



Michael Chan, MPP  
Markham–Unionville

January 28, 2013

Ms. Kimberly Kitteringham  
Town Clerk  
City of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3

**Re: Motion to Rescind the Financial Framework for the Proposed GTA Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre – Council Meeting, Jan. 29, 2013**

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Markham-Unionville since February 2007, and as a proud resident of Markham for 18 years, I share a keen interest with neighbours and friends in this wonderful city where we are so fortunate to live.

Markham is a truly unique place, one of the most culturally diverse and high-growth communities in Canada. It is a dynamic, thriving centre of social, cultural and economic activity with a solid reputation for good governance. I wish to commend Mayor Scarpitti and all Members of Council for their capable leadership as Markham has transformed from a small town to a vibrant city.

The vision for a Downtown Markham is slowly taking shape and holds great promise as a hub for community engagement where people of all ages can come together to connect, to learn, to be entertained, and to participate in valuable cultural and recreational opportunities.

As a possible component of Downtown Markham, I understand that the proposed Markham Sports, Entertainment & Cultural Centre (GTA Centre) would be a world-class facility with tremendous potential to stimulate the local economy and deliver wide-ranging economic benefits, a significant number of jobs, and enhancements to the quality of life in Markham for many years to come. These are truly worthwhile goals for a community asset that could contribute to a stronger, more prosperous and vital City of Markham.

The final decision on the GTA Centre is a municipal one, reflective of the voice of the people of Markham, but I do encourage all parties to continue discussions and a thorough exploration of this project's potential and sustainability to ensure a positive outcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Chan'.

Michael Chan, M.P.P.  
Markham-Unionville



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House of Commons  
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**Hon. John McCallum**  
**M.P. for Markham—Unionville**

January 28, 2013

To: Mayor and Council  
Att: Martha Pettit, Clerk's Office

Dear Mayor & Council,

*Subject: Markham Arena*

I am writing, as the Member of Parliament for Markham-Unionville, to express my view that the negotiations for the new Markham stadium should proceed.

Even though I recognize that the decision rests with the Markham Council and not me, I would suggest that it makes no sense to cut off the process at this time.

Please note, I'm not suggesting you approve the stadium at this time, but merely to allow the process to continue and complete a final agreement.

The economic benefits of this project warrant a complete and thorough process that would see a final arrangement brought back to Council for final approval. Moreover, the fact that the private sector contribution to the project is very large, if not unprecedented across Canada, lends credence to the project.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. John McCallum M.P.  
Markham-Unionville

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Hau, Lucy

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**Subject:** FW: Opposed to Markham Arena Proposal

**From:** Mary Tashos  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 12:48 PM  
**To:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Fwd: Opposed to Markham Arena Proposal

Hello, Please note my letter today to city councilors.  
Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mary Tashos  
**Date:** January 28, 2013 12:37:34 PM GMT-05:00  
**To:** [ccampbell@markham.ca](mailto:ccampbell@markham.ca), [jheath@markham.ca](mailto:jheath@markham.ca), [cmoretti@markham.ca](mailto:cmoretti@markham.ca), [jjones@markham.ca](mailto:jjones@markham.ca), [joeli@markham.ca](mailto:joeli@markham.ca)  
**Subject:** **Opposed to Markham Arena Proposal**

Good afternoon councillors and deputy mayor,

As a Markham resident in ward 4 I'm writing to state how deeply concerned I, and the vast majority of residents are regarding the Markham NHL arena proposal. Public money should not be used to fund private sports enterprise, it has been proven over and over again that there is no economic benefit to developing new major league sports facilities.

There is only risk of no NHL team actually coming to Markham and a large, expensive, empty venue with taxpayer on the hook for millions of dollars. This project if it ever happens should be 100% privately funded with a confirmed NHL team on the way. The only ones who will benefit will be the developers who have already profited from Markham's growth over the years. As elected representatives of the city of Markham please encourage councils attention to be turned to issues that effect and matter to all citizens on a daily basis. Traffic congestion is a growing problem and daily frustration for all who use roads, public transit is seriously lacking, and we all want a protected environment with more and better recreational trails and paths. Use our hard earned tax revenue responsibly, invest it wisely and say no to this ridiculous and obviously unnecessary risk and expenditure of money, time and resources.

