

When in doubt, check it out!

Help is always available.

Contact the By-Law Enforcement
& Licensing Department:
905-477-7000, ext. 7782
driveways@markham.ca

Preserving the Beauty of Markham's Residential Neighbourhoods

All driveways must comply with the extended driveways by-law, but there are some exceptions. If your present or planned driveway doesn't meet the general guidelines in this brochure, please call the By-law Enforcement & Licensing Department or visit Markham Town Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd., to discuss your situation with a staff member who can advise you of all the options available within the new by-law.

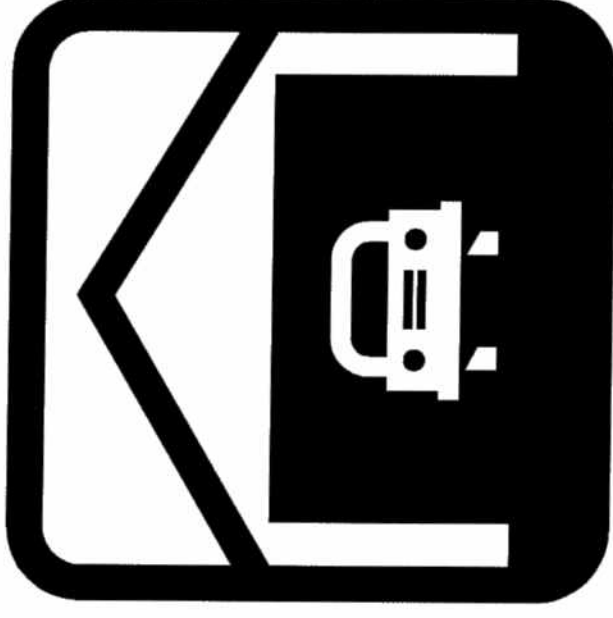
Be a Good Neighbour

If you share a driveway, in winter shovel snow away from your neighbour's side!

Keep it sweet: Put smelly summer garbage in closed containers. Place waste away from shared property lines on collection days!

Find more information of importance to homeowners at www.markham.ca

DRIVEWAY DIMENSIONS



**The new Town of Markham
Extended Driveways
By-Law 2006-96.**

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Why the Extended Driveway By-law Exists

The by-law helps to create balance between maintaining the beauty and value of Markham's neighbourhoods and satisfying homeowners' increasing need for more parking on their properties.

The new extended driveways by-law is designed to reasonably control the extent to which driveways may be widened without having a negative impact on the character of a dwelling or neighbourhood.

Excessive paving of properties can cause the loss of storm-water absorption surfaces, such as lawns and gardens, which means there is the potential for flooding and loss of snow storage areas. This may mean higher clearance and maintenance costs, which have a potential tax impact on the Town. It may also contribute to the general unsightliness of derelict and commercial vehicles in driveways.

This by-law, developed from consultations with the community, was passed by Markham Council in June, 2006.

Quick Overview

The by-law generally allows for parking two cars (or vans or non-commercial trucks) in front of a single-car garage, and three cars in front of a two-car garage.

If your home is on a smaller lot, less than 10.1 metres (33' - 4") across, a driveway extension must preserve 25% of the original landscaping (such as grass, gardens, walking paths and bushes) across the front of your property.

If your home is on a larger lot, more than 10.1 metres (33' - 4") across, a driveway extension must preserve 40% of landscaping.

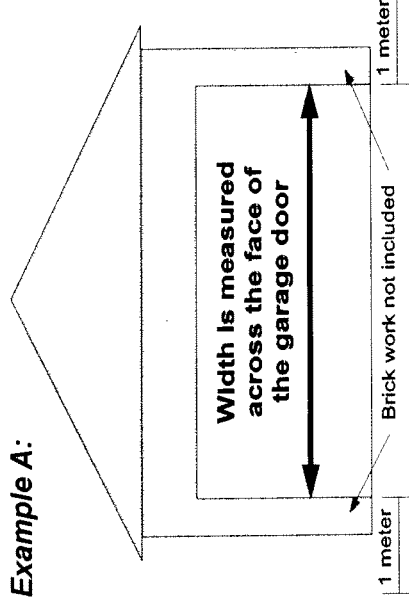
The by-law applies to all driveways.

If you are planning a driveway expansion, you may wish to contact the By-Law Enforcement & Licensing Department: 905-477-7000, ext. 7782, for information and guidelines before starting work.

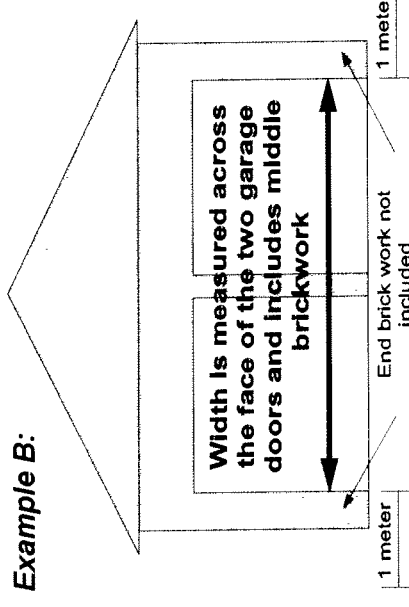
By-law 2006-96: How much can I extend my driveway?

You can estimate the maximum width of your proposed extension by measuring the width of the existing garage door, or doors. In general, you can extend your driveway up to 2 metres (6' - 6") in width beyond this measurement.

Example A:



Example B:



Important Points to Consider

Homeowner

- A permit is not required to extend your driveway.
- You are responsible for ensuring the extended driveway meets the by-law's standards.
- Any contractor you hire must be licensed by the Town of Markham.

Contractor

- As of 2007, any contractor hired to widen a driveway in the Town of Markham must be licensed by the Town.
- A contractor's licence number must be displayed on the company vehicle.
- Every licensed contractor must provide a written estimate of proposed work to the homeowner.

Parking in Residential Neighbourhoods

- Cars must be parked on a driveway (or a hard-surface parking pad) facing the home or the street.
- Parking of one car across the boulevard (the end of your property between the sidewalk and the street, which is owned by the town) is permitted.