

From: Elaine Wilton
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>
Cc: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>
Subject: Upgraded Street Plan for Unionville

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I am a resident of Unionville and have been for 56 years. I am tired of Council short changing Main Street Unionville by not enforcing heritage bylaws, by showing neglect for the condition of the street, etc. I want council to spend the amount of money needed to make a sustainable street and not have to come back in a few years and ask for more to repair what should have been done well in the first place. Please give us value for dollars spent, especially as we are a main attraction for tourists and visitors and are also a rare entity in that many old villages have been destroyed and we are losing our heritage and history at an alarming rate.

Please do the right thing and spend what is needed to complete a job well and eliminate the need for any further disruptions to traffic and businesses on Main Street Unionville.

Mrs. Elaine Wilton

From: D INKPEN

Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:18 PM

To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>; Lake Trevelyan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Unionville Street Plan

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Mayor and Councilors of Markham,

I have lived in Unionville for over 50 years. In that time Unionville has developed from a quaint village to a major tourist attraction. The street has certainly changed and is in need of a major make over plan. I have reviewed the reasons for the choice of the number 5 option from the UVA and am in total agreement with this plan. We only have one chance to do this well.

Thank You,
Wilma Inkpen
1 Rycroft Drive
Unionville L3R 2J7



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Planning to reconstruct Main Street in Unionville has been underway for several years. The Unionville Villagers Association has been consulted throughout the process. Our members have consistently expressed a positive opinion and voted in favour of what at one time was called the “Enhanced Plan” being considered by Development Services Committee and Markham City Council.

Critical infrastructure decisions have a long life. The decision to adopt a plan for a historically representative streetscape will provide a streetscape canvas that will continue to differentiate Unionville and City of Markham. This street is a major tourist attraction in City of Markham and York Region, helping to draw more than 1,000,000 visitors annually to the City. This jewel deserves to be presented in the best light. Decisions made today will have a 40 + year life. This is a decision that can continue to support Unionville and City of Markham as highly desirable places to be.

In addition to making Main Street Unionville a beautiful place for residents and business owners, adopting Treatment 3A which replaces asphalt with interlocking brick pavers will support local tourist attractions on and beyond Main Street. The cities we have shown in our power point all eliminate Asphalt when highlighting their showplace Streets. Varley Art Gallery, local hotels, local restaurants, and other small businesses in City of Markham will benefit from all efforts to increase the foot traffic coming to Markham.

Furthermore, creating a beautiful place to visit and walk will be attractive to employers. University students will demand to stay and work in places that are attractive and human-scaled. Continuing to support Main Street Unionville as one of the most popular public spaces in City of Markham will benefit the entire City.

Most importantly, these benefits can be captured at a very small incremental capital and operating cost – less than \$20,000 per year by choosing Treatment #3A produces a place that will continue to give Markham a strong reputation as a City that promotes walking and gives its citizens warm, inviting public spaces.

The purpose of Unionville Villagers Association’s is to Promote, Protect and Preserve the Heritage of this unique Village within a City. Adopting Treatment 3A is entirely consistent with advancing our heritage tradition. An Asphalt roadway does not!

For that reason, we strongly support and recommend Treatment 3A as presented by staff. Lets create Main Street Unionville and Markham a true Sense of Place

From: Duskwood Ink <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 11:45 AM
To: Clerks Public <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Main Street Unionville Streetscape Revitalization

Mr. Mayor, Councillors and Staff,

My name is Alison Zou, and I am the business owner of Duskwood Ink at 139 Main Street Unionville, unit 105.

Unionville has long been recognized by many as The Tourism Core of York Region. As such, it should feature beautiful and pedestrian-friendly streets with shaded sidewalks, heritage-style functioning lamp posts and well-taken care of heritage buildings. Currently this is not the case, with crumbling streets and sidewalks, lamp posts that will not light up with decades-old wiring, and a general lack of vision with landscaping and heritage feeling.

That is why I am writing today to support Staff Option #3A in the Revitalization of Main Street Unionville. As an active UBIA member and landlord on the street, I want the solution that provides our street with the most unique, heritage-like look and feel - something that will continue to highlight our amazing shops, restaurants and services. The brick pavers along the entire street, sidewalks and boulevards will encourage even more pedestrian activity. Main Street should not be seen as a quick thoroughfare to use instead of Kennedy Road, it should be seen as a spot where you walk first, drive second.

We understand that we, as business owners, need to do our part in this Revitalization. I am committed to ensuring my storefront is maintained to the best of my ability and that I work with my landlord to keep our building looking its best at all times.

Option #3A will strengthen Main Street's "sense of place" and bring nothing but success and recognition to MARKHAM, not just Unionville. It will continue to hold its standing as a unique heritage district where people want to come together with friends and family, all year long.

Thank you

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