca/en/online-reporting/Road-Watch.asp>

If you want to improve road safety in certain area or report any unauthorised party in park or any public safety concern or on going nuisance, you can report a community concern.

<https://www.yrp.ca/en/online-reporting/Report-a-Community-Concern.asp>

