

Subject:

FW: Plans for Arena

From: Umesh Rao

**Sent:** September-26-13 4:44 PM **To:** Contact Centre Customer Service

Subject: Plans for Arena

To: The Management team,

Markham City Council,

Markham, ON.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this to express my disapproval of the proposed plans to fund an NHL size arena in Markham. This needs to be fully funded by private equity, the tax payers should not be burdened with one red cent of these costs.

The Markham civic leadership team has done an outstanding job in containing cost increases as evidenced by the very reasonable increases in our our annual House taxes. I thank them for their excellent management and leadership. Please do not ruin this well earned reputation by indulging in such high-risk projects at the tax payers' cost. We do not want a repeat of the "Big O" experience of Montreal following the 1976 Olympics. Perhaps they are still paying for it.

Sincerely,

Umesh

N. Umesh Rao

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Subject:

FW: Arena.

From: margarita carcamo

Sent: November-27-13 12:06 PM

**To:** Bavington, Kitty **Subject:** Arena.

Hello! Kitty,

Having just spoken to you on the telephone, I proceed to write an e-mail to you hoping it's formal enough to be read and listen to.

I realize that comments made over the phone have little value.

Unable to take part of the meeting to expose my views on the proposed building of the ARENA, as no longer drive at night, I would just like to say, that apart from objecting to the congestion of traffic the construction of this arena would bring, I am not prepared, as a senior citizen, to contribute WITH MY TAXES to such an enterprise.

Do this with pri ate moneys? Go ahead but please think of the major calamity you are creating. Traffic in Markham is already half a calamity.

Yours sincerely,

Margarita Cárcamo

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Subject:

FW: Markham arena

From: Eleanor Parr

Sent: November-27-13 12:42 PM

**To:** Bavington, Kitty **Subject:** Markham arena

Thank you for your update.

I know there are many people in my situation, perhaps you can add my comments to another speaker.. I will be there if the driving conditions are safe.

I am a retired senior citizen, living in Thornhill since 1974. . I will never use the arena. I am not a sports fan. I do not have any family who will use it. I do not want to subsidize it.

It will eventually become a "white elephant" for Markham and be taken over by a private company at quite a discount and major financial loss to Markham and the taxpayers.

The electricity, heating/cooling system alone will be staggering. There will be many unexpected expenses, plumbing, repairs, things worn out, interior fittings, seating, various insurances, etc. that will come up and who will pay. Contracts do not cover all the possibilities and I am sure the partners to this proposition are very smart and cunning and have done this before, and will not be paying for anything they can avoid. Who will pay for delays in construction or cancelled contracts or any other expenses not yet thought of..

I have been paying for schools for almost 40 years though I had no family in the school system for about 30 years -- now I have to pay something for the new sewers eventhough I did not have any flood damage from the torrential rains.

I pay for a lot of things in my taxes that I do not use. The economy is bad, many families live with large debt -- and it is time to rethink taxpayers needs and priorities.

My income is fixed – my living expenses are not—I do not want to add or subsidize any more additional expense for things I will not need or use

I am sure you've read this all before, perhaps we should name a park and couple of streets after our mayor and forget about the stadium.

( Landara )

Subject:

FW: arena

----Original Message----

From: Lynn Withers

Sent: November-27-13 1:05 PM

To: Bavington, Kitty

Subject: arena

Hi Kitty,

Unfortunately, we will be out of town. Please register my vote as a "no." I don't know if this is possible.

Thank you for your hard work in preserving our community.

Lynn Withers



Subject:

FW: Arena

From: Anthony Wong

Sent: November 27, 2013 1:15 PM

To: Tari, Alida Subject: Fw: Arena

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the Dec.2 meeting in person. Mr. Shore is the councillor representing my area. In the past, he happened to vote yes. I sent the following text to him late last September to convey my position about the propose arena and reasons why it is a bad deal all around. I am very disappointed he did not respond in a meaningful way other than just a simple thank you. I hope someone will use the five minutes allotted to bring up those points.

On Thursday, September 26, 2013 9:13:21 PM, Anthony Wong:

The mandate of the municipal elected officials is to deliver essential services to its residents at the most cost efficient manner and be very prudent in all decisions to maintain a sound financial footing long term. The financial framework of the arena does not meet its mandate. Any sane councillors should vote against it. This is a pie in the sky project. It is a nice to have but we can't afford. From my prospective, the city has wasted both time and money on something it should not get involve in the first place. Does anyone has nothing better to do at city hall? Given our slow growth economy and oversupply condo inventory, the city will take forever to collect 160 plus millions worth of development fees from builders. When condo prices increase disproportionately, buyers go somewhere else. In the meantime, the city has to keep paying interest on this huge amount. All 300,000 of its residents share this unnecessary financial exposure. Services will be cut and property taxes will go up disproportionately to service the debt. There are plenty of unknowns and pitfalls. The complexity is beyond the financial capability of the city. Where is the upside? The city can continue to develop just as well without this arena. It will be a different scenario when the city's population reaches well over one million residents. I certainly hope that you are going to vote NO next time around and convince your fellow councillors to vote NO and get back to the business of running the city.



Subject:

FW: Proposed Arena!!

From: Jim Dunlop

Sent: November 29, 2013 10:20 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors Subject: Proposed Arena!!

To whom this request will be heard:

We (cannot attend the meetings scheduled) but want you to know that we want this facility to be privately owned and operated and <u>MUST</u> not be owned by the City.

Do not use my tax dollars for any part of this project!!

Sincerely, Jim and Elaine Dunlop

Sent from my iPhone

Subject:

FW: Against the new arena

From: IanCollins

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 10:39 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Against the new arena

If this arena is really financially viable why are the taxpayers getting involved? The only reason for taxpayers to be on the hook is because the risk is too high for the people who know what they're doing.

Don't be suckers, they would pay for it themselves if it made sense.

Thanks,

lan Collins



Subject:

FW: Arena

From: Robert Davidson

Sent: November 29, 2013 10:39 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors; Scarpitti, Frank; Campbell, Colin

Subject: Arena

I have been in business for about 45 years both in public accounting and industry and commerce as Chief Financial Officer of major corporations and what is proposed for the Markham Arena is wrong. If it is a worthwhile investment the private sector would not need taxpayer funding. Their insistence on public money shows they believe there is too big a risk to invest 100% themselves.

Mayor Scarpitti and the other Councillors who support public funding obviously know little or nothing of business or they would not fall for this game. By the time Markham MAY get an NHL team this arena will be obsolete and of no use to an NHL team. If it can be successful for concerts and junior hockey tournaments great, let the private sector benefit from the profits and Markham can benefit from the taxes and other revenues

There is no need for one cent of my tax money to go to what should be a private enterprise venture, including special deals on land and development taxes

Robert Davidson CA, CPA, TEP

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Subject:

FW: Proposed Arena

From: Ron Thiel

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 11:03 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: Proposed Arena

The new arena should be funded entirely from private funds. I am against the city owning the Arena.

regards, Ron Thiel

Subject:

FW: Private Markham arena

From: Andy Niu

Sent: November 29, 2013 11:16 AM To: Tari, Alida; Mayor & Councillors Subject: Private Markham arena

I think the proposed Markham arena must be privately owned and operated and MUST not be owned by the City. You always lose if you gamble.

Sincerely,

Anfu Niu

Subject:

FW: GTA Centre

----Original Message----

From: Bill Kovach

Sent: November 29, 2013 12:30 PM

To: Tari, Alida Subject: GTA Centre

Hi Alida:

I am unable to attend the session.

The issues that really irritate me are:

The individual that we would be dealing with. The Toronto Star has clearly pointed out this individual's failures in other arena deals and, I believe that they have pointed out that he has been CONVICTED of fraud in the U.S. Is this the best we can do?

If this individual is that good, why was his offer not accepted for the Montreal Canadiens, other than the fact that, apparently no one in the Montreal organization has heard of him.

Why did it take an upheaval for this individual to come up with his present deal? His Original proposal seemed to involve no private money.

What kind of deals have the organizations that have agreed to rent the GTA Centre been given? Are they "going rate" prices typical of the area facilities or below to make a sale?

If this is such a good deal, why do we need to put public money into the project at all. Why do these people not finance the whole thing and reap the "mega profits "themselves? I sure would not want to share my own profits with the City of Markham. Oh, there will not be any profits. WOW!

The whole concept will only put a financial load on the tax payers with no concrete benefits. Will my taxes go down with all of the profits we will reap?

Good luck!

Bill Kovach

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Subject:

FW: GTA Arena

From: Al Falcao

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 12:27 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors Subject: GTA Arena

We agree that the GTA Arena be built only if it is privately built, owned and operated and 100% without any funding from the City of Markham and its stakeholders

Al & Marg Falcao

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Subject:

FW: Proposed arena

From: Gord MacBride

Sent: November 29, 2013 1:08 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: Proposed arena

Re: the upcoming meeting

I will not be able to attend the meeting but I would like to speak against the proposal and in favour of Deputy Mayor Heath's motion to remove the city from any financial participation in this PRIVATE SECTOR endeavor. I will vote against anyone on either the region or city councils who supports using the tax payer's money to finance this deal. The stink from Ottawa and Queen's Park is spreading into Markham.

Gordon MacBride



Subject:

FW: proposed GTA arena

From: Sam Maduri

Sent: November 29, 2013 1:46 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors; Hamilton, Don

Subject: proposed GTA arena

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I'm writing to you with regards to the proposed GTA Centre Arena and the upcoming vote on Deputy Mayor Jack Heath's motion to remove the city from the financial framework as currently proposed.

I urge Council to vote in favor of Mr. Heath's motion.

This facility should be privately owned and operated and must not be owned in any part by the City of Markham. We did not elect you to spend hundreds of millions of dollars of public funds, be it via loan guarantees, special levies or other City orchestrated funds, on a project that should be paid for entirely by the private sector, because this will only benefit the private sector, not the citizens of Markham.

Sincerely, Sa**m** Maduri

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Subject:

FW: The Markham Arena

From: Chuck Holliwell

Sent: November 29, 2013 2:26 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: The Markham Arena

Businesses are in business to make money.

Municipal governments are elected to provide services.

Businesses don't provide services.

Governments have difficulty governing themselves and being accountable.

So how would it make sense to mix these two groups? It doesn't.

If the arena was such a wonderful idea, businesses would go it alone, and keep all of the profit.

If the arena was such a great idea, it would stand the test of time, so let's vote on it at the next municipal election.

