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# Abolish the Ontario Municipal Board

About the petition

**To the members of Markham Council:**

Constituents elect councillors with the expectation that they will assume their responsibility for prudent community planning with understanding and benefit which comes with regular community engagement of the neighbourhoods represented and thorough knowledge of local issues, opinions and needs both large and small, on which you base your decisions, in the best interests of the residents you represent. Accordingly, we believe that you are best positioned and most responsible for the planning decisions which affect our local neighbourhoods.

Therefore, we fully support and endorse the Motion in its entirety put forward by Councillor Shore on March 20, 2012 calling for the removal of the Town of Markham from the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board and asking the Province of Ontario to abolish the OMB.

## Signatures

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1. Name: Eileen Liasi on Mar 27, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED] Thornhill Ont. L3T 4C1.  
Which Ward do you live in?: Ward 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: The German Mills Residents Association obtained unanimous support from Markham Council to deny the development application in our area and within a month the developer had appealed to the OMB. Our chances at the OMB were so low that we decided extremely reluctantly to reach a settlement with the developer that was unsatisfactory to both the association and the community at large rather than risk a worse outcome at the OMB. I strongly support this motion.
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2. Name: Jason Zweig on Mar 27, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Shops on Steeles settlement out of fear of a builder friendly OMB.  
Comments:
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3. Name: Debra C. Saxe on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Y  
Comments: We owe a big thank you to Councillor Shore for following through after he introduced this idea during coffee klatches, to gauge and garner our support.
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4. Name: Alex Ribeiro on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: I wholeheartly agree with the motion. For too long the OMB has taken positions contrary to the best interests of the community
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5. Name: Anonymous on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
6N6  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:
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6. Name: Marion Landen on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: ?  
Comments: I am in favour of removing Markham from OMB and abolishment of OMB entirely.
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7. Name: Serge Adsam on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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8. Name: Howard Konikoff on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
L3T 4Y2  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: It's about time!! We were promised that the SOS developement would be fought by Markham, but the threat of losing to the OMB...the town backed down. Time to get rid of the OMB and let Markham do it's job properly.
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9. Name: Frances Halpenn on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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10. Name: Lynne Lurie on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: ward 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments:
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11. Name: Brahm Satov on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: Ward 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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12. Name: Terry Sterner on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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13. Name: Frederick H. Webber on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments: Also, Markham and other munis have large professional planning staffs which contribute significantly to good local decisions. The OMB was created when many munis were unsophisticated about planning and oversight was thought to be necessary, this is no longer the case.
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14. Name: Michael Krochmalnek on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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15. Name: Ioana Rusin on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments:
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16. Name: Anonymous on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:
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17. Name: David A. Alge on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Ontario L3T 4Y6  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: The OMB makes a mockery of the democratic process whereby an appointed body can override the decisions of elected government. This must end.
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18. Name: Norm Pemberton on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 5  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: don't know  
Comments:

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19. Name: Helen Crossman on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
4E5  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments: In particular Shops on Steeles development
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20. Name: Brian Mitchell Chadderton on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 1  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: Financial and legal requirements of representation before the OMB to object to the re-zoning of the Shops-On-Steeles property too onerous for an unfunded but duly constituted residents' association to mount an effective objection to this inappropriate application, subsequently approved by the OMB.
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21. Name: Bernard Wong on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
7T7  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: I would prefer that my elected councillors play the lead role in representing me and the interests of my neighbourhood, in the matters of real estate development, rather than have applications submitted to the OMB.
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22. Name: Anonymous on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments:
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23. Name: Chris Sorichetti on Mar 28, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:
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24. Name: Robert Stark on Mar 29, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
L3T 4E8  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: YES  
Comments: OMB HEARING ON SHOPS ON STEELES HAD A TOTAL DISREGARD TOO EXISTING /FUTURE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. ONLY MAKING CERTAIN SPACE FOR FUTURE LRT.
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25. Name: David Lurie on Mar 29, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: no  
Comments:
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26. Name: Paul Curtin on Mar 29, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments:
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27. Name: Roberto G. Vinluan on Mar 29, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Ontario, L3R 7A5  
Which Ward do you live in?: Ward 8  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Not yet  
Comments:
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28. Name: Janice Fox on Mar 29, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: Time for it to go...as a rubber stamp for the interests of developers, it fails to consider the needs and best interests of residents.
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29. Name: Kevin Walker on Mar 30, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 3  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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30. Name: Joyce Cook on Mar 30, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:
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31. Name: Clive Cook on Mar 30, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:
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32. Name: Karen Gullason on Mar 30, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
L3R 9N2  
Which Ward do you live in?: Ward 3  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: I support the abolishment of the OMB. The OMB is a waste of taxpayers money and they are unaccountable to voters.
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33. Name: Anonymous on Mar 31, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
6W4  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments:
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34. Name: Benjamin Fitzerman on Mar 31, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: 2  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes  
Comments:
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35. Name: Laura Chapnik on Mar 31, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: yes.  
Comments: Because of the OMB, our neighbourhood is losing the mall at the shops on steeles in favour of building townhomes and condos. This is not what the neighbourhood wanted. The OMB is in favour of developers and people with money and not what is good for communities or the people that live in them.
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36. Name: Bill And Sharon Chambers on Apr 01, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:
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37. Name: Fred Leitner on Apr 01, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
L3T 2Y6  
Which Ward do you live in?:

Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes, and not positively  
Comments: I strongly support Mr. Shore's motion.

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38. Name: Julita Teodorczyk-Injeyan on Apr 02, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?:  
Comments:

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39. Name: Julita Teodorczyk-Injeyan on Apr 02, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?:  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: YES!  
Comments:

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40. Name: Brian Mitchell Chadderton on Apr 02, 2012  
Municipal address (will not be displayed. for clerk's department and notices of future meetings): [REDACTED]  
Which Ward do you live in?: Ward 1  
Has your neighbourhood personally been affected by decisions of the OMB?: Yes  
Comments: High density applications rejected by Council have been overturned by the OMB, decisions that were made without adequate traffic and services studies, the effect of which will be to overtax roads and services to the detriment of existing ratepayers.

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