

› **IMPORTANT NUMBERS IN MARKHAM & YORK REGION**
Emergency & non-Emergency

**Call 9-1-1 for
immediate police, fire and ambulance
response**

Kids Help (or text CONNECT to 686868)	1.800.668.6868
Mental Health (CAMH)	416.535.8501 or 1.800.463.2338
Telehealth Ontario	1.866.797.0000
Ontario Poison Centre	1.800.268.9017
The Assaulted Women's Helpline	1.866.863.0511
Ontario Helpline 211 (Community health & social services) call 2-1-1	
York Region Public Health Connection	1.800.361.5653
York Region Services	1.877.464.9675
Central Local Health Integration Network - LHIN	1.888.470.2222
York Regional Police (non-Emergency)	1.866.876.5423
Crimestoppers	1.800.222.8477
Markham Fire & Emergency Services	905.477.2011
Markham Stouffville Hospital	905.472.7373
CHATS Community Home Assistance to Seniors	1.877.452.4287
OSPCA - animal concerns or injuries	310.SPCA (7222)

UTILITIES


Alectra Utilities (Power outages & Customer service)	1.833.253.2872
Enbridge Gas (Emergency) (Customer Service)	1.866.763.5427 1.877.362.7434
Ontario One Call - Call Before You Dig	1.800.400.2255

Water Emergency or any Municipal issues:

After hours and on the weekend 905.477.7000
- press "0" for non-emergency FIRE dispatch
and messages will be monitored
Or call the Direct Contact Centre 905.477.5530
- your call will be returned the next business day

CONTACT INFO & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Summer 2020
› **Ward 4 NEWS**

www.karenrea.ca

Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Dear Residents,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy during this unprecedented time. I would like to extend my sincere sympathies to the families that have been affected directly by this crisis, either by health reasons, loss of loved ones or financial difficulties.

As we begin to open up the economy, we need to continue to practice social distancing and protect the most vulnerable in our City. These are unprecedented times and there is no rule book to follow, we are all doing the best we can to navigate through these difficult times.

We have tried to do something a little different this year with a "cut-out" at the back of this newsletter, which can be kept in a drawer

for easy access to resources and phone numbers in an emergency.

We have increased the frequency of our e-newsletters to help keep you up to date with the rapidly changing rules and other items of interest during Covid-19. Please sign up for my e-newsletter via my portal on the City website at www.markham.ca or let us know by email and we will include you on the next update.

Stay safe, stay healthy and I look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

Karen Rea



› **2020 ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

The Ontario Government has announced that the 2020 Assessment Update has been postponed. The province has indicated that property assessments for the 2021 taxation year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values (i.e., the same valuation date in use for the 2020 taxation year).

In 2016, a Property Assessment Notice was mailed to every property owner in the province – assessing more than five million properties in Ontario. Your 2016 Notice reflects the assessed value and classification of your property as of January 1, 2016 and this will be used as the basis for calculating your 2021 property taxes.

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MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know your library card gives you unlimited access to over 7,000 newspaper and magazine titles from 120 countries and in 60 languages (including French, Chinese and Hindi) right on your mobile device? Visit Markham Public Library for more information.

Noise bylaw – If you are planning any home renovations or having your roof done, make sure you to check the Noise bylaw. The operation of any equipment in connection with construction is permitted from Monday to Friday, 7 am – 7 pm, Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm. It is prohibited all day Sundays & Statutory Holidays.

Sprinklers – Are you adding sprinklers to your front lawn? Please be aware that City's by-law states that sprinklers or other obstructions have to be located 12 inches away from curbs and sidewalks.

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Screenshot of a Zoom virtual meeting while Councillor Rea is speaking

ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of Council have been participating in meetings remotely since April. At this time, our facilities remain closed to the public. Members of the public are permitted and encouraged to participate in all of our meetings. Deputations can be done via email or you can participate in an online meeting via zoom or with a telephone. Agendas for the meetings are posted 10 days ahead of a meeting to provide adequate time for residents to review.

ROADSIDE DITCH ALTERATION POLICY

There have been a number of illegal alterations on grading, ditches and culverts across the City. Council recently approved a "Roadside Ditch Alteration Policy", which provides for maintenance and restoration of ditches, particularly where culverts have been removed without a permit. Open ditches on the City-owned right-of-way are a very important part of our storm water management system. Changing the land's surface or grade could interfere with the way water moves off your property, and potentially increase the chance of flooding. This policy will allow the City to restore road side ditches and/or enforce the property owner to restore.

MOUNT JOY SECONDARY PLAN

City of Markham will be undertaking a visioning exercise for Markham Road Mount Joy Secondary Plan Study project, a comprehensive development plan and key policy direction for the corridor, addressing land use and urban design, transportation and municipal servicing. While this project has been delayed due to COVID-19, it is still progressing. I encourage you to participate in these virtual meetings over the summer and fall. If there are any specific questions or if you would like to be added to our notification list, please contact dlyons@markham.ca.



MARKHAM MULTI-USE PATHWAY - MUP

Summer is here and I hope you are enjoying our great pathways! A great story to share with you – in early June, a resident contacted our office to ask for our help to protect a turtle nest in Milne Park – during a morning walk, she was lucky to see the snapping turtle laying her eggs – we contacted our Parks staff and they installed a temporary protective net around the nest – snapping turtles are listed as species of "Special Concern" under Ontario's Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to hunt this species in any number. Thanks to all involved in protecting our turtles.