Charles Holliwell, Markham

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Subject:

FW: Deputation: No financial involvement or ownership by the city of Markham

From: NORMAND

Sent: November 29, 2013 2:39 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Deputation: No financial involvement or ownership by the city of Markham

Mayor & Councillors,

I am not against the arena, I am against any financial involvement or ownership by the city of the Arena. The Arena proposal has been inappropriately developed in secrecy with the intention of using public money to support what is going to be a private company. Mayor & Councillors, using new and future property owners special development fee and forfeited property taxes by making the arena city owned for a private venture is simply wrong.

Mayor Scarpitti, you stated, in the local paper, you were proud that the city of Markham won an award for fiscal transparency and management. You do know, this award must exclude the GTA arena dealing. You acknowledged this when you statement: " If I didn't know what I Know, I might have answered the way other residents have answered"(97% against public funding and ownership). Please live up to the transparency award the city has won. Release all information and reports about the GTA arena for transparency.

Mayor & Councillors, many residents are looking forward to the next election!

Thank you,

Normand Breton Markham, Ontario

Subject:

FW: Arena

From: shafic kara

Sent: November 29, 2013 3:38 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Arena

Attention: Karen Rea

Re: Markham Centre Arena

I as a Markhamite since 1982 strongly oppose funding or partial funding or for the Markham City to carry any contingent liabilities.

We are not in the business of financing private enterprises, especially the party involved in this project has questionable record.

If the investors think it is a good idea, let them build it and reap the profits if there are going to be any for years to come.

I think most of the councillors have taken upon themselves to make decisions on behalf of their constituents, especially Alex Chui whom I have never seen since 1982, nor has he ever asked us for our opinions. MY big answer is big NO.



Subject:

FW: Arena

From: Bob Zeleny

Sent: November 29, 2013 4:08 PM

To: Tari, Alida; Mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca

Subject: Arena

The mayor and councilors of the city of Markham are elected to represent the wishes and needs of their constituents. Although the recent survey was not "official", it still indicated, with resounding emphasis, that the taxpayers of Markham do not wish the city to be involved in the purchase and ownership of this arena. The taxpayers are not stupid. At worst, we can be construed as "conservative". At best, "responsible". If the city owns the arena, it will be responsible for the "white elephant" gathering dust after the Roustans, et al make their escape after a few years without an NHL team. Who's responsible for the arena then? Us!

As I have stated to our councilor, Mr. Shore, there are numerous kinds of gamblers. Those who gamble on hunches, those who gamble on "sure things" and those who gamble with other people's money. Please don't gamble with my money.

Sincerely,

**Bob Zeleny** 

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Subject:

FW: Proposed Arena Opposition

From: don grant

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 4:31 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: Proposed Arena Opposition

I wish to express my strong Opposition to the proposed Arena. The proposed business & financial numbers are incorrect, understated and undeliverable. Markham's tax revenue should not be contributing to the proposed Arena but be better and more beneficially utilized for Markham infastructure, Community services, etc.

Markham City should absolutely & totally be removed from the Financial Framework of the proposed Arena.

I would only favour an arena if it were totally privately built, owned & operated.

Thank you. Don & Marie Grant

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Subject:

FW: Arena

From: Daniel Roy

Sent: November 29, 2013 6:05 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Arena

Mr/Ms, I would like to express my displeasure with your intentions to use our tax money to finance an arena, a venture that should be ENTIRELY financed from private investors' pockets. Please do the right thing and do not use our money for this.

## Regards

Daniel Roy 57 Saffron St., Markham, 905-209-9156



Subject:

FW: 20,000 SEAT PUBLICLY FUNDED ARENA

From: Kala selvadurai

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 4:47 PM **To:** Tari, Alida; Mayor & Councillors

Subject: 20,000 SEAT PUBLICLY FUNDED ARENA

The proposed project must remove the city from any financial framework and it has to be funded 100% by private investors. If not, those councilor and major who supported should be thrown out of the city hall. Send them home.

Kala



Subject:

FW: Special Council Meeting - Dec 2 2013 - Arena (GTACentre)

From: David McBeth

Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2013 01:11 AM

To: Chiu, Alex; Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Scarpitti, Frank; Landon, Gord; Hamilton, Don; Kanapathi, Logan; Moretti, Carolina; Burke,

Valerie; Kitteringham, Kimberley; Li, Joe; Shore, Howard; Campbell, Colin; Ho, Alan

Subject: Special Council Meeting - Dec 2 2013 - Arena (GTACentre)

Mr Mayor/Frank, Members of Council, City Clerk

I will be in attendance at the subject Special Council meeting on Dec 2 in support of Deputy Mayor Jack Heath's motion. I will however not be stepping to the podium to make a deputation.

I do however want to put forward what can best be described as a request to each of you, as members of Council and representatives of the residents of the City of Markham, askings that when considering your vote on the motion that you in all conscience ensure that you fully understand and consider the impact of your vote/decision on the future of the City of Markham and the interests/concerns of the residents that you do represent.

By the time voting occurs you'll have heard from both sides (for and against) with all of the reasons tabled; none of which should be new to you.

In public meetings held on the GTACentre (I attend two (Unionville and Box Grove)... At the Box Grove meeting I did make a deputation and stated quite clearly that it all comes down to thirteen (13) individuals casting their votes - that is you.

I was unable to attend the recent sub-committee meeting (Nov 29) but have been able to review the presentation materials of that meeting.

I also attempted to attend the press conference held Nov 30 at the Hilton Suites. I say "attempted" simply because I was not, as a resident, allowed admission as I did not carry media credentials and the press conference was restricted to media. Note that website posting announcing the press conference did not, repeat did not, indicate that the event was media exclusive. I was at the site well in advance of the scheduled start time and know for a fact that non-media individuals were in attendance and allowed access.

My personal reasons for supporting of the motion tabled for this Special Council meeting are as follows:

- after reviewing the latest presentation materials I remain uncomfortable with the financial structure proposed and both the immediate and long-term impact
- I am not convinced that the GTACentre can/will be a viable operation without a major and significant tenant (NHL franchise)

In closing, when considering your vote at this Special Council meeting whether it be on Dec 2 or Dec 3; seriously consider the future impact this decision will have on the City of Markham and the residents you do represent.

Regards,

David McBeth

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November 26, 2013

Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of the City of Markham Council

Frank, I am writing this open letter for the purpose of its submission to Council for consideration regarding the GTA Centre matter. Unfortunately I will be out of the country until December 4 and am unable to attend the public meetings on December 2 and 3.

I have been a resident of Unionville since 1986 and have experienced the transformation of the Town of Markham into a City while at the same time the preservation of the special places within Markham such as the charming jewel of York Region, the Village of Unionville. The City has demonstrated time and time again that developmental growth and opportunity does not require the loss of unique identity. While I write this as an individual resident and in no way represent the views of others, I have spent many years involved in community activities including the Executive of the Unionville Men's Hockey League, Chair of Hockey with Heart, Founder of Thursday Nights at the Bandstand, Executive of Unionville Village Festival, Hockey Helps the Homeless, Pathways 360, Children's Wish, Markham Food Bank to name a few.

Frank, I wrote you earlier this summer that a small group of like minded community colleagues met with Graeme Roustan to hear directly from him what his plans were for a successful conclusion for the GTA Center project. He reached out to us for objective input. Our discussions focussed principally on the public perception of the so-called financial framework at that time. The discussion also focussed on the significant public relations matters, on all sides, hampering the potential success of a project that with little argument from most of the community could be an outstanding opportunity for Markham Centre and the City of Markham provided that the project was privately funded.

The announcement a number of weeks ago that Cannacord Genuity and Jefferies had stepped up to provide \$162.5M as a component of a new financial framework option certainly increased the financial credibility of the project with the resulting reduction of the City's borrowing requirement by \$162.5M financed by future development fees. However, regardless of the reasonable expectation that the City of Markham will continue to develop and that the consequent development fees will be realized in the foreseeable future to fund the borrowing, it is likely that members of Council and a significant component of the community will continue to see this revised financial framework option as insufficient.

It is my understanding that the development community have fully endorsed the incremental development fee structure for new development units as a method of participating in the financing of the project, a financing component now of \$162.5M. The issue of the City borrowing this \$162.5M funded by future unsecured development fees, arguably, would go away or at least the political and public debate would be significantly reduced from a fiscal exposure perspective, if the Developer community were to step up with irrevocable letters of credit or bonds securing, ideally, the whole of the \$162.5M, if not a significant portion of it. The Remington Group, it would appear, has the greatest to gain with the prospect of a first class sports and entertainment centre built within the lands they are developing as Markham Center. Perhaps that is where the largest component of security can be considered. Other significant community developers, Tacc Group, Metrus, Kylemore/Angus Glen Developments, Flato and others, as well serve to gain significantly from development opportunities with a facility of this nature within the City that their development projects are planned on property they currently own. While it may be a significant ask of the Developer Community by the City, it is not without significant upside for the Development Community, particularly, I believe, Remington to help move their Markham Centre development project forward at a quicker pace.

Frank and members of Council, I encourage you to rally the key Developer leaders together to put together a form of security syndicate to provide the necessary secured guarantees to make this GTA Center proposal a reality. I think your leadership alone is needed to pull this together. The public and political debate on the whole project has cast a somewhat poor light on our City. The debate can end, for the most part, with Developer secured financing.

This, perhaps, is a one time opportunity for our City to host a first class sports and entertainment centre.....the only one of its kind in the GTA outside of the City of Toronto proper. An opportunity that can further enhance Markham as a World Class City. A City with the integrity to preserve history and charm with growth. If this opportunity is missed as a result of a lack of public and political support of a viable financial structure, it or others following could look elsewhere in the GTA for potential location.

Regards.

Bill Dawson

cc: W. Graeme Roustan

(24)

Subject:

FW: Proposed Arena in Markham: GTA Centre

From: Emeka Okongwu

Sent: November 30, 2013 5:01 PM

To: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Proposed Arena in Markham: GTA Centre

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

This is to let you know my views on the proposed arena.

The City of Markham should not construct, own, nor operate the proposed area. This facility should be 100% built, 100% owned and 100% operated by the private sector.

Thanks.

Emeka Okongwu



Subject:

FW: URGENT! MARKHAM ARENA - DEPUTATION

From: Neeraj Rastogi

Sent: November 30, 2013 8:55 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: URGENT! MARKHAM ARENA - DEPUTATION

Nov 30, 2013

# To whom it may concern

My name is Neeraj Rastogi, We have been living in Markham for the last 24 years.

Markham Residents/City should not be responsible for the financial burden of any kind whatsoever for this arena. If the private sector can not own, maintain and support this arena then the project should be scrapped.

