



**Congratulations to our
Elected Representatives!**

With the municipal election now behind us, URA congratulates our elected representatives – Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Regional Councillors Nirmala Armstrong, Jim Jones and Joe Li, Ward 3 Councillor Don Hamilton, and School Board trustees Billy Pang, Carol Cotton, Francois Guerin and Caroline Bourret. We also wish to thank all candidates that ran in this election for their commitment and participation in the democratic process.

URA was pleased to play a role in the election – hosting all-candidate meetings for Regional and Ward 3 Councillor, and posting candidate responses to our questions on our website.

URA looks forward to four more years of working together with these representatives and the rest of Markham Council on the important issues and opportunities facing Markham, including transportation (all facets), growth management, Unionville Main Street vision, York University campus, Council transparency and social infrastructure.

**November 3 (7:00 PM) Annual General
Meeting and Members Meeting
Stiver Mill**

This will be a two part meeting, an AGM followed by a regular members meeting. We are meeting at the Stiver Mill, on Station Lane just west of Main Street near the tracks. This Mill has recently been restored by the City.

(a) Annual General Meeting 7:00 to 7:30

Our Annual General Meeting will have the typical agenda – reports from the President, Treasurer and Membership Director, election of Directors for upcoming year, and new business, if any.

The Directors are proposing two constitutional amendments for ratification by the members:

a) THAT Article IV (Clause 1) of the URA Constitution be revised by deleting the last sentence which reads “A member may be a Director for a maximum of 7 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.”, in its entirety.

As proposed, Clause 1 would read :

The Board of Directors shall be elected from and by the Voting Membership at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Chair of the Annual General Meeting shall appoint a “Chief of Election” to supervise the election process. The term of office shall be one year. A Director must be a Voting Member for a minimum of one year prior to being elected. ~~A member may be a Director for a maximum of 7 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.~~

b) THAT Article IV (Clause 2) of the URA Constitution be revised by deleting the last sentence which reads "A member may be a Table Officer for a maximum of 5 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.", in its entirety.

As proposed, Clause 2 would read :

2. Within 30 days of their election, the Board of Directors shall meet to elect the four Table Officers (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the following year. ~~A member may be a Table Officer for a maximum of 5 consecutive years and a total of 10 years, effective as of November, 2007.~~

The Directors are recommending these amendments in order not to limit the continued involvement of members who are engaged and informed of the key issues, and have the ability to significantly contribute to the Association. These limitations are not in the best interest of URA.

The URA constitution allows up to 12 Directors (including Past President). Currently we have 8 Directors. As always, we welcome individuals who are interested in running for a Director position. Nominations can be made from the floor during the AGM.

(b) Regular Members meeting immediately after AGM

Our regular members meeting will focus on the Unionville Main Street Vision Plan. We will review the consultant's Concept Master Plan as presented at a public meeting on June 10, 2014, and currently posted on the City website. We will receive input from our members and the public before we submit our final comments to Council. This is in preparation for anticipated Council resolutions in mid-November.

We anticipate an interesting evening. Following an

overview presentation, the audience will be divided into small groups and rotate through 5 stations – Highway 7 Gateway, Stiver Mill, Village Core East Side, Village Core West Side and Village Square/Toogood Pond. Comments (positive, negative and questions) from individuals or groups will be received at each station. Individuals can rotate back to earlier stations to review comments and support-vote.

Following this session, the Directors will review all comments and prepare draft amalgamated comments for review by members prior to submission to Council.

We encourage members to review the consultant's final plan on the City website. It can be found at www.markham.ca, under "Major City Projects", "Main Street Unionville Precinct Master Plan", "Documents, News and Resources".

After our meeting, Bob Stiver, a member of the Unionville Village Conservancy, has offered to conduct a tour of the Stiver Mill.

**URA/UVA Christmas Party
December 1st (Monday)**

Please reserve this date for our second annual URA/UVA joint Christmas party. Details to follow.

