

**In The Community:**



As the Honorary Advisor of All Community Games, I extended my warmest congratulations to another successful year of 2023.



Co-organized "We Are Family Charity Road Show" to celebrate Family Day and raised \$24,000 to support people with autism, and disabilities.



Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and I successfully raised up to \$160,000 for the Turkeye and Syria earthquake relief.



Speeding is an ongoing issue I have been working hard to tackle, and I continue to partner with York Regional Police (YRP) to deter this behaviour.

We have Speed Radar Display Boards rotating every three months that have proven to help reduce speeding by up to 20%. If you have any locations in mind, please don't hesitate to share them with me.

In addition, my office has "slow down" signs. If you are interested, kindly contact me at [alan.ho@markham.ca](mailto:alan.ho@markham.ca)



With support from local supermarkets and Fire Department, I organized a Food Drive event to help Markham Food Bank.

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS IN MARKHAM & YORK REGION**

<p><b>Call 9-1-1 for immediate Police, Fire and Ambulance Response</b></p>		<p><b>UTILITIES</b></p>	
York Regional Police (non-Emergency)	1.866.876.5423	Alectra Utilities	1.833.253.2872
Email Break & Enter for 5 District	<a href="mailto:B&amp;E5D@YR.PCA">B&amp;E5D@YR.PCA</a>	(Customer Service and Power Outages)	
Crimestoppers	1.800.222.8477	Enbridge Gas	
Kids Help	1.800.668.6868 (or Text CONNECT to 686868)	(Emergency)	1.866.763.5427
Mental Health (CAMH)	416.535.8501 or 1.800-463.2338	(Customer Service)	1.877.362.7434
Ontario Poison Centre	1.800.268.9017	Ontario One Call	1.800.400.2255
Ontario Helpline 211	call 2-1-1	(Call Before You Dig)	
York Region Public Health Connection	1.800.361.5653	Water Emergency and Municipal Issues:	
York Region Services	1.877.464.9675	After hours and on the weekend	905.477.7000
Central Local Health Integration Network - LHIN	1.888.470.2222	- press "0" for non-Emergency FIRE dispatch and messages will be monitored	
Telehealth Ontario	1.866.797.0000	Or call the Direct Contact Centre line	905.477.5530
Markham Fire & Emergency Services	905.477.2011	- your call will be returned the next business day	
Markham Stouffville Hospital	905.472.7373	York Region	
CHATS Community Home Assistance to Seniors	1.877.452.4287 or 905.713.6596	(Access York)	1.877.464.9675
Community Living - York South	905.884.9110	Email:	<a href="mailto:accessyork@york.ca">accessyork@york.ca</a>
OSPCA - Animal concerns or injuries	310.SPCA (7222)	City of Markham	
		Phone	905.477.7000
		Facebook	cityofmarkham
		Twitter	@cityofmarkham
		Radio	The Region 105.9 FM
		Email:	<a href="mailto:customerservice@markham.ca">customerservice@markham.ca</a>



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# Alan Ho

## Regional Councillor City of Markham

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**-Message From Regional Councillor Alan Ho-**

Dear Markham Resident:

I am humbled to address you as your newly elected Regional Councillor for the City of Markham. Having previously served for the past 12 years, I am grateful to be entrusted with the opportunity to lead the growth and well-being of our community.

Together, we will focus on fostering sustainable development, enhancing infrastructure, promoting economic growth, and protecting our environment. I will collaborate with fellow council members, community members, and various stakeholders to ensure that our decisions and actions reflect the needs of our constituents.

Over the past term, we have achieved significant milestones together. I'm thrilled to share that I have also been entrusted to continue as Chair of the Culture & Economic Development Committee. This opportunity allows me to further advocate for Markham's growth and prosperity, strengthening our unique cultural heritage and fostering a thriving economic ecosystem.



Recently, I had the privilege of representing Markham at the Detroit Auto Tech Show, an event that brings together industry leaders, innovators, and visionaries worldwide. The exhibition showcased new technologies, sustainable mobility solutions, and advancements in the automotive industry.

Moreover, I recognize the importance of open communication. I regularly update my E-newsletter weekly to keep you informed and engaged on relevant projects, issues and upcoming events. I encourage you to subscribe to my E-newsletter to understand what is happening in our city and region, to share your ideas, and voice your concerns.

I look forward to working with you to build a prosperous, inclusive, and vibrant Markham and York Region.

Thank you!

*Alan Ho*  
**Regional Councillor Alan Ho**

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

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**York Region 15 Core Services**

- Regional Roads (4,380 km, urban & rural)
- Transit
- Police Services
- Paramedic Services
- Long-term Care
- Community Housing
- Children Services
- Social Assistance
- Public Health
- Water
- Waste Management
- Forestry
- Development Services
- Economic Development
- Court Services



**About York Region**

The Regional Municipality of York, was established in 1970.

York Region is a collection of nine diverse and unique cities and towns, including Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Whitchurch–Stouffville, Aurora, King, East Gwillimbury and Georgina.