We love Markham; we want our elected politicians to listen to the residents of Markham and do the right thing, and not waste our money in something that a private sector should be responsible for..

Thank you.

Neeraj Rastogi & Family. Markham

Subject:

FW: Stop Please

From: Christine Gerwlivch

Sent: November 30, 2013 10:02 AM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors **Subject:** Stop Please

Having lived through Montreal's - the Olympics won't cost us a cent era - I am asking Council to step away from involving Markham taxpayers in this scheme - If there are private entrepreneurs who want to run with building this arena in the hopes that "if you build it, they will come, fine and dandy - but please leave us out of it.

Christine Gerwlivch

(91)

Subject:

FW: GTA Centre - deputation

From: burnsj

**Sent:** November 30, 2013 11:40 AM **To:** Mayor & Councillors; **T**ari, Alida **Subject:** GTA Centre - deputation

I DO NOT SUPPORT the GTA centre arena.

This is NOT the business of the City of Markham.

If a company wants to build an area - they can do it. We should have NO involvement in this Private Enterprise. The City should not own the building.

To all elected members - listen to your constituents!

In my experience, I have **not met anyone who is in favour of this** - (except the mayor & Alan Ho). I curl at multiple curling clubs and usually raise this as a discussion point after our game - with 8 people each time & of the~ 150 people I have spoken with, there is ZERO support.

Either STOP it or make it a vote at the next election - if > 50% of the population of Markham vote for it, then you have credibility to proceed.

John Burns

(28)

Subject:

FW: Markham Arena

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Wendy Heuts

Date: Sat, Nov 30, 2013 at 2:24 PM

Subject: Markham Arena To: atari@markham.ca

I would like to make a deputation saying that I do NOT support the building of the new arena unless it is fully funded and fully operated by private funds .

Thank you,

Wendy Heuts Markham, ON



Subject:

FW: Proposed Arena

From: Eric Tuori

Sent: November 30, 2013 3:12 PM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors **Subject:** Proposed Arena

I have written numerous letters to the editor of the Economist & Sun regarding the proposed Markham arena. I have no issue with the positive economic spinoffs (including job creation), increased tourism, a first class venue to host sports, entertainment, community group events, and so on.

I do very much oppose any financial commitment by Markham Council on behalf of Markham taxpayers. If this venture is such a great proposal and investment opportunity, then it should easily attract private investment monies for all of the costs to build and maintain such a facility, and not rely on municipal government guarantees or contributions. Let the private investors commit their funds and reap the investment returns, or suffer the losses in the event the project falls short of the "business case". Markham taxpayers will not reap potential financial returns other than a "promise" of no increase in our taxes because of Markham Council's financial involvement in the arena.

Markham Council needs to focus on their elected duties and not get into partnering with private investors and assuming financial risks on behalf of Markham taxpayers.

One only needs to look at the history of the SkyDome which was funded by the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government and a private consortium at an original cost \$570 million (per Wikipedia). Later the SkyDome was sold to a Rogers at a fire sale price of \$25 million or about 4% of the original construction costs. The land may well be worth more now that what Rogers paid for the SkyDome, or should I say, the Rogers Centre. Markham taxpayers are not venture capitalists, nor should we be committed to be such by our elected officials. If governments cannot learn from history, they are doomed to repeat the failures, but please not at the taxpayers' expense.

If Markham Council believes they have the legal protection and strategy to avoid a potential "white elephant" if the private partners declare bankruptcy at some point in the future, then they must share that with the public. So far the communication of the financial and legal arrangements have been a better kept secret than the federal and provincial fiascos headlining the news for the last year, which we all know resulted in billions of dollars of wasted taxpayers monies, and all of that as the country was grappling with a recession, lost jobs, and wages lagging inflation in many cases.

Eric Tuori

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Subject:

FW: Submission on the Markham NHL Arena for Dec 2 2013

From: Mebs R

Sent: November-29-13 7:05 PM

To: Bavington, Kitty

Subject: Submission on the Markham NHL Arena for Dec 2 2013

This is from Amir and N. Karimbhoy

Re: We do not want the city to have ANY participation in the CONSTRUCTION or FUNDING of this Arena.

# Markham's infrastructure is a priority and not the Mayors tax payer financed White Elephant - NHL Arena

The mayor wants to defer all essential infrastructure works so he can brag about 0% tax increases and can build and gold plate the dog house (NHL arena) when the house & roof markhamites live under is crumbling. His plan is to leave the taxpayers a beautiful gift "a legacy of debt". so he can get his # 1 priority for the past 2 years, the tenantiess \$325 million dollar arena financed by the taxpayer.

Every tax payer group in Markham is against the investment by the tax payer. The Mayor and councillors who voted in favor of this Arena think the tax payer is their piggy bank. They should put their pensions and personal property as collateral. This Mayor and councillors work against the wishes of the tax payer groups! Elections are not far away we will not forget these councillors who voted to propose indirect taxation on markhamites (levies on new homes for markham residents) to finance a white elephant. Read the article in the National post titled below.

Jan 30 2013.

# **NATIONAL POST**

## Markham councillors just the latest suckers with an NHL-arena pipe dream

The Mayors symbiotic relationship with the developers is very evident by his guest list of invitees at the council meetings for the Arena. It is very evident who got priority to give deputations, Dr. Who of the Chinese businessman, the developers he is cahoots with, the restaurant where he dines and all his cronies were there.

There is no transparency on any monetary matters in markham??. No bid Contracts are the mayors forte, and his priority was to spend the past 2 years of his time on backroom deals in hotel rooms for the NHL arena. To add insult to injury he spends \$600k on reports that he is only allowed to read and interpret.. He uses the solicitor, at tax payers expense so the residents are not entitled to read these reports. Here is another Bernie Madoff in the making. The Mayor believes his primary job is modelling for the media to have the most number of pictures plastered on the local paper and the balance of the time he spends texting on his Blackberry to his developer friends because his ears are plugged and ignores what the taxpayers groups have told him. He should indulge in such self-promotional activities on his dime.

If the Mayor had any business acumen he would partner to build this arena with someone who has a credible and successful history in the Arena business. Read about his partner - Roustan

#### Toronto Star Oct 05, 2012

The Star reported last month that a Texas civil court found in 2009 that Roustan committed statutory fraud in an arena deal.....The Roustan companies had owed more than \$250,000 in unpaid local taxes and thousands of dollars more to suppliers.

"OOPS", It is about time we put this mayor and those council members, who are his cronies in the "clear plastic bags" into the green bin. We don't need them to be recycled any more. Miller can also have this one again with a "no bid contract" courtesy of the Mayor of Markham.

#### Amir K

(31)

Subject:

FW: Arena

From: Ron Willson

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 6:42 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Moretti, Carolina; Heath, Jack

Subject: Arena

The publication indicates that no public funds will be used to fund the arena.

To attract the arena private sector funders the city must have granted an exemption/reduction/deferral to property taxes and development costs and reduction/exemption/deferral to utility costs. The city may have provided the same relief to the private sector funders for other properties they own in Markham.

What is the total for all of these measures?

By not collecting these funds from the private sector for this project taxpayers must make up the shortfall in revenue.

Therefore taxpayers are funding the project!!

Ron Willson

(32)

Subject:

FW: GTA Centre

From: Lister & Susan Smith

Sent: December 2, 2013 12:29 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Ho, Alan; Chiu, Alex; Moretti, Carolina; Campbell, Colin; Hamilton, Don; Landon, Gord; Shore,

Howard; Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Li, Joe; Kanapathi, Logan; Burke, Valerie Cc: David Jordon; Markham Village City Ratepayers Association; Tari, Alida

Subject: GTA Centre

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and City of Markham Councillors:

Unfortunately I am unable to attend tonight's public meeting regarding the proposed GTA Centre and its financing. Regardless, I wish to again register opposition to any financial involvement on the part of the City of Markham.

While the latest financial framework, outlined on November 29, is undoubtedly an improvement over the original proposal, the City will continue to borrow \$162.5 Million. In recognizing it is intended to repay this obligation over time from Developer contributions and lease of the arena facility, the fact is the City will be able to borrow this money – at preferred interest rates – only against its tax base. Therefore, regardless of the City's claims to the contrary, the property tax payers of Markham are firmly committed and, if anything goes wrong, they will be required to pay. No lender will advance such substantial amounts against – and expect repayment from – an unproven arena alone.

The November 29 presentation states Developers are to contribute \$120 Million, plus (unspecified) interest. However, the large interest obligation on the City's borrowing does not receive recognition. At the anticipated 4.6% rate, interest on the full \$162.5 Million amounts to almost \$7.5 Million a year, yet the lease rate is initially only \$2.6 Million. In any event, lease revenue is committed towards retiring debt principal. Therefore, it is unclear how interest is to be covered, as well as maintenance of the facility. The presentation does not appear to address either of these expenses and so, it is assumed, both will fall on City of Markham tax payers in some form.

I urge Councillors to oppose any financial involvement by the City of Markham in the proposed arena.

