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October URA Meeting

Event: Federal Election 2019 Candidates Q&A and Markham Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023

Date: October 7th 2019 (Monday)

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Venue: Markham Pan Am Centre (room 3-4)

Candidates Q&A Hosted By:

- Unionville Villagers Association UVA
- South Unionville Residents Forum SURF
- Unionville Residents Association URA

During the first hour of the meeting the federal candidates Bob Saroya, incumbent Conservative MP, Alan Ho, Liberal Party candidate and Markham City Councillor, and Gregory Hines, the NDP candidate, will be available to answer questions from our members.

The candidates Q&A will be followed at 8 pm by an overview of the Markham Strategic Plan by Councillor Reid McAlpine and City staff.

Note that we are aware that the national leaders English debate is on at the same time, but we booked our meeting before that was known and the candidates have all accepted the date anyway. The national debate is available for free later streaming on at least one TV station web site and can also be recorded via cable TV PVR.

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Meet the Candidates Evening, September 9

On September 9th, 2019, Unionville Residents Association, Unionville Villagers Association and South Unionville Residents Forum jointly hosted a "Federal Election 2019 - Meet the Markham Candidates" evening at the Markham Pan AM Centre. The original intent was to host a "Markham-Unionville All Candidates Meeting", but unfortunately both the Conservative candidate Bob Saroya and Liberal candidate Alan Ho were unable to attend. Therefore the meeting was transformed to a "Meet the Markham Candidates" meeting. There were 5 Markham candidates attending the event.

From the Green Party:

- Elvin Kao (Markham-Unionville)
- Roy Long (Markham-Stouffville)
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From the Peoples Party of Canada:

- Sarah Chung (Markham-Unionville)
- Jeremy Lin (Markham-Stouffville)
- Lianne C Cheng (Markham-Thornhill)

Following candidate self-introductions, a series of 5 prepared questions were posed by the organizers. These had been sent to the candidates in advance. They covered the following topics:

- Housing affordability
- Climate change and carbon tax
- Immigration and refugees
- Foreign policy on authoritarian countries
- Indigenous genocide?

A large number of interesting questions were then taken from the floor covering the following topics:

- How to handle Huawei CFO matter
- Honour killings/sharia law
- Canada's Arctic sovereignty
- Protection of Canada's water resources
- Marijuana legalization
- Familiarity with issues in the riding
- Coalition government
- Role of government in helping people
- Level of immigration
- Fueling airplanes without oil
- Sea level rise
- Gay marriage
- Pickering airport

The meeting then concluded with closing remarks by each candidate.

A full video of the event is available at the following link:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10157650471787698&id=520422697

Markham Strategic Plan

At the start of each Council term, Markham's Council and Staff revisit the City's strategic plan to confirm City goals and objectives and key priorities.

The draft plan was recently unveiled to the public. It contains 4 goals, with objectives and action plans for each. The goals are:

1. Exceptional Services by Exceptional People
2. Engaged, Diverse, Thriving and Vibrant City
3. Safe, Sustainable and Complete Community
4. Stewardship of Money and Resources

The City is inviting review and comments from residents. Use the following link:

<https://www.markham.ca/strategicplan>

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Milestones

- September 23, 2019**

 - Official launch of BMFT 2020 - 2023 community engagement.
 - This community engagement is now open for your input!
- October 29, 2019**

 - This community engagement is now closed for input.
- November 2019
Review & Analysis**

 - Feedback from community engagement is carefully reviewed and analyzed.
- November 18, 2019
General Committee**

 - Draft Strategic Plan presented to General Committee for endorsement
- November 26, 2019
Final Report**

 - Council Approval of final Building Markham's Future Together: 2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan



WE NEED YOU!

Let's Build Markham's Future Together

**2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan
Community Engagement**

Take our online survey by Oct. 29 for your chance to **WIN!**

Terms and conditions apply.

markham.ca/strategicplan 

Prizes:

- iPad (6th Generation, 32GB, Wi-Fi)
- Apple Watch (Series 3, 38mm, Space Gray Aluminum Black Sport (GPS))
- Pair of Apple AirPods (with charging case)
- One-year fitness membership at Markham Fitness Centres
- Pair of tickets to *Songs of Pride Land* at Flato Markham Theatre (December 28, 2019, 2 PM)
- \$25 Tim Hortons Gift Card