York Region is home to:

- 1,239,500 residents,
- 55,000+ businesses,
- 616,000 jobs,
- 4 urban growth centres,
- Canada’s second-largest tech hub,
- Estimated GDP of \$81.4 billion in 2022.



**York Region Operating Budget**

Funding:

- Net Tax Levy \$1,344M 46.2%
- User Rates \$447M 15.3%
- Grants and Subsidies \$633M 21.8%
- Development Charge \$293M 10.1%
- Others \$195M 6.6%

Total \$2.912B 100%

Expenditures:

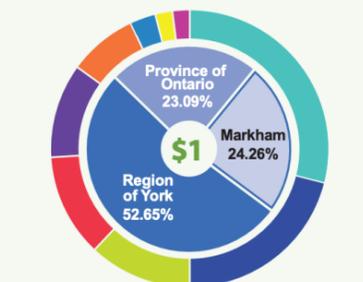
- Program Costs \$1,048M 36%
- Salaries & Benefits \$1,002M 34.4%
- Debt Servicing Costs \$304M 10.4%
- Reserves \$558M 19.2%

Proposed Tax Levy Increase 2.9% for 2023

Average Assessed Home Value \$802,000

Average increase of \$78 per household for the York Regional Portion

**Your Markham Tax Dollars at Work**



- Fire & Emergency Services | \$0.29
- Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks | \$0.20
- Library Services | \$0.11
- Parks Maintenance | \$0.12
- Waste, Recycling & Environmental Management | \$0.11
- Recreation Services | \$0.10
- Arts & Culture | \$0.03
- Planning & Development | \$0.02
- Bylaw Enforcement & Licensing | \$0.02

**Understand Your Property Tax:**

The **City of Markham** 24.26% and collects property taxes on behalf of the Province of Ontario and the Region of York.

**Province of Ontario (Education)** 23.09% of the 2023 property tax payment for residential properties funds education.

**York Region's** portion of the tax bill is 52.65%. York Regional Council approved a \$3.96 billion budget including 15 core services.

**New Program and Facility Booking System:**

- Create your account in 4 easy steps:
1. Go to [markham.ca/RegisterNow](http://markham.ca/RegisterNow) and select “Sign-Up”.
  2. Fill in all the fields and select “Submit”.
  3. You will receive an **email** from [communication@xplorrecreation.com](mailto:communication@xplorrecreation.com) with a **temporary password**. Use this to log in again.
  4. **Create a new password.**  
Your account has been created!

**Summer Information:**

- Permit are required to cut trees with a trunk diameter of 20 cm or more: [bit.ly/3vK3JpE](http://bit.ly/3vK3JpE)
- Grass must be trimmed to grow no higher than 15 centimetres (6”). Trees and bushes must also be kept trimmed and tidy.
- Parking on Markham streets between 2:30 AM and 6 AM is not permitted within Markham. However, the City can make exceptions: <https://bit.ly/3iUEUC5>
- All open-air fires require a permit. Most properties not designated “rural” will not comply with the permit’s provisions: <http://markham.ca/OpenAirFire>

**Summer Water Restrictions**

- The City of Markham limits outdoor water use in the summer. These limits happen between June 1 and September 30 every year.
- Outdoor watering on residential properties is allowed between 6 to 9 AM or 6 to 9 PM, but not both.
- Properties with an even-numbered street address can water their lawns on even-numbered days during this time. Properties with an odd-numbered street address can water their lawns on odd-numbered days during this time.
- Those in violation of Markham’s Summer Water Restrictions may be fined up to \$5,000 upon conviction.

**Winter Information:**

**Winter Parking**

- Between November 15 and April 15, and only when snow-clearing operations are not in effect, vehicles may only be parked on the odd numbered side of city streets, unless posted signs indicate otherwise.
- All parking on both sides of all city streets is prohibited during snow clearing operations. Existing parking permits and overnight exemptions held by residents are not valid during snow clearing operations.
- Vehicles parked on a city street during snow clearing operations will be ticketed and/or towed. The fine for “Interfering with Snow Removal” will be \$150.

**Snow Windrow Removal**

- If you are a senior (60 years of age or older) or have a disability, you are eligible for the City’s Driveway Windrow Removal Assistance Program.
- This service is provided within eight hours after all roads have been plowed.
- For more information or to apply, please e-mail Contact Centre at [customerservice@markham.ca](mailto:customerservice@markham.ca) or my office at [alan.ho@markham.ca](mailto:alan.ho@markham.ca)

**Small Business Assistance:**

Markham Small Business Centre (MSBC) is an innovative public and private sector alliance providing a complete source of services and programs for Markham entrepreneurs and small businesses. MSBC can help you make the right decisions as you start up your business venture, help develop your management capabilities as it grows.

MSBC provides Markham’s aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses with high quality one-on-one management consulting, educational training and the business resources needed to sustain their growth in today’s competitive marketplace. MSBC also works to encourage entrepreneurship as a career option for Markham’s youth.

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