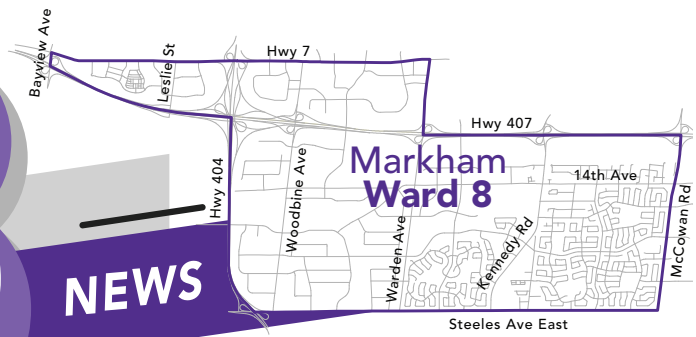




YOUR WARD

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Markham  
Ward 8

**Isa Lee** Ward 8 Councillor



Winter 2020

Dear Ward 8 Residents,

Happy New Year!

The year of 2020 has been filled with unprecedented challenges. It has taught us to adapt and make the best out of any scenario we may be faced with. While this year has been difficult for many, it has also united us in a way never seen before and our community has become stronger than ever.



*My team and I assembled care packages, which include Personal Protective Equipment, food and other essential items for residents.*

This was evident in the enthusiastic support of local businesses and organizations of my COVID-19 Care Package Giveaway. They offered products and items to the community without hesitation, and allowed me to gather enough PPEs, essential items, coupons and flyers for 1,500 Care Packages. Registration is currently still open for this Care Package Giveaway. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

In this pandemic, the way we connect has changed drastically. All meetings and events have gone virtual. In an effort to keep our residents informed and connected, I held a joint Crime Prevention Workshop with the Hagerman Corners Neighbourhood Watch Group and York Regional Police in November to ensure our residents are not only staying healthy, but also learn to protect themselves from any potential crimes in the neighbourhood. If you would like to watch the Crime Prevention Workshop, scan the QR Code below.



*I held a joint virtual Crime Prevention Workshop with Hagerman Corners Neighbourhood Watch Group and York Regional Police in November to ensure residents are doing what they can to prevent crime in their neighbourhoods.*

Our fight is not yet over. In this New Year, we must remain vigilant and continue to support one another. Let's be kind, and continue to practice good hygiene and social distancing.

Yours Sincerely,

*Isa Lee*

Councillor Isa Lee

Ward 8, City of Markham

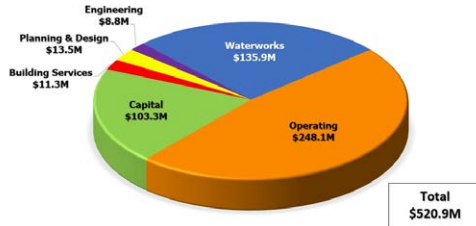


## MARKHAM APPROVES 0% PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

**Markham Council approved the City's 2021 budget of \$520.9M last month.**

The City anticipates 2021 will be a difficult year for the community and as a result, Council knew it was important to approve a zero per cent property tax rate increase. The budget preserves, and in some cases exceeds, current service levels, and continues investments in Council-approved priorities in a responsible manner. Some key critical investments include \$21M in flood control and stormwater management, \$12.4M in road construction, repairs and rehabilitation, and \$11.7M for new parks and trails.

In anticipation that COVID-19 will continue to impact many Markham property taxpayers in 2021, Markham Council approved a new Property Tax and Stormwater Fee Payment Deferral Program to support property owners who have been financially affected by COVID-19. This assistance is by application only and is meant to aid residential and business property owners who require payment flexibility throughout the 2021 taxation year. More information about this program and eligibility requirements can be found at [markham.ca/TaxRelief](http://markham.ca/TaxRelief)



financial burden in the pandemic; hence, I decided to run a COVID-19 Care Package Giveaway this year. Many businesses and organizations are struggling in this challenging climate. This care package includes a number of coupons and flyers to help promote these local business, non-profit organizations and service programs in our community.



*My team and I assembled care packages, which include Personal Protective Equipment, food and other essential items for residents.*



*1,500 Care Packages assembled and ready to be given out to residents.*

With the support of 105 Gibson Centre, I was able to organize a drive-thru pick-up in December to give out a portion of these care packages. After that, I also delivered a care package to each unit at Hagerman Corners and Tony Wong Place, two affordable housing buildings in Ward 8.

At this time, registration is still open, however supply is running low and will be given out at a first come, first basis while supplies last. Residents in Ward 8 can register for a care package by sending an email to [Ward8CommunityEvent@gmail.com](mailto:Ward8CommunityEvent@gmail.com) with their full name, address and phone number. Only one will be given out per household. Further instructions for pick-up will be given out at a later date.

## COUNCILLOR ISA LEE'S WARD 8 CARE PACKAGE GIVEAWAY

**REGISTER FOR YOUR WARD 8 COVID-19 CARE PACKAGE**

This year, in place of my annual BBQ, I wanted to create an event that would help keep everyone connected safely during the pandemic, and also provide assistance to our residents and promote local businesses.

As we are in the midst of the second wave of COVID-19, PPEs are absolutely indispensable. They can be difficult to find, and adding expense to families already having a heavy



*I held a contactless drive-thru for my Ward 8 COVID-19 Care Package Giveaway in December, and had the opportunity to meet with residents through their windows and load their packages directly into their trunks.*

## YORK UNIVERSITY MARKHAM CENTRE CAMPUS

Markham will be home to York Region's first public university campus, the largest university investment in the region.