Thank you,

Lister M. Smith

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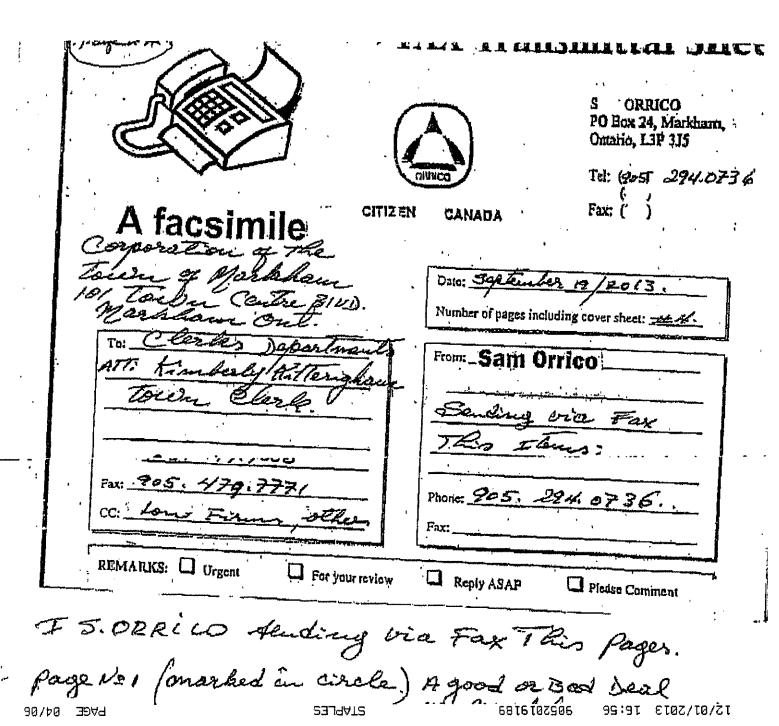
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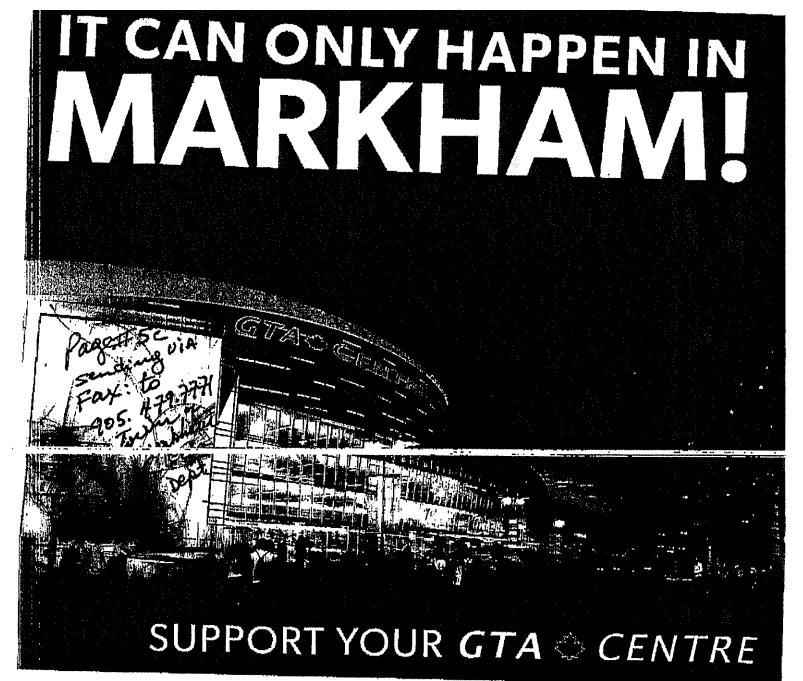
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Subject:

FW: Opposition to the use of public funds for the Hockey arena to be built in Markham

From: Juk Sin Teng

Sent: November 29, 2013 10:35 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Opposition to the use of public funds for the Hockey arena to be built in Markham

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am a resident of Markham, and I would like to voice my resistance to the use of public funds for the big Hockey arena to be built in the city of Markham. This is such a burden to the taxpayers, and the private investors should come up with their own money to built the proposed arena.

I hope you people in power would listen to the voices of the people of Markham.

Sincerely, Tangge Jusino Teng

(35)

Subject:

FW: Deputation to the GTA Centre Debate, December 2nd/3rd

From: Dieter M

**Sent:** November 29, 2013 10:42 PM **To:** Tari, Alida; Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Re: Deputation to the GTA Centre Debate, December 2nd/3rd

#### Deputation to the GTA Centre Debate, December 2nd/3rd

It's time the City got back to focusing on the items of real concern of its residents (traffic congestion is just one example). The proposed GTA Centre has taken up too much time. Plain and simple, the GTA Centre should be privately funded, privately owned and privately operated. No Markham tax dollars directly or indirectly should be committed to this project.

Unless the above conditions are met, I urge councillors to vote to terminate discussions and remove the City from the Financial Framework of the proposed arena and finally put this issue to rest. If it's so economically viable then a private investor can build it!

If the Mayor and his 6 supporters on council wish to advance this proposal using different parameters than those above, then a city wide referendum should be held.

Dieter Misch Normandale Road Unionville

(46)

Subject:

FW: GTA Arena

From: John Chapman

Sent: November 29, 2013 11:03 PM

To: Tari, Alida Subject: GTA Arena

Mayor

# This facility must be privately owned and operated and MUST not be owned by the City.

John Chapman A 45+ year resident and taxpayer in Markham!!!!

Subject:

FW: Against Public Funding

From: Parul Parikh

**Sent:** November 30, 2013 10:17 AM

To: Tari, Alida Subject: Against Public Funding

I am against the public funding of the arena. parul parikh.



Subject:

FW: arena

From: John J. Peel

**Sent:** November 30, 2013 2:13 PM

To: Tari, Alida Subject: arena

There is no way that tax payers of Markham should be left with responsibility for millions of dollars debt in the future for an undertaking such as the proposed arena. We must ask who will benefit from such a scheme? John Peel

(19)

Subject:

FW: Arena Proposal

----Original Message----

From: Jamie Taylor

Sent: November 30, 2013 3:01 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors
Subject: Arena Proposal

As a resident and tax payer of Markham, my family and I are ardently against any public funds being used to build the proposed GTA Centre.

In our current economic times, it is fiscally irresponsible, for local government to be funding any private ventures. Any Public funds raised from new development, should be solely focused on the lagging infrastructure that is not keeping pace with the increase in housing and population in Markham.

We sincerely hope that our Council and Mayor choose to represent the interests of all Markham residents, and not the wishes of a "special" few.

Regards,

J. Taylor and Family.
Markham Residents

Sent from my iPhone



Subject:

FW: GTA center

----Original Message----

From: WangG

Sent: November 30, 2013 3:04 PM

To: Tari, Alida Subject: GTA center

I`m stongly against any investment of the city in this project. If it is so good and profitable, just ask the private invester to fund and operate it. I am very doubtful this project is good for the taxpayers. Otherwise, there should not be any problem with funding it privately.

Mr. Mayor, stop fooling us.

A concerned Markham resident.

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Subject:

FW: FUNDED ARENA

From:

Sent: November 30, 2013 11:28 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: FUNDED ARENA

Confirming my voiced opinion on the above subject matter.

roads not swept in the fall, Trees need pruning, as an example.

No one cent of one's property taxes should be allocated in support of this venture now or in the future. Saying this now will not prevent the City of Markham bureaucrats from finding ways to invest tax revenue down the line in some form, in support of this venture.

The City of Markham should spend more time is improving current services or the lack there of. As an example, traffic congestion daily along Hwy 14 and 9th line. Monitor and control basement apartments and homes that exceeds a single family dwelling(as per by-law). Internal

Very best regards Dr.Albert Bissember, MBA, PhD



Subject:

FW: Voting AGAINST THE 20,000 SEAT ARENA owned and operated by the City

From: Wong, Clara,

Sent: December 1, 2013 12:39 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Voting AGAINST THE 20,000 SEAT ARENA owned and operated by the City

Clara Wong Peter Horn

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Subject:

FW: Deputation for the proposed Arena.

From: Celia D'souza

Sent: December 1, 2013 1:14 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Deputation for the proposed Arena.

Importance: High

I am a resident of Markham since 2002. Since I cannot come personally to this Special Council meeting as I work in downtown Toronto and return home late, my husband – Anthony D'Souza and myself would like to vote to remove the City from the Financial Framework of the proposed Arena. This facility must be privately owned and operated and MUST not be owned by the City.

We would like to let our Mayor and Council know that we did not elect them to spend hundred's of millions of public funds on a project that should be done by the private sector or with the proposed business partner Graeme Roustan. Thank you

Celia D'Souza and Anthony D'Souza



Subject:

FW: GTA Arena proposal - consideration by City of Markham Couincil - meetings sceduled for Dec 2 and 3, 2013

From: Simon Gulden

Sent: December 1, 2013 4:57 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Scarpitti, Frank; Jack Heath, Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor; Jack Heath, Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor;

Jones, Jim; Ho, Alan; Mayor & Councillors; Markham Village City Ratepayers @ Karen Rea

Subject: GTA Arena proposal - consideration by City of Markham Couincil - meetings sceduled for Dec 2 and 3, 2013

Importance: High

#### Mr. Mayor and Councillors:

As has been my position from the outset of discussions relating to the proposition for the creation of the **proposed GTA Arena**, in anticipation of the Markham meetings scheduled for Dec 2 and Dec 3, 2013, I, too, have **no objection** to the idea of the proposed GTA Arena being built, **provided that**:

-the **City of Markham** be removed entirely from the financial framework for the planning, development and creation of the proposed GTA Arena; that is, the proposed GTA Arena should be 100% privately funded...no strings attached;

-the Markham taxpayers be now or in the future **not obligated by any** financial and/or legal liability, no matter how small or how large...without equivocation;

-all monies for the development of the proposed GTA Arena be raised 100% from private investment sources without any adverse direct and/or indirect financial impact on the the City of Markham and/or the Markham taxpayers, and/or directly and/or indirectly by way of any municipally, provincially and/or federally inspired levies and/or charges; and

-those private investors wishing to participate in this project provide sufficient guarantees to ensure 100% of the financial cost of such development and overruns which are usually expected in projects of this size, let alone any size, be it of a private or public nature.

Respectfully yours,

SG

Simon Gulden



Subject:

FW: PROPOSED ARENA VOTE DEC 2ND 2013

From: Elizabeth Irving

**Sent:** December 1, 2013 6:01 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: PROPOSED ARENA VOTE DEC 2ND 2013

Importance: High

This is our vote:

If there is an Arena at all; we only want it to be privately built, owned and operated.

I cannot attend in person but I still want my vote to count with this email.

Thank you.



Subject:

FW: Prosposed Arena

From: Louisa HO

**Sent:** December 2, 2013 8:47 AM

To: Tari, Alida

**Cc:** Mayor & Councillors **Subject:** Prosposed Arena

Me, as resident of Markham, I strongely suggest that this facility must be privately owned and operated and must not owned by the city. It is beacuse all those games are run by private associations and it is for their own benefits.

Louisa <u>Ho</u> Resident of Markham

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Subject:

FW: arena

From: Ellen

Sent: December 2, 2013 8:27 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors

Subject: arena

I am strongly opposed to the City of Markham financially backing the arena project in any way whatsoever. This arena should be an entirely private sector project and it appears that a majority of Markham residents share this opinion. Why then does our Mayor continue to promote a financial plan that would require the city to borrow \$162 million dollars? His interests seem more aligned with the developers than with the citizens he was elected to represent. The citizens have made it abundantly clear on numerous occasions that they want no part of this deal and yet the process and negotiations continue. I hope today's meeting will put an end to this once and for all.

Ellen Sinclair



Subject:

FW: NO to taxpayers funding, borrowing or guaranteeing money for Arena

From:

**Sent:** December 2, 2013 11:16 AM **To:** Mayor%26councillors@markham.ca

Cc: Tari, Alida

Subject: NO to taxpayers funding, borrowing or guaranteeing money for Arena

Dear Town Council,

As residents of Unionville, my husband and I say NO to Markham taxpayers providing any financing directly, through a loan or as a guarantor for the proposed arena. The City should not be foregoing property taxes and diverting "special levies" that could be used for critically needed investments in infrastrucutre and public amenitites given the considerable growth and intensification of our City. The arena should be 100% privately-funded and privately owned. It's not rocket science to know that any capital project of this size will experience cost overruns and unforeseen future operating or maintenance costs. The City of Markham should not be in the business of owning an arena or be locked into any financial obligations to this facility for decades to come.