The right NHL deal won't have the city paying for any part of a private arena, it will be transparent with a confirmed NHL team and owner, and not forced or rushed through. Please do the responsible thing and stop this arena proposal.

Best regards,  
Mary Tashos

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:00 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** Fw: THE ARENA MUST BE PRIVATELY OWNED/OPERATED/FUNDED!

Stephen  
-----sent from my BlackbBerry

**From:** N M [<mailto:>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** THE ARENA MUST BE PRIVATELY OWNED/OPERATED/FUNDED!

As taxpayers we are not in favor of the financing or construction of the proposed arena in Markham. This arena could become a burden to the taxpayers and we feel it should be privately financed. We also think that our Mayor should support the citizens wishes.

Regards,

Anthony & Nelly Mazzone  
Cachet Country Club

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:00 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** Fw: City Arena

Stephen

-----sent from my BlackbBerry

**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 08:33 AM  
**To:** Bavington, Kitty  
**Subject:** FW: City Arena

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
Tel: 905-477-7000, ext. 4290 | Email: [shuycke@markham.ca](mailto:shuycke@markham.ca)

**From:** robert watson [mailto: \_\_\_\_\_]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 27, 2013 10:19 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen; I  
**Subject:** City Arena

NO NHL TEAM? NO ARENA!  
NO CITY OWNERSHIP! PRIVATE OWNERSHIP ONLY!

Mr. Mayor and Councillors, it must be obvious to you by now! Taxpayers do not want the City of Markham as the owner of of this project. As a lifetime taxpayer and 68 years as a resident of Markham, I don't see this project as a Viability but only as a Liability and refuse to support it and the riskof paying for it's expenses through taxation. Why have you been so secretive about this project plan? Where is your respect to your tax-paying constituents when you don't listen to them? Where is your allegiance to your long-standing local supporters? Markham and Unionville were established by our forefathers and developed the area with a pioneer spirit and the open support and respect from their town council. This spirit has vanished under your secret leadership as well as the loss of respect from your people who once supported you.

I was really taken by the full back-page advertisement on Saturday's (Jan.26 issue) of the Economist appealing to Markham residents to vote for the GTA Centre (the Arena) at Tuesday;s Council Meeting! I noticed the ad was taken out by David B.Black of Monopoly Property Management and supported by nine major Development companies! Now here;s an oppotunity Mr. Mayor! Why not offer these interested business companies with all their money the Private Ownership it deserves! I'm sure all our residents would support this proposal!

Robert Watson,  
Swan Lake

Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:55 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** Fw: Proposed new recreation Center arena

Stephen

-----sent from my BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Carol Pollard [<mailto:c>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2013 11:08 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Proposed new recreation Center arena

As a taxpayer in Markham for a number of years I am not prepared or want to put any of my taxes towards this. Markham infrastructure needs to be fixed before anything like this can be tolerated. We don't need something this large. Carol Pollard.

Sent from my iPad

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:55 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** Fw: Markham Arena

Stephen  
-----sent from my BlackbBerry

**From:** Azza Gammo [mailto:[azza.gammo@markham.ca](mailto:azza.gammo@markham.ca)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:57 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Markham Arena

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please do not waste our tax money on projects that are not necessary and very costly.

Sincerely,

Tax payer  
Azza Gammo

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:55 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** Fw: The Arena

Stephen

-----sent from my BlackbBerry

**From:** Ragaie Tawadros [[mailto:](#)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:49 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** The Arena

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please don't spend our tax money on projects that are costly and we don't need (I don't agree)

Tax payer  
Ray Tawadros

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:43 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** Fw:

Stephen

-----sent from my BlackbBerry

**From:** Pearl [mailto: \_\_\_\_\_]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 08:39 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors; Huycke, Stephen

As a long-time resident of Markham, I do NOT want our city to proceed with the proposed NHL-ready arena project, by using taxpayer dollars, for the benefit of private businessmen. This will cost Markham taxpayers for years and years to come. I do not for a minute believe that we will ever see re-payment of our hard-earned dollars for this ridiculous arena which we certainly don't need!!!  
Let's learn from the mistakes of other towns (i.e. Hamilton) and not repeat history with this losing proposition.

