

FALL 2024

WARD 1 NEWS

UPDATE FROM **KEITH IRISH**,
YOUR MARKHAM WARD 1 COUNCILLOR



Dear Residents,

There is a lot happening in Thornhill over the next few weeks and months that I want you to be aware of. The details can be found below.

I also encourage you to visit the [MarkhamWard1.ca](https://www.MarkhamWard1.ca) website often, and the calendar of events on the home page in particular, to keep up to date on topics of interest to Ward 1 Thornhill residents.

With school back in session, it is also important for all road users – drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians – to slow down, walk or cycle safely, be alert and follow all road safety rules.

Please read until the end and kindly forward this email to anyone you know who may be interested.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith".

Upcoming Ward 1 Community Meetings & Events



September 2024

Thornhill Historical Society 50th Anniversary Celebration – Member Social

- September 11, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Heintzman House, 135 Bay Thorn Drive, Thornhill
- For more information, please email president@thornhillhistoric.org

Community Information Meeting hosted by Councillor Irish on Greenpark's application to redevelop 10 Royal Orchard Blvd. and 8051 Yonge Street.

- September 16, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Zoom only)

More information is available on MarkhamWard1.ca.



Community Information Meeting hosted by Councillor Irish on Bayview Limited Partnership's application to redevelop 8190 and 8200 Bayview Avenue.

- October 9, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Zoom only)

More information is available on MarkhamWard1.ca.

Happy Halloween at The Heintzman House

- October 31, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 135 Bay Thorn Drive, Thornhill

More information is available on Theheintzmanhouse.ca



Artisan Craft Show at The Heintzman House

- November 9 and 10, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Admission: \$5
- 135 Bay Thorn Drive, Thornhill

More information is available on Theheintzmanhouse.ca

Other – Dates to be Confirmed

Please check the calendar of events on MarkhamWard1.ca for details of the following meetings and events as they are finalized.

Bayview & John Visioning Exercise

The City of Markham will be conducting a visioning exercise in Q4, with opportunities for community input, to determine urban design, built-form and land uses of the Bayview Avenue/John Street area. Preliminary information can be [found here](#).

Development Proposal: Shops on Steeles and 404

The city is in receipt of Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications from Shoppes on Steeles Limited Partnership to redevelop the northeast corner of Steeles Avenue East and Don Mills Road known municipally as 2880 to 2930 Steeles Avenue East. The applications would facilitate a mixed-use community focused on three precincts across the 7.18-hectare (17.74-acre) site that include a retail hub, a 0.93-hectare (2.3-acre) central park, and condominiums.

The applications propose the development of 13 buildings ranging in height from eight to 59-storeys, consisting of 5,049 dwelling units, two levels of underground parking for 4,367 cars and 7,884 m² (85,000 sq. ft.) of commercial space. The Floor Space Index (FSI) is 5.51.*

In the event the application is approved, the build-out would occur in three distinct phases from west to east across the site and take nearly 30-years to be complete. The landowner has indicated the existing Food Basics grocery store will remain operational until such time as the new commercial space has been constructed and will then relocate to it.

I appreciate this comes as surprising news for the community. This is part of a larger trend of similar mixed-use development projects on sizeable parcels of land currently occupied by suburban shopping centres across the GTHA. For instance, there are redevelopment projects for Thornhill Square, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd./8051 Yonge Street, Centrepoint Mall, Promenade Mall, Fairview Mall and Markville either planned or already underway.

We are at the very beginning of the planning process and there will be opportunities for Ward 1 residents to comment on what is being proposed.

To that end, I anticipate a Statutory Public Meeting on this application will be held before year end. The purpose of this meeting is to receive feedback from members of the public on the proposal submitted. No decision has been made on this application, and a final decision will not be made at this meeting. Details of the meeting once finalized will be posted to the calendar of events on MarkhamWard1.ca.

For more information on this application, please contact Nusrat Omer, Senior Planner at the City of Markham at nomer@markham.ca. The files can also be viewed [here](#)

**The Floor Space Index (FSI) calculation is derived from the total floor area of the buildings divided by the area of the property. It is an indicator of density.*

Development Proposal: 16 – 30 Glen Cameron Road

The city is now in receipt of applications to amend both the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, submitted by Sunfield Glen Cameron Developments LP, to permit the redevelopment of the single family homes known municipally as 16 to 30 Glen Cameron Road.

The applications are to facilitate the development of two residential towers (44 and 47 storeys in height) consisting of 1,097 dwelling units, three levels of underground parking for 286 cars and no commercial space. The subject properties have a total area of approximately 0.48 ha (1.18 ac). The Floor Space Index (FSI) is 15.25.*

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Bahá'í National Centre Redevelopment

I anticipate a final Planning staff report on this application to come before a meeting of the city's Development Services Committee before year end. Please visit the calendar of events on MarkhamWard1.ca for details once they are available.

Traffic Closure: John Street to Southbound Yonge Street

I want you to be aware that the Region of York is planning a 4-week closure of the left turn lane at John Street and Yonge Street. Once the closure is in place, vehicles travelling westbound on John Street will not be able to turn southbound onto Yonge Street each day from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This closure is to allow for the re-location of a large concrete hydro duct bank in support of the Yonge North Subway Extension. There will also be lane restrictions on Yonge Street for this work; I do not expect those to extend much beyond the intersection with John Street.

Details and timing of the work, including traffic management and detours, are not finalized.

With 18K cars travelling John Street each day, this will be the most significant traffic interruption to date by Metrolinx in support of the subway project. This will undoubtedly put a heavy strain on other roads throughout Thornhill including Royal Orchard Blvd. (as well as Kirk Drive and Bay Thorn Drive), Johnson Street, Henderson Avenue, Elgin Street, Proctor Avenue, Clark Avenue, Morgan Avenue, Glen Cameron Road, Doncaster Avenue, Grandview Avenue and others running east/west (such as Woodward Avenue and Highland Park Blvd.) with a connection to Yonge Street.

Yonge Corridor Secondary Plan

While no further opportunities for public engagement are scheduled in 2024, you can continue to provide feedback and comments on [this project here](#).

There will be opportunities for more public engagement in 2025. Please visit the calendar of events on [MarkhamWard1.ca](#) for details once they are available.



Contact Centre

If you have an issue regarding municipal services, programs and general inquiries (by-law complaints, garbage pick-up, graffiti, illegal dumping, property standards) please contact the city at [905-477-5530](tel:905-477-5530) or customerservice@markham.ca.

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If you would like to continue to receive news then no action is required on your part. We look forward to keeping you informed!



Keith Irish

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can accomplish extraordinary things"*

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