

## Member's Meeting - Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

We will be holding a member's meeting at the Varley Art Gallery on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00pm. We will be featuring two important topics: (1) Ice Storm 2013; (2) Unionville Main Street – Proposed Changes. More details on each item are presented below.

## Ice Storm 2013

The ice storm of December 21-27 was unprecedented for our region. At the peak, 17,000 Markham households were without power. Over 10,000 trees were damaged. Cleanup and recovery costs for Markham will exceed \$10 million. Markham Council spent an entire day in January receiving presentations from staff and Power Stream about impacts, responses and lessons learned.

At our URA meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Don Hamilton will summarize these presentations and answer questions from our audience. We will also be handing out York Region's recently updated "Emergency Preparedness Guide".

This meeting has been heavily publicized in the Markham Economist and Sun, so come early to get a seat!



## How to be Prepared for Emergencies?

Emergencies can happen at any time, and being prepared is critical since it can take time for help to arrive. Your emergency plan should reflect your special needs. We should all have an emergency plan with emergency kits for 3 days support.

### Step 1 – Make a plan

- ☑ Two safe locations in case you have to leave your home
- ☑ A family communication plan with phone contacts and 1 or 2 out-of-town contacts just in case the local phone network does not work
- ☑ A list of personal support contacts including family members, neighbours, health care and personal support workers

### Step 2 – Building an emergency kit

Essentials	Special Considerations
Food (good for 3 days)	Medical supplies and equipment (cane, walker, hearing aid, battery, breathing device)
Can opener	Prescription eyewear and footwear
Water (12 litres / person)	Dentures & supplies
Medication(s)	Pet food & supplies
Flashlight	Clothes & shoes
Radio (crank or battery)	Sleeping bag, blanket
Extra batteries	Soap, toothpaste and other toiletries
First-aid kit	
Hand sanitizer	
ID, contact list	
Copies of prescriptions	
Extra car keys & cash	
Whistle	

For more details on emergency plans, please click <http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/stellent/group/s/public/@mcs/cs/@www/@emo/documents/abstract/ec163021.pdf>

Markham Emergency Inquiry: 905-477-5530 (day times)  
905-477-7000 (after hour)

Power Stream outage number: 1-877-777-3810

Power Stream outage incident map:

<http://weboutage.powerstream.ca/weboutage/>

## Unionville Main Street – Proposed Changes



As residents know, potential changes to Main Street have been under study by consultants since last spring. URA continues to contribute actively to the discussion, and also sits on the Steering Committee for this project.

Two important public meetings are coming up. On Thursday, January 30 at 7:00pm, a public meeting will be held at City Hall (Canada Room) to discuss the Master Plan vision for the west and east core areas of Main Street. These are complementary to the visions for the Station Hub, Village Square Hub and Highway 7 Gateway discussed in November. This is an information meeting intended to update the community and answer questions. We urge URA members to attend. URA will not be making a formal deputation at that meeting.

On Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm, a statutory public meeting will be held at Council Chambers to discuss potential changes to the Secondary Plan and Zoning Bylaw to remove restrictions on the approval of additional restaurant space within the commercial area of Historical Unionville, and permit additional uses.

We will be discussing this restaurant/new use proposal at our members meeting. URA does not have an Official Position on this matter at this time, as the Directors believe it requires more time and public discussion. We will present a draft deputation that URA intends to make at the statutory meeting, requesting more time and information prior to a final council decision.

## GO Stouffville Rail Corridor Expansion

As many members know, GO Transit is studying rail corridor improvements from Scarborough Junction to Unionville Station to enable all-day, two-way service. This will involve double tracking and station improvements. A public meeting is being held on Thursday, January 30 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Angus Glen Community Centre.

### Electrification



## What is the URA?

A non-partisan association of the residents of Unionville

- ✓ Boundaries: Warden Ave. to McCowan Rd. and Sixteenth Ave. to Hwy 407
- ✓ Founded in 1974 to protect the interests of the community
- ✓ Registered with the Province of Ontario and the City of Markham

## What does URA do?

- ✓ Stays current on events, activities and issues in Unionville
- ✓ Keeps our members informed through regular email broadcasts and monthly meetings (with guest speakers on hot topics)
- ✓ Ensures our residents' views are known and communicated to local, regional and provincial government officials and representatives
- ✓ Provides information on our website on active issues
- ✓ Organizes special events (e.g. All-Candidates meetings during elections, issue based meetings)

## Join Us!!

Your Voice  
Makes Our Voice Stronger

For more membership info, please go to our web site  
<http://unionvilleratepayers.com/membership.htm>

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