

Nov 2013 Newsletter

Unionville Ratepayers Association



Christmas Party (December 11th)

Our next regularly scheduled meeting, **Monday December 2, 2013 has been cancelled**, due to the special council meeting being held that night on the Arena (details below). Instead, we will be having a Christmas party/reception for members and the community on **Wednesday December 11 at Varley Art Gallery**. Details to follow.

URA Board of Directors and Officers

At our AGM on November 4, the following Directors were elected: Brian Brewer, Donna Day, Gene Genin, Keing Ly, Reid McAlpine, Peter Miasek, Jeff Morris, Alick Siu and Dave Wilson.

At a subsequent Directors' meeting, the following Table Officers were elected: President – Peter Miasek, Vice President – Alick Siu, Treasurer – Brian Brewer, Secretary – Dave Wilson.

The Board thanks Jeff Morris for his work as President. Jeff had indicated that he preferred to step down as President, due to pressure of work. Jeff remains on the Board as Past President.

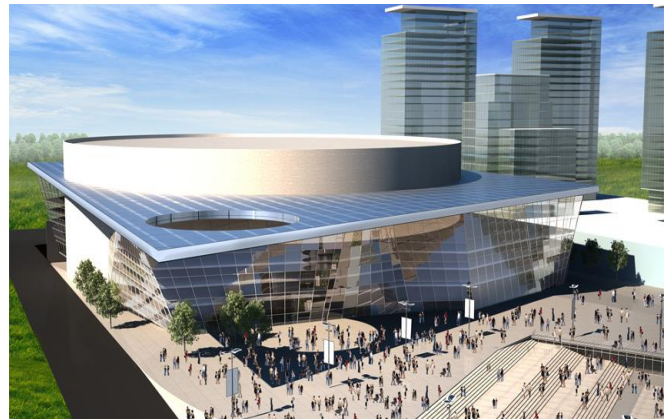
As incoming President, I would like to thank all returning Directors and extend a special welcome to Keing Ly, who was elected for the first time, and to Alick Siu, who was elected Vice President. We have a strong board that will continue to lead our Association forward.

Peter Miasek

Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre MSECC ("Arena")

A special council meeting has been scheduled to discuss a motion regarding the proposed MSECC. It will be on Monday, Dec 2, 2013 from 7:00 to 11:00pm at the Hilton Suites at Highway 7/Warden. If required, an additional meeting will be held December 3 at the same location and time.

There has been extensive discussion that a revised financial framework is soon to be released to the public by the City. Your board is following this matter extremely closely, and will advise the membership of status and any material developments as soon as we are aware of them.



Upcoming Events

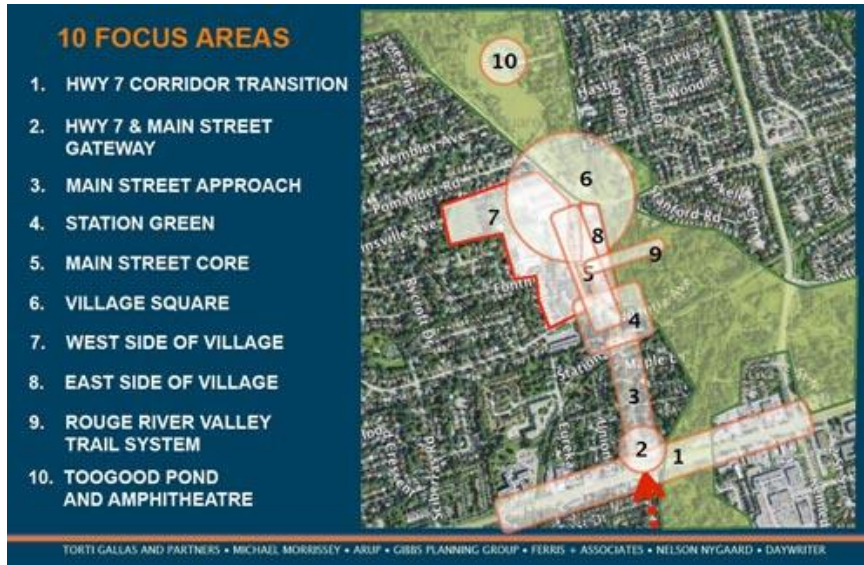
Markham Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, Nov 30 11am to 1pm
Main Street Markham (Markham Rd. & Hwy 7)

Olde Tyme Christmas

Candlelight Parade
Friday Dec 6 at 7pm on Main Street Unionville

Main Street Unionville Community Vision “Charrette” follow up



As you know, a Post Charrette public information meeting was held on November 7. Three hubs and one landmark were discussed in detail. The hubs are: (1) Station Green Hub – Train Station/Stiver Mill and Farmers’ Market, (2) Village Square Sports and Cultural Hub – Main Street & Carleton Road (3) Gateway Hub – Main Street & Hwy 7. The landmark is the Mid-street Access Point – Parkette. The consultants’ presentation will be on the City website soon. It was indicated that a second public meeting would be held within 60 days on the remaining parts of the study area.

Our colleagues at Unionville Villagers Association (UVA) are holding a Q&A session with the consultants at their next meeting, Monday November 18 at 7:00pm – 8:00pm at the Old Train Station. URA members are welcome to attend and ask questions.

The consultants indicated they were looking for citizens to join “focus groups” or “sounding boards” on the above 4 areas. These groups would meet with the consultants between now and mid-January to review ideas in detail and provide comment. If any URA member is interested in joining such a group for one or more of these areas, please let us know and we will coordinate setting up the groups.

The Presidents of URA and UVA sent a joint letter to the City supporting the broad directions that have been established for the 4 areas and providing some specific suggestions, That letter will be posted on our website soon. www.unionvilleratepayers.com

What is the URA ?

A non-partisan association of the residents of Unionville

- 📄 Boundaries: Warden Ave. to McCowan Rd. and Sixteenth Ave. to Hwy 407
- 📄 Founded in 1974 to protect the interests of the community
- 📄 Registered with the Province of Ontario and the Town of Markham

What does URA do ?

- 📄 Stays current on events, activities and issues in Unionville
- 📄 Keeps our members informed through regular email broadcasts and monthly meetings (with guest speakers on hot topics)
- 📄 Ensures our residents’ views are known and communicated to local, regional and provincial government officials and representatives
- 📄 Provides information sheets on our website on active committees
- 📄 Organizes special events (e.g. All-Candidates meetings during elections, issue based meetings)

Join Us !!

Your voice
Makes our voices stronger

For more membership info, please go to our web site
<http://www.unionvilleratepayers.com/membership.htm>