

MARKHAM INFORMATION

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WE DID IT!

As Mayor of The Town of Markham, I want to express my deep appreciation and pride in the support our Town received for its drive to keep a mega-dump out of Markham.

So many of you helped on so many levels. My congratulations go to Markham Council, Town staff, our technical and legal consultants, our Citizens Advisory Committees in Phases I and II of the campaign. I also want to thank the many individual members of our residential and business communities for their lobbying to keep Markham free of one of North America's largest dump sites.

Our efforts more than made Markham's case against a dump -- first in Phase I when we persuaded the Interim Waste Authority to remove the M3 site in Unionville from consideration -- and then in Phase II when the IWA accepted our submissions detailing why the M6 site in Locust Hill was no place to put a dump.

I also wish to extend Markham's thanks to all the levels of government in other Ontario jurisdictions that joined Markham in opposing a Metro Toronto-York Region dump in our Town.

Thank you all. We did it. We couldn't have done it without you and the countless hours you spent keeping a dump from being built in The Town of Markham.

Frank Scarpitti
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 Mayor

GOOD NEWS ON SNOW CLEARANCE

The Town of Markham will clear all sidewalks of snow and ice this winter.

The Town is able to do so because it negotiated the best possible contract at the best possible price -- less than \$10 per household.

The Chairman of the Works Committee, Ron Maheu, stated: "Our fiscal approach in the Town has been to ensure that all of the services we provide residents are required and provided at the best possible price. Winter snow clearing of sidewalks fits in perfectly with these plans."

The result will be safer streets for everyone, which will also make access to public transit services easier.

Ontario's new policy dealing with transit accessibility states that all public transit services must be accessible to persons with physical disabilities. This initiative requires that sidewalks be kept clear of snow and ice to permit those using wheelchairs and scooters to use conventional transit services. All new transit vehicles will be of low-floor design to accommodate mobility aids.

When you compare the cost to residents and businesses of clearing public sidewalks abutting their property of snow and ice with the low price the Town of Markham was able to negotiate, having the Town clear all public sidewalks makes economic sense.

Thank you for your help last winter. This winter, the Markham Works Department will do the job for you.

GRANT FOR MODEL COMMUNITY

Markham's recent announcement to embark on the innovative waste reduction project entitled, "The Model Community Waste Minimization Demonstration Project" will serve as the waste management blueprint for the Town and for the Province.

In partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Energy, that has committed \$543,100 towards this endeavour, the Town will demonstrate that it is possible to achieve a 75% diversion from landfill, while realizing a 30% reduction of waste management costs, and at the same time, maintain full public acceptance and participation.

During the twelve month period targeted to commence in May, 1994, approximately 3,500 households from the Unionville area will be involved in the dynamic process of testing various "green" products and material collection systems. Residential participation and feedback are essential to the process of molding the waste management systems of the future.

Markham Council has recently awarded a contract to have an innovative collection vehicle built that will reduce the number of vehicles required to pass each residential pick-up point. It will collect a greater amount and variety of material. The proposed system includes the collection of organic (yard/kitchen) material weekly in one chamber, while alternating weekly between recyclables and dry refuse in other the compartment.

To date, the public response within the demonstration area has been overwhelming, 90% of the residents in the area responded to the Town's Waste Management Questionnaire. Results of the survey allowed the Town to gather relevant information regarding present waste management behaviour. For example, individuals were asked to state what types of information would be beneficial in helping them to maximize their recycling practices. Data was also tabulated, illustrating exactly how individuals dispose of a variety of items, and what their preference is towards alternate disposal options.

The construction of a new collection vehicle and the implementation of the residential survey are only the two components of the comprehensive Model Community Demonstration Project. Other issues presently being addressed include innovative composting options, as well as the incorporation of suitable material collection mechanisms into the program (i.e. plastic bags, paper bags, jute bags, bins, etc.). Finally, an emphasis has also been placed on providing a comprehensive educational component within the program to ensure that all residents are aware of the waste strategies soon to be implemented in their area.

WE GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR YOU.



Easy On Your Wallet. Easy On The Environment.

Taking transit regularly instead of the car can save you thousands of dollars a year in maintenance, gas and parking. What's more, it's good for the environment, because one bus can replace as many as 50 cars. And it leaves you free to relax and read the paper or look at the scenery, instead of fighting the traffic.

Your Multi Pass To Savings.

Any fare on our system automatically allows you to transfer free between Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan transit systems. It also gives you free passage on the Yonge and Bayview GO Buses. For people who want to cut the cost of riding regularly even more, we offer the Multi Pass. It gives you one low monthly rate, with an unlimited number of trips. Student passes are also available at discounted rates.



Meeting The Challenges Of Easier Access.



Our Mobility Buses are the cornerstone of our strategy for making travel more accessible to people with disabilities. We now have five radio-dispatched vehicles, complete with automatic lifts and/or ramps. Plus we're adding new Easier Access Buses on Route 1. These special vehicles have dozens of features which make them easier to use for everybody. For example, a front kneeling suspension, larger destination signs and priority seating are just some of the special features of Easier Access.

Expanded Transcab Service.

During off-peak hours, we offer Transcab services along four convenient routes. Transcab is more efficient for riders and it saves our system money during low-demand periods. It's all part of Markham Transit's commitment to going the extra mile for our patrons. Because we're part of the community, and we want to make it better for everyone.



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