

# Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan Culture Facilities & Libraries Financing

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# Culture Facilities

- Town operates three cultural venues
  - Markham Museum
  - Markham Theatre
  - Varley Art Gallery
- Enhance quality of life, attract tourism
- In general, meeting community needs



# Culture Facilities

- Culture facilities not eligible for DC funding
- Capital funding for new building or expansion funded from non DC sources
- Recommend Town explore community foundations for creating funding stream for new cultural facility sites



# Markham Museum

- Markham Museum Master Plan completed September 2005, outlines vision & action plan for Museum of the future
- Recommends reconstruction of Ward Building - Collections
- Plan does not recommend additional Museum sites



# Markham Theatre

- Adjacent to Civic Centre & contains performance theatre for over 500 patrons
- Town currently determining feasibility, synergies of integrating Royal Conservatory of Music School and proposed expansion to the Theatre
- Plan does not recommend any additional Theatre sites



# Varley Art Gallery

- Frederick Horseman Varley Art Gallery opened 1997 and is most recent municipal culture facility
- Art Gallery distinguishing itself in programming and exhibitions it offers
- Building site could limit future facility expansion



# Libraries

## Six Branch Libraries:

-  Thornhill Community Library
-  Milliken Mills Library
-  Unionville Library
-  Markham Village Library
-  Thornhill Village Library
-  Angus Glen Library

 Provision plan to provide standard of .6 sq.ft. of library space per resident



# Libraries cont'd

- Recommend 3 new libraries over the planning horizon (20,000 sq.ft. each)
  - East Markham (short term) – 2009
  - Southeast (medium term) – 2014
  - Markham Centre (long term) -2017-2021
- DC funding for 2 libraries at approx. 20,000 sq.ft. each, one in short term (2009-2011) & one in long term (2017-2021)












# Libraries cont'd

- Enhancements recommended:
  - Markham Village (2007) 10,500 sq.ft. – nearing completion
  - Thornhill Community (2008) 1,000 sq.ft.
  - Milliken Mills (2008) 6,300 sq.ft.
- Future analysis needed to determine best allocation of financial resources between Southeast Branch, Milliken Mills enhancement & Markham Centre



# Financing

## Potential funding sources:

-  Development Charges (DC) for Library facilities not Cultural venues
-  Arrangements with public, not-for-profit, private sector partners
-  Leverage site re-development or land sales
-  Property Taxes / Special Levies
-  Reserve Funds
-  Short & Long Term Borrowing
-  User Fees



# Financing cont'd

- DC Provincial Legislation funding source for select growth related capital costs
- DC pays for 90% of qualified capital costs; up to 10 yr. historic average service level remaining 10% municipality responsible
- DC not sufficient to fund all recommended items in the Plan