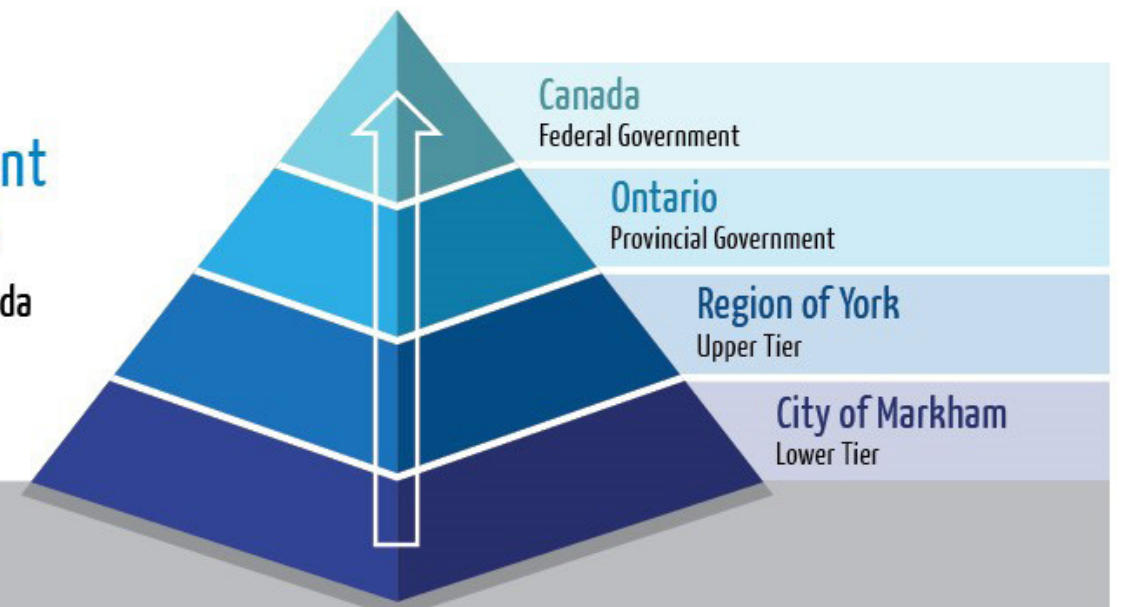


Credit – McCormick family

A special reminder that the MUP is for everyone to enjoy – Cyclists need to SLOW DOWN, this is not a cycle path only. Remember that you are sharing the pathway with pedestrians, including many seniors and children. Our bridges are narrow and pedestrians have the right of way, always.

According to the Highway Traffic Act, every bicycle "shall be equipped with an alarm bell, gong or horn, which shall be kept in good working order and sounded whenever it is reasonably necessary to notify pedestrians or others of its approach." Be polite, be respectful and let us all enjoy the MUP safely.

Government Structure Markham, Canada



Roles and Responsibilities in COVID-19 Emergency

City of Markham Lower Tier	York Region Upper Tier	Ontario Provincial Government	Canada Federal Government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Tax • Building Permits • Fire Services • Development Applications • Organic, Garbage and Recycling Collection • Winter Road Maintenance (local roads) • Parking Enforcement • Animal Services • Property Standards Enforcement • Burial Permit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health • Policing • Ambulance • Transit (YRT & VIVA) • Public Housing • Seniors Housing • Winter Road Maintenance (regional roads) • Shelter Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care • Hospitals • Covid-19 Testing • Business Support • Schools • Colleges/Universities • LCBO • List of Non-Essential Businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Tax • Employment Insurance (EI) • Business Support • Employee Support • Foreign Travel & support for Canadians Abroad • Canada Child Benefit • Canada Emergency Response Benefit • Canada Student Loans • Access to Credit
		<p>Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000</p> <p>Business Information www.ontario.ca/business 1-888-444-3659</p> <p>Contact local representative www.ola.org</p> <p>Donation of Medical Supplies 1-888-777-0554 www.ontario.ca/page/howyourorganization-can-help-fight-coronavirus</p> <p>Ontario Covid-19 Business Information Line 1-888-444-3659</p>	<p>Support for Individuals: www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html</p> <p>Business & Employee Support: www.canada.ca/business</p> <p>Support for Canadians Abroad: www.travel.gc.ca 1-800-387-3124</p> <p>Contact local representative: www.parl.gc.ca</p>
<p>www.markham.ca 905-477-5530 customerservice@markham.ca</p>	<p>York Regional Police www.yrp.ca info@yrp.ca</p> <p>www.york.ca 1-877-464-9675 accessyork@york.ca</p>		

Rat Prevention

1. Do not leave any food outside and do not place your garbage out early.
2. Put outdoor garbage bags in metal garbage cans with securely fitted lids to stop them feeding on contents.
3. Clean around the house - less clutter means fewer places to hide.
4. Clean up pet food and bird seed debris.
5. Keep gardens free from debris and keep clutter to a minimum.
6. If you have a compost heap don't include organic food waste, as this will attract them.

