

BY-LAW 2012-120

A by-law to change the name of The Corporation of the Town of Markham to The Corporation of the City of Markham

WHEREAS Section 187(1) of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, authorizes a municipality to enact a By-law to change its name so long as the new name is not the same as the name of another municipality; and,

WHEREAS Section 187(4) of the <u>Municipal Act</u>, 2001, provides that changing the name of a municipality does not affect the status of the municipality as a lower-tier municipality; and,

WHEREAS Section 187 (5) of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, provides that changing the name of a municipality does not affect its rights or obligations; and,

WHEREAS Section 4(1) of the <u>Municipal Act</u>, 2001 states that the inhabitants of every municipality are incorporated as a body corporate; and,

WHEREAS Markham's motto "Leading While Remembering" will continue to underscore the municipality's future direction; and,

WHEREAS Markham's historic founding communities such as Markham Village, Milliken Mills, Thornhill and Unionville including villages and hamlets such as Box Grove, Vinegar Hill and Buttonville will retain their identity and their distinctiveness will be enhanced in contrast to the larger City of Markham; and,

WHEREAS Markham has its own thriving local economy and has demonstrated leadership in information technology, telecommunications and life sciences with more than 900 high-tech and life-sciences companies and employing more than 31,000 people; and,

WHEREAS Markham's Green Print, community sustainability plan, positions Markham among other leading world cities who are dedicated to sustainable management of growth, balancing the pillars of economy, social/culture, and environment; and,

WHEREAS as a Corporation the Markham brand represents innovation and entrepreneurialism in our service delivery approaches, from roads to leisure services to public safety and energy security; and,

WHEREAS Markham is successfully leveraging the global economy through our international business missions, partnerships, our diverse people and investments in a highly competitive environment among other cities; and,

WHEREAS Markham has the potential to continue to grow as a tourism destination based on its rich sports, entertainment and cultural venues, and world class retail opportunities; and,

WHEREAS Markham is the only Town among the 16 largest municipalities in Canada; and,

WHEREAS Markham is: fiscally responsible and financially sound, globally connected, strategically focused, diverse, leads while remembering, and is sustainable; and,

WHEREAS Markham is a City in every way but name;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THAT the name of the municipality is hereby changed from The Corporation of the Town of Markham to The Corporation of the City of Markham.
- 2. THAT all references to the Corporation of the Town of Markham in by-laws and resolutions in effect on the date this by-law comes into force are deemed to be amended to The Corporation of the City of Markham, and that all references to the "Town of Markham" in by-laws and resolutions in effect on the date this by-law comes into force and effect shall be deemed to be amended to the "City of Markham".
- 3. THAT all the assets and liabilities of The Corporation of the Town of Markham, including all rights, interests, approvals, status, registrations, entitlements and contractual benefits and obligations, shall become the assets and liabilities of The Corporation of the City of Markham.
- 4. THAT a copy of this by-law shall be sent to the Director of Titles appointed under the Land Titles Act and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing in accordance with Section 187 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001.
- 5. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the 1st day of July, 2012.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 29^{TH} DAY OF MAY, 2012.

KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM

TOWN-CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI

MAYOR