

Town of Markham and the Public Realm

June 14, 2010

General Committee

***Public Realm is the space
in which public life takes
place.”***

Public Realm Identity

In order to engage the general public to identify with the Public Realm, our program will be called:

“Markham’s – Shared Places, Our Spaces”.

Criteria for Demonstration Projects:

“Engaging, Sustaining and Beautiful”

Overall Work Plan for the Public Realm

- 2010-2011 Demonstration Projects to demonstrate to the public how enhancement to the Public Realm will benefit their quality of life.
- September 2010 Public Art Policy
- 2011 Capital Projects eg. Markham Civic Centre, public art, sustainable gardens.

Overall Work Plan for the Public Realm

- 2011 Development of policies and standards for enhancing the public realm—update and alignment to existing policies
- 2011 Aligning to Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund.
- 2011 Evaluate the development of a partnership program with matching funds – public/public, public/private.

Demonstration Projects:

Engaging :

To serve as a focal point to engage the community at all season events

Bake ovens

Proposed Locations:

- Stiver Mill (2010)
- Civic Centre (2011)



Demonstration Projects:

Sustaining:

To promote active transportation
'Artful Bike Racks'

Proposed Locations:

- GO Stations
- Old Kennedy & Steeles
- Bus loops Steeles & McCowan,
Steeles & Brimley
- Pathways
- Cultural Destinations: Museum/Gallery



Demonstration Projects:

Sustaining:

To demonstrate sustainable plantings
'Spring Sustainable Garden(s)' –Daffodils

Proposed locations:

- Markham Civic Centre
- John Daniel Park



Demonstration Projects:

Beautiful:

Enhancing the Urban
Forest –Flowering Trees

Proposed Locations:

- Highgate Park
- German Mills Settlers Park
- Wismer Park
- N/E Major Mackenzie &
Woodbine Ave.



Demonstration Projects:

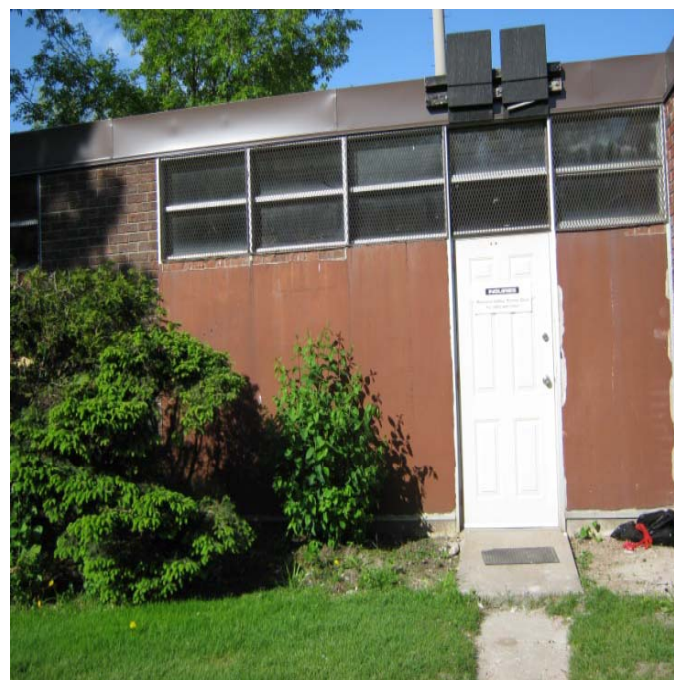
Beautiful:

to add artistic appeal to public spaces

Murals

Proposed Location:

- Pomona Mills Tennis Club
– work with Markham Art Council and Tennis Club



Markham's Shared Places Our Spaces Committee:

- Markham's – Shared Places, Our Spaces Committee be established in 2011.
- This would be a working committee comprised of two Councillors and community members who would help promote and provide direction to help drive the projects.

Markham's Shared Places Our Spaces Committee:

- The Markham Shared Places, Our Spaces Committee will assist with the mandate of the Public Realm.
- The Committee partnership will encourage community groups to develop well thought out work plans and projects that beautify, create identity and encourage civic engagement.
- Outcomes will be Engaging, Sustaining and Beautiful

Next Steps:

- Staff proceed with Demonstration Projects (June-October)
- Establish in 2011 Shared Places/Our Spaces Committee
- Report back in Nov/Dec on results of 2010 and plans for 2011