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URA Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 03, 2025

Unionville Train Station

URA Directors:

Michael Gannon, Daniela Ghiculete, Donna Day, Roland Hosein, Peter Miasek, Stella Yu and Gene Genin

Absent:

Sandra Tam, Adam Poon, Mary Caporusso and Jóska Zérczi

Guests:

Police Constable, Carley Nisbett, Community Safety Officer, York Region Police

Officials:

Reid McAlpine, Councillor Ward 3, City of Markham

Attendance: Approximately twenty-two members and guests.

1. Call to Order and President's Introduction (Jóska Zérczi)

URA Director, Mike Gannon, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Mike welcomed members and guests.

2. Seniors' Safety (Police Constable, Carley Nisbett)

Because people aged 65 and older are the fastest-growing age group, York Region police have increased community safety resources to help prevent crimes against seniors.

PC Nisbett outlined her team's responsibilities for seniors' community safety, covering topics such as:

- a. Romance, home repair, credit card, and investment scams
- b. Identity theft through online phishing
- c. Property theft via break-ins or distraction
- d. Elder abuse support resources
- e. Vehicle safety and carjackings
- f. Personal safety programs like Vulnerable Person Registry and ID

Additional information on scam avoidance and distortion theft can be found at:

<https://unionvilleresidents.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/YRP-Scam-Avoidance-Tips.pdf>

<https://unionvilleresidents.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/YRP-Distraction-Theft-Poster-2025.pdf>

3. Councillor Update (Reid McAlpine)

Councillor McAlpine provided updates on the following topics:

a. Unionville GO Station Parking

Honda Indy preparation at the GO station will continue through December. Traffic and parking issues have eased.

b. Main Street Revitalization

The start of Phase 3 – Fred Varley to Go trains tracks, will reduce that section of Main Street to a single lane for 10 to 14 days.

c. Carlton Traffic Calming - Kennedy to McCowan

Carlton road markings are being updated to provide for a bike lane and cross walk as part of the traffic calming plan.

d. Honda Indy

A report on the event is pending. Public meetings are scheduled for early 2026.

e. Zoning for Additional Residential Units

At present, planning laws allow the construction of dwellings with three units. To qualify for a \$58 million housing accelerator grant from the federal government, Markham must permit four-unit dwellings instead. A public consultation was held on October 21st. Even though the grant has already been approved, council postponed making a decision about this change. For context, there have been fourteen applications for three-unit residences over the last five years.

4. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.