



June 2015 Newsletter

Best Wishes for the Summer!!

URA wishes its members and adherents all the best for the summer of 2015! Please be sure to enjoy the many summer activities in our local community, including:

- Thursday Nights at the Unionville Bandstand 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm every Thursday
- Stiver Mill Farmers' Market, every Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Unionville Canada Day Celebration
- Markham Canada Day Celebration and Fireworks (Milne Park)
- Pan Am Games, July 10 to 26 (see below)
- Markham Globalfest July 11 to 19 (see below)
- Night It Up! July 24 to 26 (Markham Civic Centre)
- Parapan Am Games August 7 to 15 (see below)
- Markham Jazz Festival, August 13 to 16

Next Members' Meeting in September

Following our usual practice, URA will not convene members' meetings during the summer. However, we will keep members updated on important issues, if any, using email notes.

Minutes from our last meeting of June 1, 2015 will be posted on the URA website soon.



Pan Am and Parapan Am Games in Markham

Markham is one of the largest venues for the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. The following events are being held in Markham, nice and close to Unionville.

- Water Polo, July 7 to 15 at the Pan Am Centre, 16 Unionville Main Street South
- Badminton, July 11 to 16 at the Pan Am Centre
- Golf, July 16 – 19 at Angus Glen GC, on Kennedy Rd. just north of Major Mac
- Table Tennis, July 19 to 25 at the Pan Am Centre
- Para Table Tennis, August 8 to 13 at the Pan Am Centre

Come and watch top international athletes! Tickets are very reasonably priced for most events, and are available at Toronto2015.org. Remember, parking at the Pan Am Centre will be extremely limited, so walk, cycle or take transit.

Markham Globalfest July 11 - 19

In conjunction with the Pan Am games, an open-to-all outdoor festival is being held right outside the Pan Am Centre, 16 Unionville Main Street South. With over 95 shows and 600 local, national and international artists performing over 9 days, as well as Global Food and an Artisan's Village, this is York Region's largest-ever multicultural festival. Visit markham.ca for schedule details

York University Update

As stated in our May newsletter, on May 21, the Province announced that Markham had been selected for the establishment of a new university campus, in partnership with York University and Seneca College. At our June members' meeting, questions were raised as to what Markham's obligations are.

Markham Council has set up a York University Markham Campus Committee. Staff presented to this committee on June 15. Markham's contributions specific to this new campus will be:

- Conveyance by Markham to York University of a 5 acre site for nominal consideration. These lands are just west of the Pan Am centre.
- Provide sufficient parking to comply with zoning requirements, to a maximum of 1000 spaces for phase 1, at the City's cost or in partnership with a third party. Parking revenue will be to the account of the City or the third party operator.
- Provide opportunity for the campus to hook up to Markham District Energy (as with all developments in Markham Centre).
- Provide access to auxiliary services required, such as the Pan Am centre and Bill Crothers Secondary School fields, presumably with lease payments to the City.

Additionally, York Region has committed \$25M to York University for this development.

GO Train Anti-Horn Program

As per our May newsletter, a Working Group meeting was held May 27 to review the engineering study on the required facilities and costs to institute "no horn" practices in Markham, as well as to discuss risk and liability considerations. URA has two representatives on the Working Group. The meeting was well attended by Councillors and residents. Although a good discussion was held, especially on liability, we were disappointed that the engineering report actually had not yet been received by Markham. This made the discussion on that aspect rather academic.

URA has obtained a commitment from staff to hold another Working Group meeting in August, when the reports are completed, and prior to a staff presentation to Council in September.

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 City 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 on our website on active issues
- ✓ Organizes special events (e.g. All-Candidates meetings during elections, issue based meetings)

Join Us!!

Your Voice Makes Our Voice Stronger

For more membership info, please go to our web site

<http://www.unionvilleratepayers.com/membership.htm>

