

Community & Fire Services Commission Highlights



Presentation to General Committee
October 15, 2007

Recreation Services

- Growth of 4% in swim lesson registrations in 2007
- Implemented Internet Registration for group fitness members
- Expanded Fitness Centre hours of operation



Recreation Services cont'd

- Active 2010 Program - Try It Month in June
- Additional Youth Drop-In Programs over the summer
- Received \$9,000 funding for special needs summer camps
- Milliken Children's Festival largest ever – 16,000 people attended



Fire & Emergency Services

- Final two pumpers delivered & outfitted completing fleet standardization initiative
- Fire Prevention implemented target inspection program
- Fire Station Design Committee formed and process underway for new fire station
- Smoke Alarm Program Town wide



Varley Art Gallery

- Attendance up over 3,000 from 2006 (12.9%)
- 10th Anniversary Year – F.H. Varley: Portraits into the Light Exhibition
- Grants totalling \$110,000 received
- Donation of \$1.4 million for a Gallery Expansion



Markham Museum

- Successful summer camp program – 1,052 children attended
- Received \$15,000 donation in display cases from HBC
- Federal grant confirmed \$854,500 for Museum new building expansion



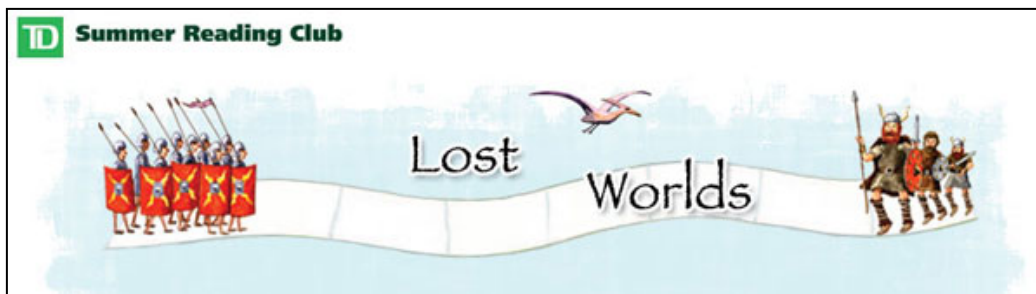
Markham Theatre

- Summer camps expanded to include drama camps, actors workshop
- Received 2007 Readers Selection Award from City Parent Newspaper in “Best Live Theatre” category
- 2007-2008 season to feature 44 performers highlighting cultural diversity
- Secured all sponsorship levels for upcoming Friends of the Theatre Gala



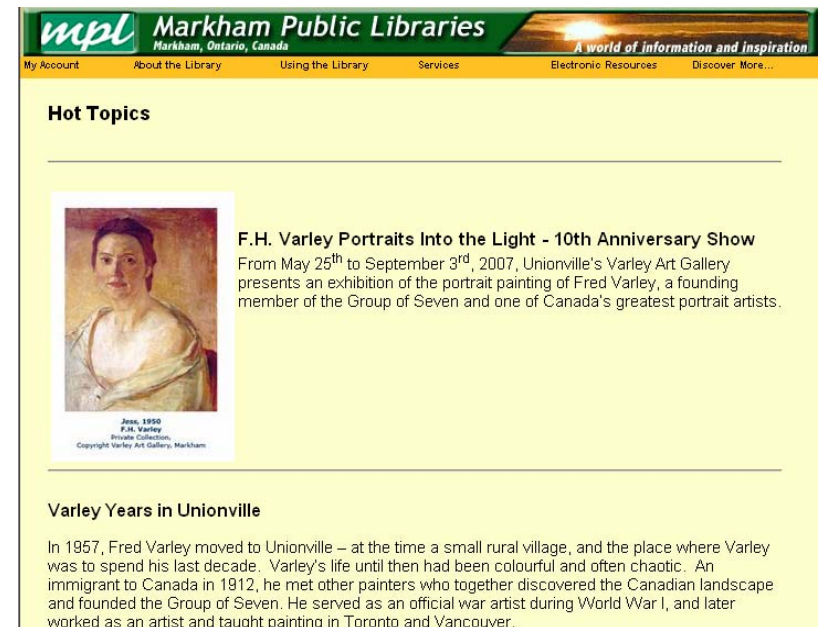
Markham Public Library

- Balanced Scorecard Strategic Planning
 - Measures that demonstrate value
 - Strategies to accomplish more with less
- Summer Programs for Children
 - Summer Camps – Creative Writing, Ready for Reading, Musical Theatre - 267 participants
 - Summer Reading Club – 1,738 children registered participants – 15% increase over 2006



Markham Public Library

- Merchandizing Library Collections
 - Partnered with Strategic Services staff to design labels and signage
- MPL Website supports Town initiatives & events
 - Anti-idling
 - Pesticide bylaw
 - F.H. Varley Portraits Into the Light



The screenshot shows the Markham Public Libraries website. The header includes the MPL logo, the text 'Markham Public Libraries Markham, Ontario, Canada', and the tagline 'A world of information and inspiration'. Navigation links include 'My Account', 'About the Library', 'Using the Library', 'Services', 'Electronic Resources', and 'Discover More...'. The 'Hot Topics' section features a portrait of a woman and the text: 'F.H. Varley Portraits Into the Light - 10th Anniversary Show. From May 25th to September 3rd, 2007, Unionville's Varley Art Gallery presents an exhibition of the portrait painting of Fred Varley, a founding member of the Group of Seven and one of Canada's greatest portrait artists.' Below this, the 'Varley Years in Unionville' section contains a paragraph about Fred Varley's life and work.

Hot Topics

F.H. Varley Portraits Into the Light - 10th Anniversary Show
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Varley Years in Unionville
In 1957, Fred Varley moved to Unionville – at the time a small rural village, and the place where Varley was to spend his last decade. Varley's life until then had been colourful and often chaotic. An immigrant to Canada in 1912, he met other painters who together discovered the Canadian landscape and founded the Group of Seven. He served as an official war artist during World War I, and later worked as an artist and taught painting in Toronto and Vancouver.

Strategic Services

- Energy Retrofit Study for Milliken Mills CC completed & tender released
- MECO initiated 4 workshops for the community – well received
- Pesticide By-Law Education Program initiated. Brochure distributed this summer through Mission Green.
- Mayor's Dinner for the Arts sold out