Construction on the York University Markham Centre Campus has already begun, with doors set to open in the Fall of 2023.

The new campus will provide students with the necessary education, skills and training they need for the jobs of the future, further strengthening our position as a hub for innovation. A wide range of industry-focused academic programs will be offered in the areas of digital technologies, entrepreneurship, media and communications. It will provide students with workplace-based learning opportunities while they study and local job prospects when they graduate.

This state-of-the-art campus will be located in the heart of Markham Centre on Enterprise Boulevard, next to the Markham Pan Am Centre, and is a 5-minute walk to the Unionville GO station.

Receive Updates via [www.isalee.ca](http://www.isalee.ca)



**Video Camera Registry (VCR Program)**

The Security Camera Registry gives members of the community the option to let York Regional Police know they have installed residential or commercial security cameras which may assist police if a crime occurs in that area/community. The registry does not grant police direct access to your cameras--officers must still seek permission to view and use footage. For more information, please go to [yrp.ca/RegisterMyCam](http://yrp.ca/RegisterMyCam)

**CITY OF MARKHAM**

**Speed Display Boards**



Through the City's speed management program, speed advisory display boards help educate and modify driver behaviour by reducing vehicle speeds in problematic areas of our community. Using radar technology, the devices record approaching vehicle speeds and display it back to the driver. Most of our units are also equipped with variable messaging advising drivers to slow down when traveling at excessive speeds. Data collected from the display boards over the past several years has shown that, while deployed, vehicle speeds can be reduced by up to 20%.

For the January - March period, the City's 24 speed advisory display boards have been deployed to the priority locations listed below. (3 locations per ward):

WARD	STREET	SECTION
8	South Park Road	Between Saddle Creek Drive and Times Avenue
8	Randall Avenue	Between Cartmel Drive and Townley Avenue
8	Clayton Drive	Between Denison Street and Harvest Moon Drive

For more information on the program and location of other speed advisory display boards across Markham, please refer to the City's Traffic Engineering website at [www.markham.ca/traffic](http://www.markham.ca/traffic) and click on "Speed Management".

**Pathway Winter Maintenance Pilot Program**

This winter, the City of Markham will launch a new City-wide Pathway Winter Maintenance Pilot Program where one

pedestrian pathway in each of Markham's eight wards will be cleared of snow, salted and sanded. The Pilot Pathway location in Ward 8 this winter is the Milliken Mills Park from Milliken Meadows Drive to Milliken Mills Community Centre. The pilot program is a result of the 2019 Winter Maintenance Council Review and is one of the ways the City is encouraging people in the community to stay active and explore Markham during winter. Residents can share their feedback on [yourvoicemarkham.ca/Winter](http://yourvoicemarkham.ca/Winter). The Operations team will present findings to Council for review and recommendation in 2021.

For a list of other pathways that are included in this program visit [markham.ca/Winter](http://markham.ca/Winter).

**IT DOESN'T GO IN THE BLUE BOX OR GREEN BIN**

Help protect the environment by keeping Styrofoam and plastics out of landfill and our waterways!

Styrofoam containers that are not free from food remnants or liquids go in Clear Bag Garbage.

Markham residents can drop off clean Styrofoam at any Markham Recycling Depot. Styrofoam is collected, processed and recycled into new products, like picture frames and crown moulding.

**What's Accepted:**

- Food Containers - remove food, liquids and rinse clean before recycling
- Meat Trays (remove absorbent pads)
- Cups, bowls, plates
- Clamshell/burger box
- Egg cartons
- Takeout containers
- Large, rigid pieces of Styrofoam used as protective packaging for electronics and appliances (remove labels, tape and cardboard)

**Not Accepted – place these items in Clear Bag Garbage**

- Unwashed Styrofoam food containers
- Packing peanuts
- Flexible packing sheets
- Craft/florist foam
- Pool noodles



## WINTER PARKING DURING SNOW CLEARING

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.

Residents can expect snow clearing to begin at the start of any snowfall and continue for up to the next 24 hours. On-street parking can resume in accordance with City parking regulations once snow clearing operations are complete.

Vehicles parked on a city street during snow clearing operations will be ticketed and/or towed.

ROAD TYPE	When does the City start salting? Salt is only effective for temperature above -12°C	When does the City plow?	How much snow is that?	Hours needed for snow clearing after snow fall stop (in normal condition)
Primary	When snowfall begins	3 cm	Paper clip	2 hours
Secondary	When snowfall begins	5 cm	House key	3 to 12 hours
Local	When road condition is deemed slippery	7.5 cm at the end of snowfall	Bank card	12 to 16 hours

Use Markham's Winter Maintenance App on [Markham.ca/winter](http://Markham.ca/winter) to find out what type of road you live on.



*During this pandemic, one of the programs I assisted with was the Senior Gift Baskets Giveaway program organized by charitable organization Opera One.*



*Visited the COVID-19 testing session at Tony Wong Place held by Markham/Stouffville Hospital.*



*Cleaned up the garbage at Too Good Pond with the Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club to ensure our community is safe and clean for park users.*



*Since the pandemic started, the way we work has changed drastically. Our work continues with all meetings now happening virtually, much like this meeting with Markham's Advisory Committee on Accessibility.*



*Participated in the Donation Drive organized by Logos Baptist Church-Milliken.*



*I facilitated a donation of PPEs, generously donated by local businesses and organizations, to local non-profit St. Mary of Leuca Day Care Centre on Birchmount Rd and Risebrough Circuit.*



*The Neighbourhood Watch Program members and I visited Deib Crescent to connect and meet with concerned residents and promote the Neighbourhood Watch Program.*



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