



Kicked off the opening of the Cansteam Robot competition at Markham PanAm Centre



Christmas celebration with the residents at Hagerman Corners Community Homes



Met with Liz Stone, Indigenous Knowledge Leader, to urge Canadians to take action to help indigenous communities.



Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) in the City of Markham



Hosted a Charity Roadshow Fundraiser for organizations for people with intellectual disabilities



Worked with YRT to help with Mon Sheong Court residents' request to modify a bus route and bus stop



Hosted Crime prevention forum



Attended the Web Summit global conference in Lisbon, Portugal



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-Regional Councillor Alan Ho's Message to Constituents -

Dear Markham Residents,

I hope this message finds you well. As we embark on the second year of my term as your elected Regional Councillor, I am humbled and honoured to continue serving you and our city. The past year has been marked by progress, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the growth and prosperity of our beloved community.

Together, we have made significant strides in fostering sustainable development, enhancing infrastructure, and promoting economic growth. Thanks to Mayor Frank Scarpitti's "A Strong Markham: Budget 2024" and the support of Council members, the tax rate increase of 2.99%, which is less than \$40 for the average Markham home, means Markham continues to have the lowest average tax rate in the GTA over 19 consecutive years.

In response to community safety concerns, I have facilitated several meetings between residents and officers from the York Regional Police (YRP) as requested. A Crime Prevention Forum has also been organized, providing a platform for residents and YRP officers to engage in productive dialogue addressing community safety issues. I have diligently pursued implementing a CCTV program at major intersections, slated for installation this spring.

As Chair of the Culture & Economic Development Committee, we are delighted to announce the unveiling of "Markham is More," the City's new Economic Development and Culture Strategy (2023 to 2027). This strategy lays out an important roadmap that will guide the City and its collaboration with community partners in growing Markham's economy on a foundation of arts, culture, and innovation. I have had the privilege of representing our city at global conferences such as the Web Summit, MedTech, and the Economic Development Conference, allowing us to glean insights and develop innovative concepts to enrich Markham's fabric.

I appreciate your support. I am deeply honoured to serve as your Regional Councillor and look forward to the continued privilege of serving each of you. Please email our office if you have any concerns or ideas.

Warm regards,

Alan Ho
Regional Councillor Alan Ho

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| City of Markham: | York Region: |
| -Chair, Culture & Economic Development Committee | -Director, Housing York Inc. Board |
| -Chair, Markham Subcommittee | -Member, Audit Committee |
| | -Member, Accessibility Advisory Committee |

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS IN MARKHAM & YORK REGION

Call 9-1-1 for immediate Police, Fire and Ambulance Response

York Regional Police (non-Emergency)	1.866.876.5423
YRP Online Reporting	www.yrp.ca/en/Online-Reporting.asp
Crimestoppers	1.800.222.8477
Kids Help	1.800.668.6868 (or Text CONNECT to 686868)
Mental Health (CAMH)	416.535.8501 or 1.800-463.2338
Ontario Poison Centre	1.800.268.9017
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
Telehealth Ontario	1.866.797.0000
Markham Fire & Emergency Services	905.477.2011
Markham Stouffville Hospital	905.472.7373
Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital	905.883.1212
CHATS Community Home Assistance to Seniors	1.877.452.4287 or 905.713.6596
Community Living - York South	905.884.9110
OSPCA - Animal concerns or injuries	310.SPCA (7222)

UTILITIES	
Alectra Utilities (Customer Service and Power Outages)	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 and 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 line	905.477.5530
- your call will be returned the next business day	

York Region	
(Access York)	1.877.464.9675
Email:	accessyork@york.ca
City of Markham	
Phone	905.477.7000
Facebook	cityofmarkham
Twitter	@cityofmarkham
Radio	The Region 105.9 FM
Email:	customerservice@markham.ca

My office has "slow down" signs. If you are interested, kindly contact me at alan.ho@markham.ca



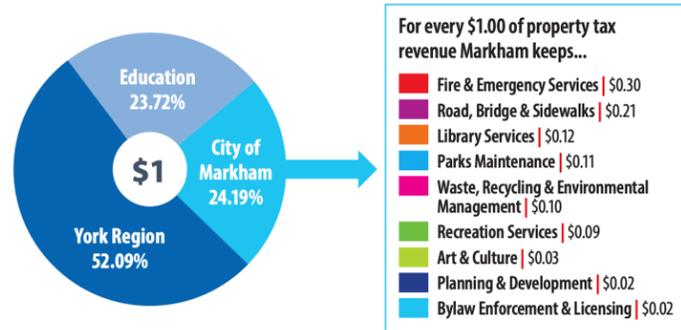
You've Invited to Regional Councillor Alan Ho's Annual Community Picnic
Date: July 7, 2024 (Sunday) 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Aaniin Park (5665 14th Avenue Markham, Ontario, L3S 3K5)

Understand Your Property Tax:

The City of Markham: approved the \$590.5M budget for 2024, with a 2.99% tax rate increase – equivalent to less than \$40 for the average Markham home.

York Region: approved the \$4.2 billion budget for 2024, which includes a tax levy increase of 2.75% and a 1% Rapid Transit / Infrastructure levy.

Your tax dollars, your services



The **City of Markham** collects 24.19% of property taxes on behalf of the Province of Ontario and the Region of York.

Province of Ontario (Education) 23.72% of the property tax payment for residential properties funds education.

York Region's portion of the tax bill is 52.09%. York Regional Council approved a \$4.2 billion budget, including 15 core services.

