

4 Stoneheath Crescent
Markham, Ontario
L6C 2K8

July 7, 2010.

Councillor Dan Horschik
Markham Ward 6 Councillor
Town of Markham

Dear Councillor Horschik,

Last year, my family and I moved to the Town of Markham and now, reside at 4 Stoneheath Crescent. When my wife and I first saw the house, we fell in love with it. Most importantly, we knew that our two young children will enjoy growing up in this safe and beautiful neighbourhood.

Shortly, after we purchased our home, our parents told us they were not comfortable with the idea of our family living in a home with the number 4 so I contacted the Markham Planning Department and inquired about changing my address to 2 Stoneheath Crescent. At that time, I was told that it was not possible, as the policy for the Planning Department was to save 2 Stoneheath Crescent for the corner house, which is 31 Willow Heights Blvd, in case the current owner decides to move their front entrance to face onto Stoneheath Crescent.

I recently saw an article in the Markham Economist and Sun which sparked my attention (<http://www.yorkregion.com/news/local/article/834935--more-support-to-nix-no-4-in-markham>). The article talked about 3 similar requests to change addresses from 4 to 2, which were all granted by the Town of Markham's Development Services Committee. Shortly, after the article I contacted the Planning Department and they told me that I would need to speak to my councillor. In hindsight, I wish I had received this information a year ago, had I know what I know now.

Our reasons for requesting to change our address from 4 Stoneheath Crescent to 2 Stoneheath Crescent are:

1. Chinese meaning of the number 4 – As you may already know, when you say the number 4 in Cantonese it closely resembles death. My wife and I are not overly superstitious however our families and friends tend to have a negative stigma that is associated with the number "4".

With that said, a Chinese Mall has been approved to be built in our community, which means there will be a greater Chinese influence as the population increases.

2. Home Sweet Home – We purchased our home with the intention of raising our 3 year old son and 18 month old daughter in this neighbourhood. Having reputable schools, a safe playground close by and good neighbours makes it all more reason for us to stay indefinitely.

3. Reserving 2 Stoneheath for 31 Willow Heights Blvd – Presently, it would be very difficult for the owners to relocate their front entrance to face Stoneheath Crescent without requesting a permit to do major reconstruction. See attached document for images.

In addition, why should corner homes like, 31 Willow Heights Blvd automatically be given the privilege to change their address while other home owners are not.

4. Precedence – Already, residents of Markham have been given the approval to change their address from 4 to 2 based on similar requests. I feel that it is only fair as a resident of Markham to be given the same privileges as those who have been granted in the past.

I hope this change will be granted. Thank you for your time and effort. I hope to hear from you shortly. The best place to contact me would be my cellular phone.

Sincerely,

31 Willow Heights Blvd

4 Stoneheath Crescent



Satellite View

