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Final Summary of Issues and Questions Regarding Markham Honda Indy

Submitted by residents as of October 14, 2025

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Immediate Question: Can the construction problems at Unionville GO station be mitigated?

-Phase 1 had issues of confusion, congestion, delays, conflict with trucks, unsafe to pedestrians

-Phase 2 – tbd

A. Please provide **background information**, including

1. Why does Markham Council think this event is beneficial for Markham and in best interests of taxpayers? What does it have to back up this opinion?
2. Why was the City of Markham selected by the race operator?
3. Why was Downtown Markham selected within our city, versus (say) Buttonville Airport? How is the Secondary Plan for Markham Centre affected over the lifetime of the agreement?
4. Was **financial due diligence** done on Green Savoree and Penske Corp?
5. Was this event approved by City Council? Can we see the **staff report on the business case**?
6. Did Markham's decision-making process comply with the Municipal Act and disclosure rules?
7. What is Markham responsible for doing, and how much will it **cost over 5 years**? How is the Markham work being funded? How will **cost overruns** be handled?
8. How much **additional revenue** in fees and taxes will the City of Markham receive over the five years?
9. What is York Region responsible for (Kennedy Rd, paramedics, police) and how is that funded?
10. Is the Province of Ontario providing any funding?
11. Why was there no **public consultation or notice** in the months prior to the September 3 media articles?
12. Is there a plan to **compensate** the residents who are negatively affected?
13. What is the experience of **other cities** who hold this event (eg Detroit/Belle Island, St Petersburg FL)

B. What has been the feedback from **nearby stakeholders**?

14. Bill Crothers HS
15. Amica
16. York University
17. Unionville Gate medical building
18. YMCA
19. Remington
20. Metropia
21. Nearby Residents – eg Helen Ave, Kennedy Rd, Main Street South

C. Will **noise and vibration** be mitigated for nearby residents?

22. Has noise modeling been done? What levels and frequencies are expected? Sound barriers? Will the event comply with noise bylaws?

23. Has vibration been studied?

D. Will **emergency services for residents** be depleted during the event, due to special focus on the race?

E. **Environmental impact:**

24. Was an environmental assessment done for this event?

25. Will the emissions impact from this race affect Markham's Net Zero targets?

F. What is the **traffic plan** for the event, recognizing 150,000 attendees over 3 days?

26. What does York Region think about resurfacing and closing portion of Kennedy Road?

27. Will GO train frequency be increased?

28. Will VIVA and YRT frequency be enhanced?

29. Will an access to GO station tunnels from west be provided (knock out panel exists)?

30. Where will parking facilities be located and will shuttle buses be used?

31. Will people not going to the event be able to **use the GO station** (eg going to work in the days before and after the event)?

32. In the days before/after the event, how much GO parking will be lost?

33. Will there be any **permanent loss in parking** at the GO station?

G. What is the **detailed time line** for set up/tear down for the two weeks prior to the event and the week after? For example, viewing structure and paddock set-up will consume GO parking for how long?

H. What is the plan to **maximize benefits** to all of Markham from this event?

34. For example, events like **neighbourhood** festivals, displays, tours, hikes?

35. how are the benefits distributed between businesses and residents?

36. What strategies does the City have in place to ensure that the economic benefits of the event extend beyond Downtown Markham to include local businesses—particularly small businesses—in key commercial areas, eg Markville Mall, Unionville Main St.

37. Is there any contract language to select suppliers/contractors who are Markham-based?

38. How can a local company become a caterer/vendor at the event?

39. Will there be any permanent **new beneficial infrastructure** for Markham, eg trails, west access to GO?

I. What are the details on the **long-term storage** of equipment (barricades, fencing etc)?

40. Location, size, quantity of material? -Needs to be safe and neat

J. What is the go-forward **public consultation** plan?

K Under what conditions can the event be **cancelled during or after the 5 year contract**?

41. Can Markham hold a public referendum prior to renewing the contract in 5 years?

Additional questions are welcomed. Please submit them to info@unionvilleresidents.com