If the proposed arena brings the economic benefits that the developers are suggesting, then Markham will see those benefits if the project is privately-financed and owned.

Given the complete lack of transparency, sketchy details and last minute antics surrounding the arena, we have no faith in anything being said by the Mayor, Graeme Roustan and his group of developers — their track record on this project alone has been highly questionable. If the proposals around the arena are muddy and murky now during this "discussion" stage with "partners" that have proven to be less than forthcoming, we are truly fearful of how this project would go if the City gets involved in the development of the arena.

We are thankful for the tireless efforts of those council members and community groups that have advocated on behalf of Markham residents to ensure that we are informed. We are in full support of the motions being put forward by Deputy Jack Heath. Unless there is a transparent and fullsome proposal for a 100% privately owned arena presented to Markham residents for consideration, the council and staff need to stop working on this project and focus on managing the numerous projects and issues facing the City.

Regards,

Nancy Chan-Palmateer and Dave Palmateer



Subject:

FW: Markham Arena

From: Robin Ramakrishna Sent: December-02-13 11:35 AM To: Tari, Alida; Bavington, Kitty Subject: Markham Arena

Hi.

I will try to make it to the Hilton Hotel tonight or tomorrow night. In the meantime, I may want to point out that the company Remington built a presentation centre at Kennedy and Denison. I wonder why. In the evenings I notice a few expensive German cars parked outside the building.

Also who is this company Remington? What is their reputation in building arenas? Secondly, is this company related to Canada Homes who built thousands of homes between Warden and McCowan north of Steeles. They did shoddy work in number of houses and there was a large outcry and the Council inntervened to pacify the people and get the builder to resolve the issues. This was in 1987 or 1988.

After that, the name Canada Homes, did not appear as builders of new homes. Thereafter, the name Remington appeared with low priced homes. I suspect Canada Homes rebranded themselves as Remington. I hope this information is of help to you.

Sincerely, Robin Ramakrishna



Subject:

FW: Strongly against the built of Arena

From: Melanie Leung

Sent: December 2, 2013 2:07 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: Strongly against the built of Arena

I 'm strongly against the built of the Arena with government involvement.

This Arena SHOULD NOT be built, especially on that location.

The traffic problem on Kennedy road is already a BIG trouble. It only make the traffic more worse.....Moreover, we don't need this arena as we have so many big, nice well built arena around and there use is not yet optimized.

As a Resident of Markham, I think this act ignore our wish and will let us lose millions tax income.



Subject:

FW: GTA CENTRE

From: Paul Kearns

Sent: December 2, 2013 5:56 PM

To: Tari, Alida

**Cc:** Mayor & Councillors **Subject:** GTA CENTRE

We as seniors on a very low income and a low fixed pension (not indexed) don't have a problem with the existence of a new center in Markham.

This venture must be funded 100% by Private interests and Developers. There is no way the City Of Markham should be borrowing the Millions of dollars needed to build the facility and get 0% in return for the next 2 decades. We implore you as Mayor and council to listen to reason and delay until All monies have been secured from Private investors.

CONCERNED CITIZENS
Paul kearns & Karen kearns
Markham On



# Samtack

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Mayor Frank Scarpitti
City of Markham
Markham Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

#### Building GTA Centre in Markham.

Royson Ng, President of Samtack Inc. Is pleased to offer our support to the GTA Centre development. Samtack Inc has been a Markham based business for the last 20 years, who employed over 100 people and many of whom are residents of the City of Markham.

There are major incentives for the City of Markham to be bringing a world-class facility and hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in economic activity for local businesses. Our employee and their family members, all Markham and York Region residents will definitely benefited from these facilities.

We hope city councilors and Mayor will work together to make this City of Markham not only as Capital of High Tech in Canada but also a fun city for sport entertainment.

**Best Regards** 

Royson Ng

President

Samtack Inc

# Solomon, Camille Suzette (Suzette)

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From:

Bisla, Maninder (Mandy)

Sent:

Monday, December 02, 2013 4:38 PM

To:

Solomon, Camille Suzette (Suzette)

Subject:

FW: gta centre

From: Daleman, Robert F (Rob)

Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 4:36 PM

To: Bisla, Maninder (Mandy)

Subject: gta centre

Norman manara (#61)

As a leader, I have been in charge of many business ventures that include an element of calculated risk. I can confidently say that many of the largest and most challenges projects that seemed the riskiest often resulted in the largest long term financial opportunity for those organizations. These projects forced my business to perform at a new level – to stretch for better outcomes.

It seems to me that Markham is at such a cross roads – this project may seem either ambitious or too difficult, depending on your frame of reference. But the people of Markham should know that they do not face this project alone – they have the support of their business community. AND I HAW ALOF YOUR RESUM

We believe that taking on a project of the size and scope of the GTA Centre will provide a boost in the diversity of the Markham Expand economy, and help keep business investment right here in our home town. A sizeable number of jobs, including 600 construction jobs and 886 post-construction jobs will directly benefit our local economy.

But beyond the economic elements of the project – the GTA Centre will also help attract top talent to the city of Markham, and give us a place where our community can come together like never before. As a major provider of technology to the Sochi Olympics, Montreal Canadiens and Vancouver Canucks, Avaya is excited about the prospect of being part of this new and innovative arena in Markham.

We encourage you to vote to adopt the centre, and to create a place where the companies that develop solutions to power projects like the GTA centre can exhibit our capabilities right here at home.

Thank you.

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November 18, 2013

# Mayor Frank Searpitti and W. O. ..... Poustant

On behalf of Voice of The Vedas (VOV) It is with great enthusiasm and optimism that I follow up my letter of support for the GTA Centre to express our interest in establishing a relationship with the GTA Centre.

As previously outlined, the GTA Centre would be an excellent venue to host a number of culturally relevant and significant events. These events would not only serve the Hindu Community but all residents of Markham and across the GTA.

Our organization believes that the GTA Centre would be an ideal venue for the celebration of Diwali in 2016. Strategically located, we estimate that this inaugural festival at the GTA Centre would attract between 10,000-20,000 people from across the country on Diwali Day.

I look forward to the opening of the GTA Centre which we believe will tremendously benefit organizations such as ourselves, the City of Markham, the entire community of City of Markham, and the adjacent cities of Richmond Hill, Arora and Newmarket.

Best Regards,

Please vote today in favor of the att contre! (Les

Dr. B. Doobay Chairman of the Board Voice of the Vedas



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May 7, 2013

W. Graeme Roustan, CEO GTA Centre LP GTA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ULC, GENERAL PARTNER 1137 Centre Street, Suite 201 Thornhill, ON L4J 3M6

RE: GTA Centre in Markham

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On behalf of the 50,000 LiUNA members in the Greater Toronto Area I am pleased to offer our support to the GTA Centre development in the City of Markham. Our members work in every sector of the construction industry and have built everything in this region from our subways to our bridges, houses, condominiums, churches, schools, arenas and libraries.

The GTA Centre in Markham would create thousands of well -paying jobs for our members and other tradespeople. It is an economic fact that construction has been and continues to be the main driver of economic activity in this region over the last 15 years. Aside from the obvious benefits to the City of Markham, the economic impact of such a project cannot be overstated.

Youth unemployment is at very high levels in our region while at the same time the construction industry is facing a severe skills shortage in both the short and long term.

A project of this size would create opportunities for apprentices and journeypersons alike; continued construction activity is a pillar of our economy. A project of this magnitude would have numerous benefits for small businesses and residents in the City of Markham. Moreover, our industry is among the safest and most productive in the entire world and hundreds of LiUNA members live and spend in the City of Markham.

We look forward to working with our construction employers in building this

project and Ontario's community. Please vote Mes

Yours truly.

Cosmo S. Mannella **Business Manager** 

Joseph S. Mancinelli, LiUNA Vice President and Regional Manager for Central and Eastern Canada Christopher Robinson, Labour Relations Manager, PCL Constructors Canada Ltd LIUNA OPDC Executive Board

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September 10th, 2013

GTA Sports and Entertainment W. Graeme Roustan - Chairman and CEO

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On behalf of Courtyard & Residence Inn by Marriott Markham, we are very pleased to offer our support in the development of the GTA Centre.

As part of the tourism sector in Markham, a venue such as this has very much the potential to help our business thrive year round. Not only for our hotels, but it would greatly benefit the entire local economy.

We have been based in the Markham area for over 11 years now and this market strongly needs a venue such as this to attract visitors to the area. Markham is highly lacking in sports venues and larger conference facilities that has the potential to host events, trade shows, associations and many many other events throughout the year.

It would be so exciting to put Markham on the map as one of the top destinations that our region and province has to offer. With the culturally diverse area that Markham is home to, it is very exciting to know that we have this once in a lifetime opportunity to grow our great community.

We strongly believe that the GTA Centre would be a tremendous asset to the Markham area, residents, business owners and people that work here.

We look forward to building a mutually beneficial relationship with you and your team moving forward.

Sincerely

Anita Shu

General Manager

Heidi Fleming

Market Director of Sales

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May 6, 2013

W. Graeme Roustan

Chairman and CEO

**GTA Sports and Entertainment** 



#### Deal Mr. Roustan

As a Tim Hortons franchisee in Markham I welcome and support the GTA Centre development to our city.

During the past 15 years of operating my business, I have seen the town turn into a city.

I have seen the commercial and residential community evolve into a thriving metropolis.

Our business has grown with the community as has our partnership with organizations that enhance what our community has to offer. Our four locations with 130 team members serve "Tims" lovers that are both residents and guests to our community.

The addition of the GTA Centre will enhance our sense of pride toward the community, along with turning Markham into a destination for non residents.

Our business is effected by events in the community whether sporting, cultural, entertainment or otherwise. I anticipate the GTA Centre would draw additional revenue to our business and many others in the City of Markham. Please vote yes today for the

Sincerely.

Wendy Brown

Tim Hortons Franchisee

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Proud owner of four Tim Hortons. Restaurants

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June 17, 2013

Mayor Frank Scarpitti City of Markham Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

On behalf of Hyundai Auto Canada Corp., I am pleased to add our voice to the growing chorus of public and private support for the GTA Centre proposal in our shared city.

