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**Subject:** FW: Flag Raising

**From:** Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** Kitteringham, Kimberley; Mayor Frank Scarpitti - Markham  
**Subject:** Fwd: Flag Raising

Amanda Yeung Collucci  
Markham Ward 6 Councillor  
Chair of Budget Committee  
Chair of Canada Day Celebration

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**From:** Derek Wu  
**Date:** February 10, 2020 at 10:25:58 AM EST  
**Subject:** Flag Raising  
**To:** Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham

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Dear Councilor Amanda Cullucci,

"We are here to support flag raising for all countries in the city properties of City of Markham. We are not here to support any particular organizations or countries and government. Inclusion, multiculturalism, harmony and mutual respects are the core elements we observe. Council of Markham has no mandate to act as the mediator or panel judge for some foreign group political differences. Chamber of Markham is not an arena for foreign political power to flex their struggles. Policies shall not be changed merely to please one group but upset the other group."  
Our councilors are elected to promote municipality affairs but not involve in foreign politics. Foreign affairs are the responsibility of our Federal government.

Regards,

Derek Wu  
President  
Chinese Canadian Civic Alliance

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**Subject:**

FW: Flag raising issue - Council meeting - Tuesday, Feb 11/2020 - 1pm

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**From:** David McBeth**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 12:24 PM**To:** Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham; Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham; Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham; Mayor Scarpitti; Councillor, Isa Lee - Markham; Regional Councillor, Jack Heath – Markham; Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham; Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham; Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham; Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham; Councillor, Khalid Usman – Markham; Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham**Cc:** Kitteringham, Kimberley**Subject:** Flag raising issue - Council meeting - Tuesday, Feb 11/2020 - 1pm

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The subject item is on agenda and as you know a "hot topic" for residents and which evolved directly from the flag raising of last fall involving the flag of China.

The recent committee discussion on the item led to a split vote on the associated motion.

My personal submission on the item sent earlier under separate email reflects my being in favour/support of the motion .

Personal community discussion indicates that the greater percentage/majority of residents are in fact also **in support** of the motion.

It is my suggestion (personal view) that, **you**, as representative of the residents of Markham prior to making a decision as to your vote on the motion that you contact/survey your ward residents and "consider" the findings of that survey.

Yes, your personal beliefs/feelings on the item do come into consideration; you do **also** represent the residents at Council. I do suggest your resident do however take precedence in the overall consideration.

Perhaps a deferral of the vote/item to permit a resident City-wide survey/referendum would be appropriate at this time.

Regards,

David McBeth

"Thanks for your time"

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**Subject:** FW: Markham Council meeting on February 11, 2020 Agenda 8.2.4  
**Attachments:** markham council Feb 11.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Ben Leung  
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 9:09 AM  
To: Mayor Scarpitti; Clerks Public; Kitteringham, Kimberley  
Cc: Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham; Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham; Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham; Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham; Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham; Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham; Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham; Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham; Councillor, Khalid Usman - Markham  
Subject: Markham Council meeting on February 11, 2020 Agenda 8.2.4

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Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Kimberley

Good morning.

I am a concern business resident in Markham. I have registered myself to speak during the council meeting this afternoon under submission confirmation 244210713416. Due to work, I may not able to wait for my opportunity to speak even I will be in the meeting room today. I would sincerely request you to include my attached message into your meeting material for today.

Best regards

Ben Leung

Honourable Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Respectful Regional  
Councillors and Councillors of City of Markham

My name is Benedict Leung, a former resident of Hong Kong and Markham with strong ties to Markham. My CPA firm, Leung & B Company, has a branch in Markham. Out of my 9 full time employees, 4 are residents of Markham.

In 2015, I worked with the City of Markham to form the “Hall of Fame of Hong Kong Residents in Markham”. I am also a co-founding and president of Fair and Responsible Governance Alliance (FARGA). We overturned a city by-law passed by City of Toronto in the court in 2012. The Supreme Court of Ontario had awarded my Alliance about \$80,000.00 legal fees as Toronto City Councillors shall not make any decisions beyond their mandate.

I also led trade Mission to China to promote business in Markham.

Mayor and Councillors, staff from Markham Economic Department were the delegates of these trade missions in 2008, 2012 and 2015.

I spoke in this podium for a few times before, on different issues. I learned from my experience that all decision makers in this room have a predetermined set of minds before voting. My speech may never have been part of their considerations to vote. Regardless, I have to give you my position. I am here not to challenge your belief. City of Markham is allowed to operate under the Ontario Provincial municipal Act. This council shall put municipal affairs as their priority. I have reviewed the records of your last committee meeting. Council had spent some of its valuable time to entertain some foreign political issues. Foreign affairs shall be handled on the federal level. This council shall not be an arena to judge on foreign political differences. We are not here to please a group at the expenses of another group of Markham residents. Flag raisings for all nations are a tradition of Markham and Markham residents are very happy about it for decades. Removing this tradition to

please someone dislike flag raisings would hurt group who love this tradition and destroy harmony in Markham community. Markham is proud of its diversity. Multiculturalism is our core value and attracts many global residents and business to this region.

I love Canada. I love Markham. I love HK as well. I have knowledge about HK as I spent my life there before migrating to Canada. I travel between HK and Canada frequently. HK is part of China. It is an undeniable fact. This council shall not be involved in any affairs that they may not have complete and in-depth knowledge about its background. I trust our federal government shall have better knowledge and capabilities to launch its decision on Foreign affairs or political alliances. Municipal government shall focus on its mandates to look after the well beings of residents in Markham.

To conclude my message, I would suggest this council to keep its hands off from this issue as it is beyond your jurisdictions and authority. This motion in your agenda under 8.2.4 shall be removed immediately from

this meeting. Any further discussion of this motion was motivated by political point of views and belief. This council shall not visit this issue merely on the expression of foreign political agenda.

Thanks you.