

# Grand Cornell Community Ice Rink

While the past two years has seen many restrictions placed on Markham's recreation facilities due to precautions related to the COVID pandemic, many Ward 5 residents have found other ways to get outside and enjoy their community.

The Grand Cornell Residents Association, with the help of Councillor Keyes and the City of Markham were able to organize the construction and maintenance of a community ice rink. The ice rink at the "clock tower park" was built and managed independently by volunteers in the Grand Cornell community.

## A community working together

The City of Markham supplied the water source, some funding assistance and will help with storage of materials. Councillor Keyes chipped in some funding and administrative support. All the rest of the work came from volunteers.

This was not only a great way to provide a recreational amenity for the community, but it also brought many neighbours together, and has helped inspire other future events.

You can find out more about the Grand Cornell Residents Association at: <http://www.gcra.ca>.



Councillor Andrew Keyes joins Grand Cornell Residents Association's Vilma Lazrado and Fred Wong recognizing the many volunteers.

If you'd like to find out more information about how you can organize a community ice rink in your neighbourhood next year please contact Michelle Gibbons at [mgibbons@markham.ca](mailto:mgibbons@markham.ca) or visit:

[www.ward5markham.ca](http://www.ward5markham.ca)



Some of the many community volunteers who helped construct and manage the Grand Cornell community ice rink this past winter.

## 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.

**Note:** Pet waste should be taken home and disposed of in your green bin. It does not belong in public parks.



# Ward 5 Public Parks are Taking Shape

I am so pleased to report the Cornell Community Park is approximately 65% complete and staff are anticipating completion by the end of July or mid-August. The soccer fields and baseball diamonds will be permitted once the field conditions allow, which is not likely this year, however, the washroom building and shade pavilion, pickle ball, tennis, basketball (multi-purpose), skate zone, playground and splash pad should all be open for use later this summer. Great News!

The Cornell Maintenance building (in Cornell Woodlot Park) is anticipated to be completed in May.

## New Park in Upper Greensborough

Blodwen Davies Park (Upper Greensborough Park) is anticipated to be open in July 2022 and will include tennis courts, shade structure, playground, passive lawn area, site furniture, pathways, and plantings. Another great recreation space.

The Grand Cornell basketball court has been in a holding pattern but I am happy to report our new Park Renaissance Planner should have design

plans ready for tender for late summer which means playing will begin next spring.

Thank you all for your patience as we continue to deliver more amazing recreation spaces in Ward 5.

## Curbside Waste Collection Changes

Blue box recyclables and green bin organics are now being collected in separate trucks and at different times. There are no changes to scheduling, so please continue to follow your regular collection schedule.

Ensure that all of your waste material is set out by 7AM on your collection day.



# Celebrating and Remembering



As Chair of Markham's Remembrance Day Committee, Councillor Keyes was honoured to join other dignitaries at ceremonies at the Markham Cenotaph commemorating Remembrance Day and the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong.



## Rhenish Church hosts First Annual Christmas Market

In December Councillor Keyes attended the first annual Christmas Market hosted by the Rhenish Church at Bur Oak and 16th Avenue.