

## Development projects we're watching

*Development has slowed, while applications proceed*

The City of Markham, like the rest of the country, has seen a considerable reduction in development construction activity over the last two years. This slow down has brought some welcome relief for buyers who are seeing some price reductions, but it has not helped on the supply side.

While construction and sales have slowed, we are still seeing some development applications come before Council, including a major application by 605918 Ontario Limited (Lawrence Litvack) for 8651 Ninth Line. The applicant is proposing to establish five development blocks, containing a total of 3,771 high rise apartment units, 13,944 square metres of commercial space, and a park block of 4,261 square metres.

While it is expected to take many years to complete the multiple phases proposed for this application, I expressed my concerns that the supporting transit infrastructure needed to support this increased population must be prioritized and advanced as soon as possible - before these buildings are completed.



For more information on Ward 5 developments visit:  
[ward5markham.ca/developments](http://ward5markham.ca/developments)

## 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.



## Have your say

**Your opinion matters - and it can make a difference.**

I'd like to hear from all residents. Let me know what you think the priorities should be for our community, or how you want our tax dollars spent. These questions and many more are waiting for your input at:

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# Ward 5 Markham

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Ward 5 Councillor Andrew Keyes

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## Bringing the World to Markham



As we head into a new year, I'd like to extend my best wishes and heartfelt gratitude to all Ward 5 residents. It has truly been a pleasure getting to know so many of you while serving our community over the past six years. As Markham has grown, so have the challenges—and my responsibilities as your Councillor.

In addition to representing the interests of Ward 5 residents, Mayor Scarpitti has entrusted me with several important new responsibilities.

### Chair of Destination Markham

Destination Markham is a relatively new organization with a clear mandate: to promote a positive image of our city and increase overnight stays. The economic benefits of these efforts are significant.

In September, we were thrilled to announce that the Honda Indy will make Markham its new home starting in August 2026. This will be the largest single event ever hosted in York Region and is

expected to generate more than \$50 million in annual economic impact for the region.

Last year, as Chair of Destination Markham Corporation, I signed an agreement with the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) to host its annual tournament in Markham for the next three years. In March 2024, we proudly hosted the league's 50th anniversary, welcoming more than 3,500 Indigenous athletes and spectators and generating nearly \$8 million in economic impact for the city.

### A World-Class Convention Centre

Destination Markham is also leading a comprehensive feasibility study to explore the development of a multi-use, state-of-the-art convention centre. This study will help Council better understand market demand, financial implications, and potential locations, while laying the groundwork needed to secure funding from senior levels of government and the private sector.

A decision to proceed with a project of this scale would only be made after careful consideration and extensive public input—a process that has only just begun.

Sincerely,

Andrew Keyes  
Councillor, Ward 5  
City of Markham

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