



“Markham’s Talk of The Town” Toastmasters  
101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Re: **General Committee – Markham’s Toastmasters Program Recognition**

“Markham’s Talk of The Town” Toastmasters’ Club is receiving the “President’s Distinguished Club” designation. Obtaining the “President’s Distinguished Club” designation is the highest goal possible awarded by Toastmasters International.

Toastmasters is an International Speaking and Leadership Training Club that currently has several thousand members worldwide. People from all walks of life participate in weekly meetings to practice and hone their speaking, presentation and leadership skills.

“Markham’s Talk of the Town” Toastmasters’ has provided town employees with the opportunity to improve their presentation, leadership and listening skills in a friendly environment during their own time, every Thursday.

Highlights of Progress:

- Corporate Club’s inception - May 13, 2004
- 32 Town of Markham staff members
- Four members achieved Competent Toastmaster Status
  - Having achieved the first level of speaking competency
- One member achieved Advanced Toastmaster Bronze Status
  - Having achieved the second level or advanced level of speaking competency
- Three members achieved Competent Leader Status
  - Having achieved the first level of speaking competency
  - Having presented a number of additional speeches to the membership for the benefit of the club

The “President’s Distinguished Club” designation is an outstanding achievement for such a new club, and is attributed to the club’s leadership, members’ enthusiasm and the Town’s support.

“Markham’s Talk of the Town” Toastmasters’ Club is a wonderful investment in the Town staff who are the faces and voices of the Town of Markham.

Sincerely,

Ms Valerie Burke  
Past President  
“Markham’s Talk of The Town” Toastmasters