

# **PROCLAMATION BY MARKHAM COUNCIL OF "PAKISTAN NATIONAL DAY AND HOISTING OF PAKISTAN FLAG AT THE MARKHAM CIVIC CENTER ON MARCH 23, 2010**

It has been a tradition in Markham for the last 10 years to celebrate Pakistan National Day at Markham City Centre. Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Markham Council are invited to join the celebrations for Pakistan National Day, on Tuesday March 23, 2010 at the Markham Civic Centre. Consul General of Pakistan Hon. Sahebzada A. Khan and the Consulate of Pakistan will be Co-hosting this event with the Mayor of Markham.

**Canadians of Pakistani Origin in Markham would really appreciate if Markham Council would approve the following in tonight's agenda (February 9, 2010):**

- 1. Proclaim March 23, 2010 as "Pakistan national Day" in Markham and**
- 2. Allow to raise the Pakistan flag to raised as part of a ceremony in front of the city hall and let it remain flying the whole day.**

"This is a unique opportunity for the Pakistani community to celebrate their national Day with people from all walks of life and share the values of their cultural heritage," says former Markham Ward 7 Councillor Khalid Usman.

To mark this special day, there will be a flag-raising ceremony and celebration at the main entrance of the Civic Centre, starting at 10 a.m. Following the ceremony, there will be remarks and a cake cutting ceremony in the Council Chamber.

"We are Markham and are proud to celebrate our diversity and this event is one way to recognize our community," says Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

## **Flag Raising Ceremony Tuesday March 23, 2010 – 9:30 a.m. (Arrival)**

Markham Civic Centre  
101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham  
(Northwest corner of Warden Avenue and Highway 7)



**The National Flag of Pakistan** is dark green in colour with a white bar, a white crescent in the centre and a five-pointed star. The green field represents Muslim majority, while the white area represents minorities in the country. The crescent represents progress and the five-rayed star represents light and knowledge. (Reference: Diplomatic Mission of Pakistan in Canada)

**Contact:** Former Councillor Khalid Usman, 905-470-8111