The head-office of Hyundai Auto Canada has called Markham home since we first entered the Canadian market 30 years ago. In that time, we have supported – and benefitted from – the city's growing infrastructure, community services, and its numerous businesses. Indeed, Markham has become a Canadian commercial powerhouse and an ideal location for our company.

I view the GTA Centre as an important next step in the city's development. It has the potential to become the most significant addition to Markham's burgeoning entertainment attractions, while the ancillary employment and business investment opportunities would be a boon to both the city and its residents.

Rational reasons aside, the cultural and societal benefits of what the GTA Centre can offer are probably the most difficult to quantify, yet are likely the most impactful. The hockey arena on its own, and its capacity to elevate sport in this city, must not be ignored.

At Hyundai Auto Canada, we believe in the power of sport. Hockey in particular. It's why we set-up the Hyundai Hockey Helpers initiative to provide underprivileged kids with grants to help them pay for equipment and league fees. As an organized team sport, hockey teaches the next generation of Canadians teamwork, discipline, dedication, and resiliency; skills they will use both on-and-off the ice for the rest of their lives. Organized sport builds better kids, which builds stronger communities.

A professional, highly-visible, state-of-the-art arena has the opportunity to inspire Markham's youth, galvanize its businesses, and tie its residents together. It can become an incentive for people and businesses looking to call a new city home, and yet another reason to stay for its current residents.

I have personally reviewed the plans for the GTA Centre and I believe in its vision.

Mayor Scarpetti, I call upon you and city council to consider the proposal from Graeme Roustan and GTA Sports and Entertainment very carefully before the next vote. The GTA Centre is both an enticing and exciting concept for us at Hyundai Auto Canada.

Best regards,

Little Kallebra

Steve Kelleher President and CEO

Hyundai Auto Canada Corp.

CC: W. Graeme Roustan, GTA Sports and Entertainment



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IRON WORKERS DISTRICT COUNCIL **OF ONTARIO** 

1434 Chemong Rd. North - Unit 12-13 Peterborough, ON K9J 6X2

May 23, 2013

Mr. Frank Scarpitti City of Markham Mayor 101 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Re: GTA Centre in Markham

#### Dear Min. Winyor,

On behalf of the 4,000 members in the Greater Toronto Area I am pleased to offer our support to the GTA Centre development in the City of Markham. Our members work in every sector of the construction industry and have built everything in this region that you see on its skyline.

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We look forward to working with our construction employers in building this project and Ontario's please vote toda in Pavor of the

community.

Kevin Bryenton General Organizer

President

Ontario Iron Workers District Council

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Subject:

FW: Live streaming of Tuesday's meeting on the arena question

From: dave.judi

Sent: December 2, 2013 11:16 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Subject: Live streaming of Tuesday's meeting on the arena question

Please pass on my comments to Mayor Scarpitti and council.

I was unable to attend the meeting but I listened to the streamed procedings on my laptop.

What a great idea. It was fantastic to be able to see and hear it all from my home.

Thank you for streaming it. We should do a lot more of it.

Am looking forward to Wednesday evening's session.

For what it's worth, I think the arena is a great idea, but it definitely should be financed, owned and operated 100% with private money.

Let private investors take the risk and earn the profits.

Let them pay full taxes on their property.

It shouildn't even be an issue.

Good luck with finalizing it.

Dave Ayotte
Ward 5 resident
Markham ON

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Subject:

FW: Oppose to any public fund for THE 20,000 SEAT PUBLICLY FUNDED ARENA

From: Wayne Chen

Sent: December 3, 2013 10:55 AM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Mayor & Councillors;

Subject: Re: Oppose to any public fund for THE 20,000 SEAT PUBLICLY FUNDED ARENA

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We like your vision of prosperity of Markham. But we oppose to use any public fund for benefiting lobby group.

As Markham residents, we would appreciate much that city councils could focus more on discussing community services, such as sweep the community streets at least once a month in the Spring, Summer and Fall (note: Toronto sweep the streets once a week), plow the snow more often in the winter.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Chen



Bruce Hilliard, CA, CPA Markham, Ontario

December 4, 2013

The Mayor and City Councillors (by email to City Clerk KKitteringham@markham.ca)
The City of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Markham Regional Councillors and Councillors:

#### Re: Proposed GTA Centre Memorandum of Understanding and related voting;

This Deputation Letter regarding the proposed GTA Centre and current financial framework is in follow-up to my December 3, 2013 Deputation letter. I am a 25 year resident of Markham, 16 years in Ward 6, a retired CA and tax professional and currently volunteer my time to the community, as properly disclosed in my December 3<sup>rd</sup> letter. I write on behalf of myself as a long-time resident and taxpayer of Markham and not on behalf of any organization as properly disclosed in my December 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputation letter. My December 3<sup>rd</sup> letter is now a matter of public record and is referenced as Communication No. 62 on your city's web site in reference to the proposed GTA Centre and related Special Council Meeting. ("SCM")

I returned home last night on public transit from a previous personal commitment and watched the conclusion of the continued SCM on Rogers TV from 9:30 p.m.to 11:00 pm adjournment and am unable again to attend the continuation of the SCM today, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at the city Council Chamber due to another personal commitment. Following the adjournment I visited the city's web site and read through the approx. 68 written deputations that have been made, most against the GTA Center, and after listening on TV to the many personal deputations, almost entirely against the proposed GTA Centre, I decided to write one more time to make a special offer of volunteer assistance, both now and in the future, in the matter once the proposed GTA Centre and the city's involvement is approved.

First, I wish to disclose that I have neither a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in this matter as I am financially secure on permanent long term disability leave from my employer, in addition to a modest inheritance from my parents. Second, I wish to disclose that I have no current or future aspirations for public office as this would rescind the long term disability payments that I receive from both my private insurer and the Canada Pension Plan, nor do I have the personal capacity to work late into the evenings as I continue to successfully manage my personal disability. I congratulate you all for your personal commitment to, and hard work on behalf of paid, elected, public office.

When I attended the opening of the SCM and heard the presentations on December 2<sup>nd</sup> I wrote some notes and heard the following comments, I believe from your Chief

Administrative Officer Andy Taylor, who represents all of the hard working staff of the city, and were declared as "Facts", and they were as follows in regards to this matter:

- 1) No taxpayer money
- 2) 100 % Private Sector when completed
- 3) No construction cost to the city
- 4) No property tax increase

Not many financial or legal professionals have been as fortunate enough as I have been, to be involved in the management of private enterprises in a fiduciary capacity as I was for nine years as Manager, Business Advisory Services for the Estates and Trusts division of Canada Trust from 1990 to 1999. This included serving as a director of approximately 200 small and large private operating and investment corporations across Canada, and communicating their financial performance to the trust trained Trust Officers and their clients' beneficiaries. I also oversaw and communicated the financial performance and executive management, from 1994 to 1999, of the future Prime Minister Paul Martin's worldwide private operating companies when he served as the federal Minister of Finance in a "blind trust" arrangement known publicly as the "Paul Martin Supervisory Agreement". This specific engagement included reviewing and recommending for approval financing and refinancing arrangements in the hundreds of millions of dollars range, and communicating the complex arrangements directly under the watchful presence of the federal Ethics Commissioner, or whatever his official title was, for personal approval without conflict of interest.

At present, I have come to conclude that many Markham residents, both taxpayers and tenants, do not understand the financial realities of the proposed GTA Centre. I was pleased to hear on Monday evening that the Canadian business icon and "very wealthy" philanthropist Rudy Bratty, who I have never met, but whose legal firm handled the closing of my first residential real estate purchase in East York in 1985 through a referral, has donated, either directly personally or indirectly through the Remington Group of companies which I understand are private and owned or controlled by him, the land pertaining to the proposed GTA Centre. I wish to again voice my support for the proposed GTA Centre. In my desire to continue my efforts to give back to the community, I hereby offer to volunteer my personal service to any and all councillors in the time leading to the next municipal election, or during such election, regardless of their direct or indirect political party membership at the provincial or federal level, in communicating the financial framework of the GTA Centre to their constituents, with assisted interpretation assistance if warranted as I only speak English, so that all of the residents of Markham will understand the new initiative that the city is, I hope, about to undertake on behalf of themselves and their present and future descendants.

Respectfully,

Helland. Bruce Hilliard, CA, CPA

Markham, Ontario



Bruce Hilliard, CA, CPA

December 3, 2013

The Mayor and City Councillors (by email to City Clerk KKitteringham@markham.ca)
The City of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Markham Regional Councillors and Councillors:

#### Re: Proposed GTA Centre Memorandum of Understanding and related voting;

I am a 25 year resident of Markham, a retired CA and tax professional and currently volunteer my time to both the Angus Glen Ratepayers Association (AGRA) as founding Director in 1999 and continuing Treasurer and the Markham Stouffville Hospital, as an Adult Volunteer since September, 2013. I speak on behalf of myself as a long-time resident and not on behalf of either organization referenced above, especially AGRA as the directors of AGRA decided earlier this year not to take a position on this issue.

I attended last evening's special council meeting and am unable to attend tonight to make a personal Deputation due to a prior commitment. Personally, having gathered greater information and facts last evening including the amended financial framework to build and run the proposed GTA Centre I am in favour, having learned early in my professional career to gather facts, analyze the facts, present options and then make an informed decision. I believe the proposed GTA Centre is a forward thinking project, like 40 years ago when the Borough of Scarborough moved its civic offices from Eglinton Ave. and constructed the Scarborough Town Centre borough, and then city administrative offices adjacent to the soon to be built Scarborough Town Centre shopping mall.

The primary reason for my Deputation is to warn you not to be swayed by the apparent "residents associations" which have been conducting email surveys all year, of which I was duped into responding once as the "Sender" was in the name of one of you. They are not registered Ratepayers Associations with the City, have either no addresses and web sites or web sites which relay no information other than links to various web sites. I conducted some personal due diligence on Concerned Citizens of Markham yesterday and the results are attached by way of a series of emails for your review. I repeat, please be wary of these negative surveys from manipulative and coerced questions and answers.

Yours truly.

