http://business.markham.ca

New Economic Development Website

Introduction & Outline

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Purpose – Why a New Website

- Demand for upgraded service accessibility
- Differentiation of resident and business services
- Central Location for information
- "Customer Expectation"
- New Design Opportunity

User Comments and Key Issues

- Comments from Businesses and Eco Dev peers
- No visual link to "business services" on Town Website
- Too much text on Town website
- Difficult to find business information quickly
- Once business information is located difficult to navigate through the data

Solutions

- New "Doing Business in Markham" link added to Town home page
- Distinct and separate URL <u>http://business.markham.ca</u>
- Permanent navigation menu makes information easy to find
- Links to MSBEC and ISCM
- Data is updated and more useful to clients
- Feeback button

Next Steps

- Launch <u>http://business.markham.ca</u> on
- Collect website generated feedback and continue collecting feedback from EDO peers
- Hold focus group with key business leaders in Markham
- Prepare presentations for the new Business Directory and Vacant Land application tool