

**Markham Village Library Square
and
Morgan Park
MASTER PLANS**

**Presentation and Report
June 17, 2014**

Intent – Master Plans

The intent of the Master Plans:

- A guide for achieving the objectives for a revitalized Morgan Park,
- A pictorial representation of intent,
- A documentation of process, rationale and recommendations,
- An outline of budget of financial requirements,

Area Context

- **Morgan Park:** George St. and Parkway Ave. In the “Markham Village Heritage Conservation District” .
- **Markham Village Library Square:** Highway 7 and Highway 48 in the “Markham Village Heritage Conservation District” .



Area Context - Library Square (Aerial Photo)

- Valuable open space at the intersection of major roads.
- Provides for passive and active outdoor space for events and recreational needs.
- Adjacent to Library and Arena



Proposal - Library Square (Objectives)

Guiding objectives for Library Square and Park

- Create a Civic Square
- Provide for a memorial space as well as space for Library related events
- Consider opportunities for Children's Play to serve the immediate neighbourhood
- Recognize the importance of this site as a Gateway into Historic Markham Village

Proposal - Library Square Master Plan

- Open Views and Visibility
- Linked Experiences
- Use the Entire Site
- Create a Journey
- Incorporate Destination Points
- Create Areas for Reflection
- Opportunities for Ceremony



Proposal - Library Square Master Plan

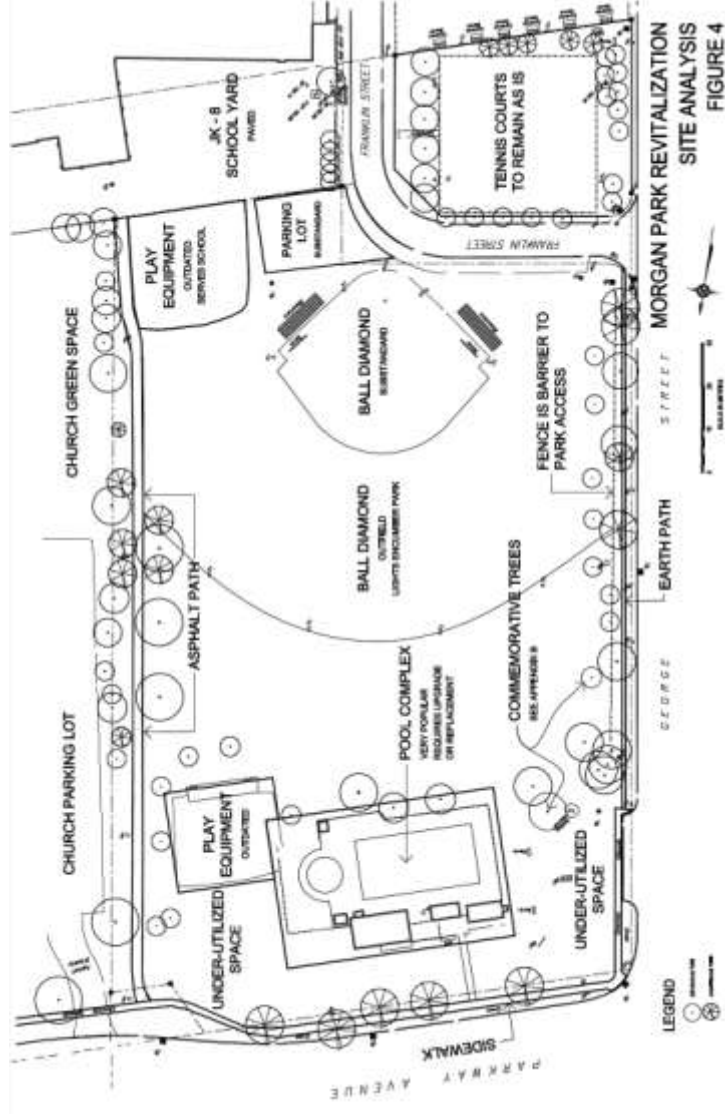


Area Context - Morgan Park (Aerial Photo)

- Scarce asset and valuable open space in this older urban precinct.
- Provides for the recreational needs of neighbourhood and contributes to a sense of civic pride.
- Historic significance



Area Context - Morgan Park (Existing Elements)



Proposal - Morgan Park (Objectives)

Guiding objectives for a revitalized Morgan Park

- Celebrate heritage and history
- Provide large open green space
- Serve diverse communities and recreational needs
- Create a strong identity for Morgan Park

Proposal - Morgan Park Master Plan



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Recommendations

- THAT the staff presentation titled “Markham Village ‘Library Square’ and Morgan Park Master Plans” be received;
- THAT the documents titled “Markham Village Library Square Master Plan” and “Morgan Park Master Plan” as attached herein, be endorsed in principle;
- THAT staff be directed to bring budget requests forward to Council for the design development and the preparation of tender documents of the above noted projects for the 2015 budget;
- THAT upon approval of the design budgets, as noted in item 3, staff conduct a public information meeting to present the master plan and project timelines and to initiate the design development process.
- AND THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.