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**To:** Mayor, Councillors & C.A.O; Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

**Subject:** Fwd: Council Meeting December 13 - Item 9 - Motions

Dear Mayor & Councillors,

Please, attach below email I sent on Tuesday December 12, 2023, to Tuesday's DSC meeting January 23, 2023 - item 10.1.

Thank you,

Elisabeth Tan

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**From:** Elisabeth Tan

**Date:** Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 9:53 PM

**Subject:** Council Meeting December 13 - Item 9 - Motions

**To:** Mayor, Councillors & C.A.O. CC: Lyons, Darryl; <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

Dear Mayor & Members of Council,

Please, attached this letter to the Council meeting on December 13 - item 9 - Motions

Is the December 12 DSC meeting item 10.1 going to be discussed in tomorrow's Council Meeting - item 9 (Motions)? If so, please oppose the motion!

People are not comparable with computers.

Burying creeks and ponds is a crazy idea and please read the links about Livable & Sustainable Communities I sent you earlier.

How can you even propose that paving everything and having a vertical sprawl is creating a Complete Community with Live, Work and Play?

Most traffic in Markham is local or Regional traffic. Not everyone is going downtown, especially with the recent hybrid work model, where people can work from home.

Even if we have a BRT in our Markville area, people will not take it. It will be a waste of money, since parents dropping off kids, seniors and people going places where no buses are running, are going in their cars! Our weather can be either too cold or too hot to walk and wait for transit.

It is not realistic to think Markhamites are taking transit. With a frequent subway network they may do that if they are traveling alone.

How many of you are taking transit or the GO train to City Hall or other appointments?

Widening roads will increase traffic after a few years: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/06/us/widen-highways-traffic.html>

And we are far away from a Complete Community! Small patches of grass won't make a Community Complete, while you are taking shops and services away from car-centric neighbourhoods and replacing those plazas with high-rises. Medical Centres and social hubs like coffee shops and restaurants are removed from the area? Are you talking about walkable Communities, where people can walk and bike everywhere?

Markhamites love to go to big SmartCentres, where they do all their errands in one stop.

We need a workshop about Complete Communities and Complete Streets!

Please, stop all this nonsense! Residents are voting you in, so they can go on with their hectic lives and not have to attend Council meetings or write emails!

We trust you study Complete Communities before suggesting motions that will create unlivable communities.

Thank you,

Elisabeth Tan