

# Understanding your Water Bill

Did you know that Markham does not own or operate a water filtration plant or a wastewater treatment plant? Markham only manages local water distribution and wastewater collection. Markham purchases water through York Region who also provides Markham with wastewater treatment services.

The purchase price for water in Markham includes the Region's cost for water filtration and wastewater treatment services. York Region purchases water from the City of Toronto and from the Region of Peel. Our source water comes from Lake Ontario, and our wastewater is piped to a treatment facility in Durham and then released back to Lake Ontario.

Markham customers pay a per cubic metre rate (1,000 litres) for their water use. Included in this charge is:

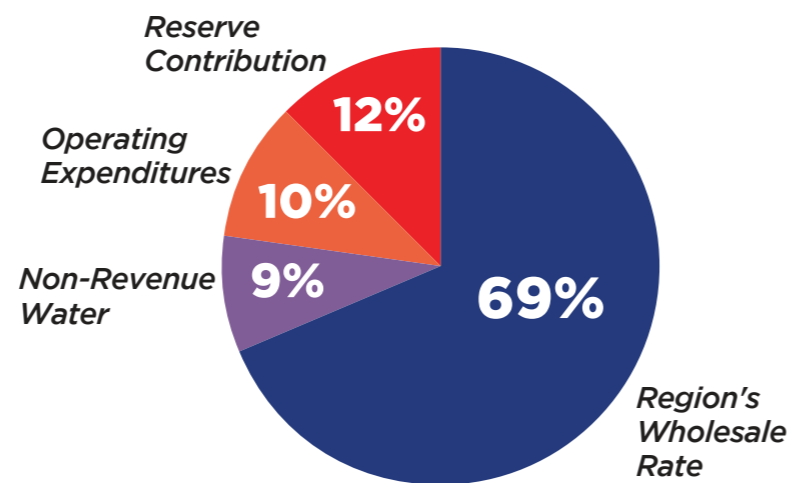
**Region Wholesale Rate** – The actual cost Markham pays to buy water from York Region

**Non-Revenue Water** – Cost of water that is used but not billed to the customer

**Operating Expenditures** – Funding needed to operate, upkeep and maintain the water and wastewater systems

**Reserve Contribution** – Funding used for long term infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement.

## Components of the Water/Wastewater Rate



## Protect your pipes.

**Examples of F.O.G.**

- Gravy/Sauces
- Salad Dressing

**Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) go in the Green Bin**

**NOT down your drain!**

[markham.ca/fogclogs](http://markham.ca/fogclogs)

## New Residents Association started in Grand Cornell

Good things happen when a group of neighbours join together to help improve their community.

Congratulations to the newly formed Grand Cornell Residents Association! The GCRA will be working to bring increased safety and improvements to Grand Cornell, including the implementation of a Neighbourhood Watch program.

Councillor Keyes participated in their first Community Safety meeting via Zoom in December.

For more information visit: [www.gcra.ca](http://www.gcra.ca)



Councillor Andrew Keyes joins YRP Const. Brian Hinds at the Grand Cornell Residents Association Community Safety Meeting

## Keep Ward 5 Beautiful!

While walking your pet off your property, be considerate to your neighbours and to those using our parks, pathways/trails and streets. Our parks are for residents to enjoy and for children to run and play, so please pick up after your pet.

**Ward 5 Markham**

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# Markham approves 0% property tax rate increase

On December 9th Markham Council approved the City's 2021 Budget of \$520.9M

The zero per cent property tax rate increase will help Markham property owners better weather these uncertain and challenging times the community continues to deal with during COVID-19. The budget preserves, and in some cases exceeds, current service levels, and continues investments in Council-approved priorities in a responsible manner as we remain prudent with our assets while we push forward towards pandemic recovery.

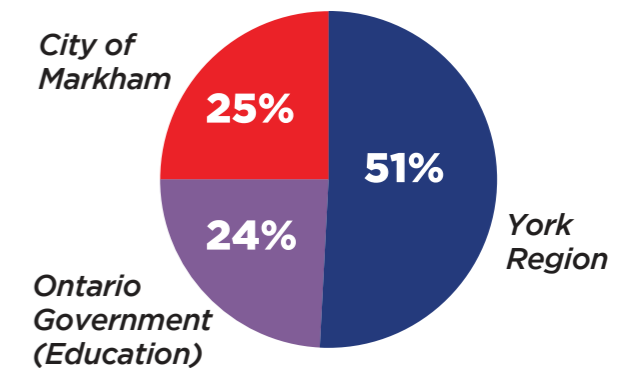


Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Budget Chief Councillor Amanda Collucci, and Budget Vice-Chair Councillor Andrew Keyes

## Where Your Property Taxes Go

Markham collects property taxes on behalf of York Region and the Province of Ontario. Residential property taxes support York Region and education with 51 per cent of all Markham taxes going to York Region. The City of Markham retains approximately 25 per cent of the taxes collected with the remaining 24 per cent going to the Province for education.

To read more on the 2021 Budget visit: [ward5markham.ca/budget-2021](http://ward5markham.ca/budget-2021)



# Ward 5 residents give back to the community

## 10,750 lbs of food collected by the Red Bag campaign

The Red Bag campaign of Cornell was started by our own Eric Stanciu and his parents while Eric was still a high school student. It has been so successful over the years because of YOU the incredible residents in Ward 5 - volunteering, picking up, dropping off, whatever was needed YOU were there.

This year an incredible 10,750 lbs of donations were delivered to the Markham Food Bank.

THANK YOU for caring and supporting the Red Bag campaign, and thank you to the Stanciu family for your initiative.



## Markham Yikang Seniors Club

The Markham Yikang Seniors Club has been organizing activities and helping residents in need through a number of events.

This past September Councillor Keyes was joined by MPP Helena Jaczek when they distributed hundreds of packages of PPE supplies to those in need.

