

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR
THE FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM

The Friends of the Markham Museum (the “**Corporation**”) will be established as an Ontario non-share capital, charitable corporation for the purposes of supporting the Markham Museum and Historic Village which is owned and operated by the Corporation of the Town of Markham, in the Province of Ontario (the “**Museum**”).

The Museum

The Museum’s purpose is to collect, document, preserve, study, display and interpret to residents of and visitors to the Town of Markham the archival and material heritage of what is today the Town of Markham from the earliest evidence of human occupation to the present, including the contributions to the life of the Town of Markham by the diverse range of its historic and present population.

The Museum honours the Town of Markham’s past and looks forward to its future. It makes history relevant, accessible and enjoyable. The Museum enriches the cultural life of the Town of Markham’s community by researching and preserving local history. Its exhibitions, programs and archives reflect the experiences of all of Markham’s citizens and involve them in its activities. The Museum is an educational resource for residents of and visitors to the Town of Markham.

The Museum studies and collects the documentary and material heritage of the geographical area now known as the Town of Markham from earliest times to the present. The Museum takes an interdisciplinary approach to its subject matter, with exhibitions and programs that include archaeology, history, science and technology. The Museum presents exhibitions and programs reflecting the experiences of all its citizens, from the earliest humans to make the Markham area their home to the most recent arrivals. Its archival resources similarly offer the potential for research into the heritage of all Town residents.

Objects of the Corporation

The Corporation will attempt to make a lasting difference to the community in the Town of Markham through the following objectives which are set out in its Application for Incorporation:

1. To receive and maintain a fund or funds and to apply all or part of the principal and/or income therefrom, from time to time, for the benefit of supporting the Markham Museum and Historic Village which is owned and operated by the Municipality of Markham, of the Province of Ontario (the “Museum”);
2. To support and promote the objectives of the Museum; and

3. To assist the Museum with its programs.

Activities of the Corporation

The Corporation intends to fulfil the objects set out in its Application for Incorporation by undertaking the following activities:

1. Raising funds to support and promote the objectives of the Museum and to assist the Museum with its programs;
2. Assisting the Museum with the formulation of policies, plans and strategies to ensure that the collection, retention and acquisition of artefacts is carried out with the intent that the cultural property and scientific specimens held by the Museum are meaningful to the largest most diverse audience possible;
3. Reviewing the Museum's collection holdings and making recommendations for de-accessions from the collection according to collections policies and strategies adopted by the Museum;
4. Working with the Museum to create strategies for the development of new exhibits and other interpretive facilities;
5. Planning, developing, funding and coordinating lecture series and historical themed events; and
6. Assisting with the improvement of youth programming at the Museum by:
 - (a) providing advice and supporting efforts to recruit youth to serve in a variety of roles in support of key tasks and initiatives related to the objective of the provision of improved youth programming;
 - (b) developing opportunities for education, internship and employment in conjunction with the Museum and its partners;
 - (c) working with Museum staff to provide a supportive, flexible work and educational environment to encourage increased involvement by youth in the Museum as volunteers and staff; and
 - (d) supporting the Museum's commitment to the development of advanced information technologies for processing and communication of a broad range of historical and scientific data and to train the young workers who are and will be needed to develop and maintain these systems.