Bruce Hilliard, CA, CPA

Attachment

Subject: Fw: Email address

From: Bruce Hilliard (brucehilliard@

To: meg.stokes@

Cc: meiers@

Date: Monday, December 2, 2013 1:54:35 PM

Meg - I did some internet research on all of the "purported" residents associations that have been quoted in the newspapers recently, with specific interest in the second survey email I received yesterday from "Concerned Citizens of Markham", which left a mailing address in their message. Could not locate on web, in phone book or Canada 411 so I had Mark drop me off at 9:15 this morning on his way to work so I could find them at 620 Alden Road, (14th and Warden), ask a few questions, and then walk up Warden to Viva to catch the bus to YMCA for work-out and then head home for walking dog and to have lunch etc. Now checking email and I see he has checked me out. First, there were several buildings with different Alden Rd addresses, and when I found 620 there were about 20-30 units, so I dropped by a courier company thinking maybe they served as mailing addresses, which they did not. They kindly looked into their system and gave me Unit 1 which turned out to be When I opened the door an admin lady told me they did digital whatever that is, and I said I was looking for "Concerned Citizens of Markham". She phoned her boss, Bill Traynor (turns out it is Trainor) and he offered me several minutes at 9:40, claiming he had a conference call at 10. I introduced myself and stated clearly I was representing myself, and disclosed I was a founding director of AGRA and continuing Treasurer, and an early retired CA, and that I was not representing AGRA, as the directors had decided not to take a position on the arena issue, and was simply interested to know more about his group. He was both defensive and aggressive from the start, and I was not. He claimed to be the "owner" of Ltd. and was a member of the group, which he claimed had 10,000 members. I asked him how his group got my email address, since I received very little spam and it was received in my regular in basket, to which he replied he did not know. He claimed his group, to which he belonged, was a "group of people", and after disclosing to him that I had many years of corporate and business governance experience, asked him the legal organizational type that his group was organized, to which he claimed he did not know. He claimed they had received donations from a "few dozen people" and I asked him what organizational documents would be in place which would allow for the group to set up a bank account to deposit donations - eg. Registration with Business Ontario (or whatever) which gives proper documentation for groups to have government

documents that banks will accept to set up bank accounts, to which he claimed he did not know - Only offered the group his address as a mailing address. He claimed he did not know who the President of the group was, that he was not on the executive, and that he did not know who was on the executive.

Frankly, he was surprised by my arrival, gave me 7-8 minutes of his time and did not return his hand when I said goodbye to thank him for his time and offered a handshake. While claiming not to know who the executive etc. was, he certainly knew a lot of what was going on, claiming there were to be 60 depositions tonight, all in support of the arena, and the Mayor, including some 7 year old girl etc. and that tomorrow night would be depositions from opponents.

Thought I would offer you and Ron my experience from self-initiated endeavour. I do not intend to respond to this person.

Regards,

Bruce

Bruce Hilliard, CA, CPA

Listen (or listen again) and now Vote (or Vote again), from Nov 23rd 6 p.m. to Dec 11 11.59 p.m., to vote my song into Top 50 for continued participation of my song in "Canada's Next Great Hockey Song" CBC Music / Hockey Night in Canada SongQuest competition. Please share with your Friends on Facebook or Followers on Twitter using the arrow tool or the gear symbol. Here is the link to my CBC Music Artist Page and my 2 minute Hockey Song "It's Hockey Night in Canada!" <a href="http://brev.is/Gqf6">http://brev.is/Gqf6</a>

You can Vote for my song once per day and listens/"plays" are unlimited. Please listen, vote and share to increase my song's popularity over the next two weeks and get the attention of the Judging Panel as they announce the Top 50 on Saturday December 14th on Hockey Night in Canada. Top 10 then voted on and announced on Dec 21st and then Winning Song announced January 1st. By creating a free CBC Music account you will be allowed to sign in and click the Thumbs Up sign, which counts as a "Favourite", or "Add" it to your CBC Music Lists, which are statistics that the Judging Panel will also be taking into account in determining the most popular songs from among the 900 (approx.) entries (48% from Ontario!), in addition to their view of the most popular songs which meet the Judging Criteria of being upbeat, focused on teamwork, going for the goal, and bringing a Nation to excitement from coast to coast to coast in its National Sport. So please

listen, "Like" and "Add" my song. If you return and listen each day you can Vote for it each day, and it will count as more plays. Please remember they are not looking for Canada's next Idol or the next Michael Buble, but a Winning Hockey Song.

It would be terrific to perform my song live in Lloydminster, Alberta on Saturday, January 18th at the Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada concert! "Enjoy, and Vote for my song, and spread it along!"
<a href="https://www.epilepsytoronto.org/getinspired.php">www.epilepsytoronto.org/getinspired.php</a>

On Monday, December 2, 2013 10:53:58 AM, Bil Trainor <a href="mailto:com">btrainor@com</a>.com</a>> wrote: Dear Mr. Hilliard, I found your name on the Angus Glen rate payers and this email address after you left.

Thanks for dropping by my office this morning. I wasn't expecting you but I am glad we were able to talk for a few minutes. (Your appear examination style needs a little polish.)
You seemed very upset about how you received an email for the Concerned Citizens of Markham. I am sorry that I was not able to explain it to your satisfaction. The simple fact is I don't know.

Is it possible that this is the email address above is the one that you received the email at?

Perhaps your senior position on the RA was the source. Perhaps the Concerned Citizens tried to reach out to all RA's, and their executives in the interests of engagement and discussion. Again, you might want to speak to others.

Questioning Ms. Karen Rea's use of an email dress without using her name is not an important issue, but you suggested that is dishonest and seem quite fixated on it. It is rather common practice. You also seem to suggest by your comments and aggressive tone that there is some grand scheme at work. I wish there were actually, but alas the Mayor and some of his supporters on Council are ignoring the wishes of the majority of taxpayers and they attempt to control the media also it seems. The next election will be the best "polling and survey" opportunity of all. Things will all work out.

The simple fact is nearly 12,000 residents took the time to go online, mail or hand deliver their clear message that they do not want our tax dollars used in any way to support a new NHL-sized arena. When asked, I was pleased to volunteer my company address as a mailing point for those who did not have access to or use the Internet. Many seniors especially, as you might know fall into this category.

The "Concerned Citizens" that I have met are not opposed to an Arena however do not want to own it, but want any arena developer to pay their fair Development Charges and their property taxes. The current plan calls for neither.

I see that Meg Stokes is on your executive. While I don't know her I'm told that Ms. Stokes has been a staunch supporter of the Mayor, so I have copied her also to save you having to provide a report. As you can see her email address is quite readily found on your site as well.

I would be quite pleased to hear from you or any of your colleagues anytime, to continue the conversation, but I recommend making an appointment in future as I am often not available. 905-

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In the end, I hope your motive Mr. Hilliard is the same as mine. We all want the best for our community and above all, the careful stewardship of our tax dollars. Here is an article that was posted yesterday that you might find interesting.

http://sports.nationalpost.com/2013/12/01/with-slim-chance-of-landing-nhl-team-markham-arena-project-somewhere-between-risky-and-outright-insane/

Sincerely,

Bil Trainor Ward 3 Unionville, ON



Subject:

FW: ARENA CONCERNS

----Original Message----

From: John Wenger

Sent: December 3, 2013 12:06 PM

To: Bavington, Kitty

Cc: Campbell, Colin; Jones, Jim

Subject: ARENA CONCERNS

Hi Kitty

Due to other commitments I am unable to attend tonight's meeting but I would sure like the following question addressed. In recent communiques from the councillors in favour of the arena, they state they have come up with new financial arrangements whereby the residents of Markham will not have to come up with the money to finance this project. I still believe this is a very risky project and will ultimately cost the taxpayers of Markham plenty. What has not been addressed is the possibility of cost overruns. I have not seen a project of this magnitude not have cost overruns which the residents then have to pay for many years to come. These cost overruns usually run 2 to 3 times the original estimates. What process or safeguards have been put in place to ensure that the citizens of Markham won't pay the penalty for someone's inability to foresee all the unexpected increases in costs that will come?

John Wenger

(64)

Subject:

FW: Special Council Meeting - GTA Centre

From: Dickens Chan

Sent: December-03-13 12:35 PM

To: Chiu, Alex; Heath, Jack; Tari, Alida; Bavington, Kitty

Subject: Special Council Meeting - GTA Centre

Hi All,

I would like one of you help to get confirmation from committee during this special meeting that the Markham residents will not have any financial impact; no matter in the forms of property tax increase or use the development fees for GTA Centre related activities. As these taxes or fees are used for other purposes such as road maintenance. If we use this monies for GTA Centre, where do we get more monies to fund other projects?

Thank you for your atttention.

A concerned Markham resident, Dickens Chan



Subject:

FW: Proposed arena -- deputation

From: HP

**Sent:** December 2, 2013 11:19 PM **To:** Mayor & Councillors; Tari, Alida **Subject:** Proposed arena -- deputation

I strongly oppose to the building and operations of the arena by the Town of Markham. ZERO taxpayer's money should go into this project.

It must be owned, operated, maintained 100% PRIVATELY,

H.P. Dam Resident on Monkhouse road, Markham



Subject: FW: Special Council Meeting - City of Markham - Dec 2 and 3

From: Kinney, Bill

Sent: December 3, 2013 2:56 PM

To: Bavington, Kitty

Cc: Kitteringham, Kimberley; Pettit, Martha; Tari, Alida

Subject: RE: Special Council Meeting - City of Markham - Dec 2 and 3

Hello Kitty;

I was in attendance for the Monday night segment of the Special Council Meeting. I am unsure if I will be able to make tonight's meeting. My deputation number is # 110. From the deputations heard on Monday evening, some of my concerns had been addressed or presented already. However, I would still like to have my concerns addressed to council. If you can provide the following deputation to Markham council, it would be greatly appreciated.

Good evening Mayor Scarpitti and councillors for the city of Markham. Thank you for allowing the citizens of Markham to bring their voice to be heard on this very important GTA Centre issue. I have been a tax paying resident of Unionville for over 20 years in Ward 3.

I would like to make it known that I do not support the GTA Centre in any way, shape or form. My experience with such ventures has shown that the risk to the taxpayer is too great to merit any possible return, such that it may be. If this venture was such a positive thing for Markham and the benefits it would bring to this city are so great, then why doesn't or hasn't the private sector gone ahead on their <u>own</u> accord to bring such a project to completion? The Air Canada Centre was a totally private sector undertaking that did not involve any public funding or taxpayer risk.

I have a problem with the credibility and integrity of politicians in general. I am very apprehensive as to where Mr. Roustan comes up with the figure of \$61M in revenue for the Markham area on an annual basis!

My second concern and area of frustration is the disdain that council and the GTA Centre team has of the survey that was conducted. A few council member(s) who were elected by us the tax paying public, actually were serving those people that elected them to office in the first place by initiating this "survey"... the very apparent fact that 97% of those who responded to this survey said an overwhelmingly NO to the GTA arena. Deputations that I heard on Monday emphatically stated that there should be no public money, risk or tax based support go into a project like this. If there is to be total private investment into this project, then by all means, let the private sector take on the risk and then benefit from any financial reward as a result.