Property Tax Assistance for Seniors:

1. Senior, Low-income Seniors & Low-income Disabled Persons Property Tax Deferral Program:

This program provides low-income seniors and low-income persons with a disability the opportunity to apply for a deferral of property tax increases. To be eligible for tax deferral, the property owner must be a senior citizen who is at least 65 years of age, or low-income senior between the ages of 55 - 64, or a low-income disabled person.

The property for which the taxes are payable must be located in the York Region and must be owned by an eligible senior or disabled person as a principal residence on January 1 of the eligible year. All deferred taxes become payable upon disposition or transfer of the property except for a transfer of ownership to a spouse. Seniors and disabled persons must apply annually for the tax deferral by September 30 of each taxation year for which a deferral is required.

Deferral Example				
Details	Total	City	Region	Education
2023 Property Taxes	4,228.08	1,026.01	2,225.93	976.14
2022 Property Taxes	4,115.21	995.66	2,143.41	976.14
Tax Deferral Amount	113.87	30.35	82.52	0

*CVA (Current Value Assessment) and Tax Rate
2022 CVA 638,000 / Tax Rate 0.662708
2023 CVA 638,000 / Tax Rate 0.645017

*Levies, less Stormwater as follows:
2022 \$4,115.21
2023 \$4,228.08

2. Low-Income Seniors Property Tax Assistance Program:

As announced in A Strong Markham: Budget 2024, a new Low-Income Seniors Property Tax Assistance Program was introduced to provide relief to eligible low-income seniors by providing a flexible, interest-free repayment plan option for their property tax arrears.

Eligible seniors approved for the program will have the late payment charges on their existing property tax arrears forgiven as a measure to provide immediate relief and prevent further financial burden. For the 2024 taxation year, the program will begin on June 1, 2024 and run throughout the year with no fixed application deadline. For 2025 and beyond, eligible low-income seniors who wish to participate will be required to apply by March 30 to be enrolled into the program.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Be sixty-five (65) years of age or older as of January 1, 2024
2. You are the owner and occupant of a residential property used as the principal residence in the City of Markham
3. You (owner) must be receiving the Government of Canada's Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) under Part II of the Old Age Security Act (Canada) as of the application submission year

For more information and to apply for the above programs: www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/permits-licenses-taxes/property-taxes/tax-relief-and-rebates/ For inquiries, please contact the City of Markham at 905.477.5530 or email etax@markham.ca

Regional Road Construction Notice:

Projects in 2024:

Highway 404 Road Crossing North of 16th Avenue
Construction of a new bridge over Highway 404 to link Orlando Avenue with Markland Street

14th Avenue and York-Durham Line
Road Preservation

Donald Cousens Parkway from 14th Avenue to Highway 407 - Road Preservation

Ninth Line, Donald Cousens Parkway to Main Street
Road Preservation

Enterprise Boulevard and Rouge Valley Drive
Intersection Improvements

Highway 7 from Ninth Line to Donald Cousens Parkway
Road rehabilitation and intersection improvements

York Durham Line from Steeles Avenue to 14th Avenue
Road preservation

Warden Avenue from Elgin Mills Road to Stouffville Road
Road preservation

Warden Avenue north of 16th Avenue
Culvert rehabilitation

Woodbine Avenue from Major Makenzie Drive to 19th Avenue
Road preservation

Future Projects in 2025:

16th Avenue from Leslie Street to Warden Avenue
Road widening from four to six lanes

Ninth Line from Steeles Avenue to Fieldside Street
Road widening from two to four lanes

Kennedy Road from North of Highway 407 to Highway 7
Road widening to accommodate Bus Rapid Transit facilities

For general inquiries, please contact York Region Transportation, Public Works, Phone: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or Email: transportation@york.ca For more information: york.ca/roadconstruction

For the fourth consecutive year, the City of Markham has been recognized as one of Canada's Best Employers 2024. The City of Markham is ranked the top city in Ontario and in the top 10 for Government Services

Check the City of Markham's current opening job positions at www.markham.ca/careers

Community Safety:

1. YRP's Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Community Camera program:

York Regional Police is launching the Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Community Camera program.

The following is a list of locations in Markham where CCTV community cameras will be installed:

- Warden Avenue / Highway 7
- Woodbine Avenue / Highway 7
- Warden Avenue / Steeles Avenue



For more information: yrp.ca

YRP will use what is called 'passive monitoring' of the cameras. This means that YRP members will not be watching the cameras in real time but rather, the video will be captured and recorded. Police will use the footage to investigate and solve crimes if criminal activity is reported in the area. The cameras will only monitor areas to which the public already has access and camera views are restricted from recording private dwelling spaces. CCTV monitoring will be conducted in a professional, ethical and legal manner in accordance the Ontario Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Human Rights Code and in compliance with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario guidelines.

2. YRP's Operation Auto Guard:

York Regional Police's Operation Auto Guard was launched last September; Operation Auto Guard resulted in 56 people being charged with 284 offences. Eighty vehicles were recovered, worth more than \$5 million. Theft devices used by thieves were also seized.

Operation Auto Guard was data driven and intelligence led, with YRP's crime analysts creating heat maps identifying specific neighbourhoods prone to vehicle thefts in the Cities of Markham, Richmond and Vaughan. YRP were able to identify residences in these red zones with high-risk vehicles registered to their owners. This allowed YRP to approach homeowners directly, letting them know they are at risk of having their vehicles stolen, offering them safety tips and giving them the opportunity to take an active role in crime prevention.

Have Your Say! Regional Councillor Alan Ho's Survey about Markville Secondary Plan / Mount Joy Secondary Plan / Off-Leash Dog Park / Yonge North Subway Extension, etc. Please take the survey at www.AlanHoMarkham.ca

Check out Markham Business's new website: <http://markhambusiness.ca>
One easy source to access key information, resources, data, and events for your business.
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