



## REGISTERED RATEPAYERS/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### RIGHTS

Ratepayers/community associations registered with the Town of Markham have the following rights:

#### AT MUNICIPAL LEVEL

1. Provision, if they so wish, of agendas, minutes and/or reports, free of charge, in order to facilitate the tracking of various issues within the Town with which they may wish to be involved.
2. Recognition as a ratepayers/community association to speak on behalf of their membership and address Members of Council at various committee meetings.
3. Formal listing in the Town of Markham Residents Guide, listing with Information Markham, listing with the Clerk's Department, and inclusion on the registered ratepayers/community associations map.
4. On a "space available" basis and in accordance with Town policy, provision of meeting room space for one (1) General meeting per year at no charge.

#### AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL

The one privilege the Province of Ontario offers to registered ratepayers/community associations is their status at the Ontario Municipal Board. The Planning Act provides that appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board may be filed by "persons". Groups or associations, such as residents' or ratepayers' groups, that do not have incorporated status may not be considered "persons" for purposes of the Act. The Ministry of Government Services, Companies & Personal Property Security Branch, should be contacted for details and documentation required for incorporation, at:

Tel. #: 416-314-8880, or

Website: [www.cbs.gov.on.ca](http://www.cbs.gov.on.ca) (click on "English"; click on "Serving Business"; click on "Company Forms"; click on "Business Corporation Act"; and click on "Form 1 Articles of Incorporation").

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

Registered ratepayers/community associations have the responsibilities committed to in their Articles of Incorporation and agreed upon with the Town.