Lastly, I take great offense to the fact that our elected officials have spent so much time, effort and money on the discussions for the GTA Centre. As mentioned in previous deputations, Markham has many other issues and priorities that council should be focusing their energies on. City infrastructure, roads, traffic congestion, the lack of a traffic computer managing Markham's traffic signals as well as sewer and other infrastructure needs that have to be addressed with the growth

this city is experiencing. The GTA Centre will only add to those traffic issues that are not being addressed!

I will admit that this issue has definitely raised the public's awareness of municipal politics. I myself will be sure to attend next October's elections and purposefully vote those councillors who support the GTA centre out of office. Maybe a clean slate of councillors may listen to their electorate!

Thank you for allowing to express my opinion. Please listen to the 97% of Markham who said NO to the GTA Centre and vote accordingly.

Sincerely,

Bill Kinney

67)

Subject: FW: GTA Centre

From: Don Lee

**Sent:** December-03-13 2:55 PM **To:** Kitteringham, Kimberley **Subject:** GTA Centre

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

I was given your contact information by a worker from last night's (Mon Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>) GTA Centre special council meeting held at the Hilton Suites Hotel.

Please be advised that I am sending this email to you in your capacity as City Clerk, and request that it be put on record.

I attended last night's meeting in response to a flyer I received in the mail. Below is my statement to Council.

As a homeowner and tax payer in Markham, I am deeply concerned about this deal. My framework for analysis is based on cost/benefits and risks and opportunities. I will briefly list them as I see it.

COST: \$162.5M in construction costs (estimated). Although this would be born by developers, this extra charge would be passed on to the home buyers (developers are NOT in business to lose money). This would price out Markham for many homebuyers and discourage growth instead of promote it.

RISK: Condo units in Markham Centre may not sell as well as other jurisdictions and there may be high vacancy rates.

COST: There is also the opportunity costs of the lost revenue from this development revenue, for other City projects.

BENEFIT: It would be a proud achievement to have a facility such as the GTA Centre in Markham, a landmark to represent Markham.

RISK: If the operations are not profitable, our proud achievement would turn into another cruel financial joke about the pitfalls of municipalities entering into an area that should be handled by the private sector. Markham would be the laughing stock of the entire GTA.

BENEFIT: It would boost economic activity in the local area and region, provided that the facility is used frequently for large scale events.

RISK: If the facility remains unused by paying event organizers for a significant portion of the season, the boost in the economy may not materialize in the scale as hoped for or needed.

RISK: For a facility such as this to be profitable, there needs to be at least one key tenant who will use the space for a significant portion of the year. This has been proven time and time again from operations of many North American venues. The chances of getting an NHL franchise to relocate to GTA, or get an expansion franchise, would be slim to none due to numerous reasons. 1 The NHL has said there are other cities above us on the list. 2 The territorial fee that would need to be paid to The Toronto Maple Leafs would be exorbitant. 3. Steep franchise fee (while all NHL bidders will have this problem, the additional costs to MLSE for territorial fees will give us a significant disadvantage).

GTA Sports & Entertainment cannot and probably will not give us a written guarantee (i.e. legally binding and fully enforceable contract) of no City (taxpayer) costs to be paid in the future. Even if they did, it would be advantageous to have the personal financial guarantee of the company directors), as it is too easy to close up shop and move on if your company is in trouble. Last night, I did an internet search of Mr Roustan, based on comments I heard at the meeting. What I found was a troubling past of bitter former partners, bad business deals and a fraud conviction in the US, which was upheld even after an appeal.

As human beings, we love to build and create. I do not fault council for wanting to build something beautiful for our community, and a proud legacy for future Markham residents. However, in your role as councilors, as I am sure you know, you must balance this with fiscal responsibility.

In conclusion, I would like to see this project be entirely funded by the private sector without use of loans by the City.

Kind regards, Don Lee 28 November 2013

Re: GTA Centre

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

Please accept this letter as Central Counties Tourism's official endorsement of the GTA Centre Project. Central Counties Tourism is the Provincially Funded not-for-profit dedicated to supporting and promoting tourism in York Region, Durham Region and The Hills of Headwaters Tourism Region. The potential economic impact of a leading edge sports, entertainment and cultural facility like the GTA Centre is enormous and Central Counties Tourism is thrilled that council, staff and residents of the City of Markham understand the lasting community benefits it will bring.

Back in January when I first heard about the project, I contacted a good friend of mine who was instrumental in the development of a very similar complex in Sault Ste. Marie. According to Ian McMillan, Executive Director of Tourism Sault Ste. Marie, "The complex was built with tourism in mind and has allowed us to bid on and attract events that we would never have been able to accommodate in the past." Last year they hosted the CARHA World Hockey Cup which brought 2,400 participants from 14 countries for eight days. The direct economic impact from that event was \$30.8M. This year they hosted the 2013 National Telus Cup which received national coverage and had an economic impact of \$ 1.8 million along with several other provincial and national events.

Central Counties is already committed to assisting the City of Markham identify and bid on appropriate sports tournaments, conferences, conventions and events. The addition of this world-class facility to Markham's inventory of venues catapults the city to a new level of opportunities – ones that will place Markham on national and international stages through participation and media coverage. Concerts, conventions, large-scale tournament and events are all within grasp and Central Counties will start promoting the new venue as the first shovel breaks ground.

Every year, there are hundreds of provincial, national and international events looking for a home. With the addition of the GTA Centre, the City of Markham will play host to more events, bringing more people, more often to spend more money. The events exist. Let's have them exist here.

Sincerely,

Chuck Thibeault Executive Director

Central Counties Tourism (Zone 6 Regional Tourism Organization)

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Re: Oppose to any public fund for THE 20,000 SEAT PUBLICLY FUNDED ARENA

### Re: Oppose to any public fund for THE 20,000 SEAT PUBLICLY FUNDED ARENA

Stella Yu

Sent: December 3, 2013 9:30 PM

To: Wayne Chen [

Cc: Tari, Alida; Mayor & Councillors;

I share the same concerns. The cost modelling for future maintenance of this Center is not clear. The tax payers are on the hook for something we did not elect you to build and waste our tax dollars. The Center will also cause traffic problems in and around the area where we already have to deal with the jams during rush hours. We choose to live in Markham for its suburb life style. Please stop wasting your time and our tax dollars messing around our city.

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Thank you for listening.

Stella Yu

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 3, 2013, at 10:54 AM, "Wayne Chen" <wchen018@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Mayor and Councillors,

> We like your vision of prosperity of Markham. But we oppose to use any public fund for benefiting lobby group.

> As Markham residents, we would appreciate much that city councils could focus more on discussing community services, such as sweep the community streets at least once a month in the Spring, Summer and Fall (note: Toronto sweep the streets once a week), plow the snow more often in the winter.

> Yours sincerely,
> Wayne Chen
> Wayne Chen
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Special Council





December 3, 2013

The Corporation of the City of Markham Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

Dear Sirs and Madams of the Markham City Council:

RE: The Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre

The Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) is a not-for-profit association incorporated under Ontario law in 1994. For the last 19 years, we have been assisting both aspiring and existing Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs through education, networking, and mentorship, while encouraging Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs to be socially responsible corporate citizens. Currently, ACCE is a leading business organization representing the voice of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs.

ACCE's permanent office has been located in the City of Markham since 2010 and many of the Association's members are either Markham businesses or residents. As such, the Association has a vested interest in issues which are vital to the development and well-being of the City of Markham.

After undergoing our due diligence process, I am writing to formally express our Association's support for the Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre (MSECC) as it is proposed and conceived at this point in time. Chief amongst the many expected benefits of the MSECC are job creation, trickle-down to other local businesses, and raising the profile of the City of Markham. All of these are very positive for the City of Markham and consistent with ACCE's mission and mandate of encouraging, inspiring, and assisting entrepreneurship. We understand that the project will be entirely privately-funded and no taxpayers' money will be used to subsidize the project.

Based on the foregoing, ACCE is in full support of the MSECC in its current form.

Alan Kwong President

ACCE

# **Building of a stadium in Markham**

Pak Ki Leung

Sent: December 3, 2013 10:21 PM

To: Tari, Alida



We live at : , Markham, Ontario, telephone number My name is Pak Ki Leung and my wife's Lai Mui Leung.

We vote against the building of the stadium in Markham.



#### Tari, Alida

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From:

Margaret MacKenzie

Sent:

December 3, 2013 5:25 PM

To:

Mayor, Councillors & C.A.O.; Tari, Alida

Subject:

We do not want ANY involvement of the City in the GTA Centre

To The Mayor and Councillors of the City of Markham

Please, vote yes to Jack Heath's motion to rescind the Proposed Financial Frameworks. We do not want any involvement of the City in building and owning the GTA Centre.

Please, attach our letter to the Communications List.

Margaret & Rod MacKenzie Concerned residents of Markham



Subject:

FW: Letter to the City of Markham

From: Brent Mandzy

**Sent:** December 4, 2013 11:10 AM **To:** Scarpitti, Frank; Clerks Public **Subject:** Letter to the City of Markham

Honourable Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

Based on the information made available on the City of Markham website and the deputations that we have listened to both on December 2nd and 3rd, as constituents of Ward 4, we are writing to you today to urge you to not support the City of Markham's financial involvement in the proposed Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre. Please leave this development proposal fully with the Private Development Industry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

City of Markham residents (Ward 4), Brent & Catherine Mandzy



### ADDENDUM 2: Letters of Support Received Through GTAcentre.ca

To Mayor Scarpitti and Markham City Council:

I am writing to express my support for the GTA Centre. The proposed GTA Centre will have numerous economic benefits for the City of Markham, including significant job creation, revenue generation for local businesses, and an increase in property values. The GTA Centre will be the destination for broad-range cultural programming as well as world-class sports and entertainment. It will become a source of civic pride and community engagement. Please VOTE YES to the GTA Centre and this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

I really like the idea of having this centre in Markham to create more activities engagement which is good for our children too.

Sincerely, Jessie Luo Markham

To Mayor Scarpitti and Markham City Council:

Dear Council Members,

I am excited about the new centre and what it will mean to Markham and am glad to see it is moving forward. The mayor has obviously worked very hard on this and should be commended. The funding plan looks very good and is much better than I would have expected. It is acceptable to me to have some funding by the city for such a complex given what it will bring to the city but having it at or close to 100% privately funded is fantastic. Please vote YES on getting shovels in the ground.

Sincerely,

Barry Wilks Markham

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Sincerely,

Eirdley Low Thornhill (City of Markham)