

Response from Yan Wang, Candidate for Markham Ward 2 City Councillor

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Thank you for reaching out to me. Please see my position according to your concerns below:

1. I agree that plans are susceptible to changing circumstances. We need to consider all the potential circumstances during the planning stage to save unnecessary time and cost. As your representative, I seek to conduct rigorous and comprehensive assessments of the benefits and impacts of high-density developments and the corresponding transportation methods needed to minimize the effect on the current traffic patterns. Also, I believe the perspective and input of Markham residents are crucial in facilitating better planning and decision-making. Therefore, I will encourage and reflect upon the voices of the residents.
2. The city of Markham is under rapid growth and development. More individuals and families will seek residence within the city of Markham. Thus, creating new legal housing units will increase Markham's capacity and preparedness for sustainable growth and prosperity in the future. At the same time, as an elected official, I will also keep in mind and attend to the needs and concerns of current residents of Markham.
3. Climate change is a serious threat to the well-being of residents in Markham. I advocate balance and sustainability for developments in Markham. The sustainable conservation of green spaces, parks, green roofs, and trees are all essential to balance the environmental impacts of development and ensure a healthy community for the residents.
4. Conservation of Greenlands, Water Resources, and Agricultural Systems is a priority. These areas are important heritages of Markham and fundamental to the environment. Developments are unjustifiable unless the needs of residents are at stake.

Thank you again!