Sincerely,  
Pearl

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Pearl Sarafian

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:34 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Martha  
**Cc:** Hau, Lucy; Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Fw: GTA Centre agenda item

Good Morning.

This email is what I would like placed on record regarding the Motion on the Council Agenda this evening.

Agenda item is regarding the GTA Centre motion.

I feel there will be so many speakers there tonight that I need not add to that but I do want to be on record with my opinions.

I am responding to the email I got from Mayor Frank Scarpitti on Monday January 27th at 8.52pm saying Markham Needs You.

No NO NO. Mr Mayor

You can put any spin on this that you wish to make it sound good but it still means you want to use PUBLIC money by borrowing money.....

I have attended many many council meetings since I first heard of your proposal. I am against the financial framework as we the taxpayers should NOT be involved in borrowing any money on behalf of the PRIVATE sector.

I was told by Graeme Roustan and a representative of the City that the reason the City has to get involved with the finances is because the deal will only work if the CITY borrows the money as the City will get a good lending rate. If the DEVELOPERS cannot or will not finance this DIRECTLY from DAY 1 then the project should not start until they get all of the money together. There are 10 supporters listed on the back page of the Economist & Sun on last Saturdays paper advising all of us how great a deal this is SO let them put their money forward. I would like an Arena (even though I think 20,000 seats is too big) BUT not until the DEVELOPERS are willing to finance it all themselves with their money.

If the project is so great then do it right and have the DEVELOPERS finance it all.

**THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL FRAMEWOK:**

The \$130 million some from NEW development fees will be paid for by the new homeowners buying homes in Markham. So it is the PUBLIC paying the fees to the DEVELOPERS to purchase a new home and then the Developers paying it to the City.

The rest from ticket sale, and parking revenue from the project so again it is the PUBLIC paying when they attend a show or function at the Arena...

The \$32.5 million Section 37 that money should be going to other projects in the City not this one. Is it even legal to use the money this way I do not know the answer to that one????

\$0- Tax increase you cannot guarantee this. EVEN the City CEO quoted figures that could possibly cost the taxpayer if this deal goes sideways.

So PLEASE everybody do come out today to hear the dialogue and then make up YOUR own minds if you want to support this financial framework.

I WILL BE THERE SUPPORTING THE DEPUTY MAYOR JACK HEATH AND WARD 5 COUNCILLOR COLIN CAMPBELL WHO ALONG WITH OTHER COUNCILLORS HAVE SAID THEY DO NOT LIKE THE FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK AND THERE WILL BE A MOTION ON THE TABLE TONIGHT TRYING TO STOP THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK.

I hope if you care enough about our great CITY that you will try to find some time to attend this one very important meeting tonight.

Eira Keay

Resident and Taxpayer of Markham since Oct 31st.1980.

Hau, Lucy



**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:57 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: NO to Arena Funding model

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
Tel: 905-477-7000, ext. 4290 | Email: [shuycke@markham.ca](mailto:shuycke@markham.ca)

**From:** Ingrid Hollett [<mailto:>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:56 AM  
**To:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Cc:** [\[redacted\]](mailto:)  
**Subject:** Fw: NO to Arena Funding model

...for the record...

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [\[redacted\]](mailto:)  
**To:** [mayor&councillors@markham.ca](mailto:mayor&councillors@markham.ca)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:54 AM  
**Subject:** NO to Arena Funding model

Under no circumstances should public money be used to finance this painfully obvious scheme , perpetrated by one with a blemished track record.....

Ingrid Hollett

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:58 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: Markham Arena

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
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**From:** Julieta Montojo [<mailto:>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:27 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Markham Arena

To the two motions to be voted on tonight, we say NO. Please remember that you're in power because we, your constituents, put you there hoping that you will fight for the welfare of the majority of your constituents and not your interests and the interest of the few.

Julieta Montojo

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:58 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: NO ARENA

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
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**From:** Caterina Crupi [mailto:\_\_\_\_\_]\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:43 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** NO ARENA

If you want the arena, Frank Scarpitti and you other ones, then pay for it out of your OWN PERSONAL FINANCES, NOT OUR TAXES! SMARTEN UP! You guys need to be voted out of power in order for Markham to run smoothly.

Have a GREAT DAY!

Caterina Crupi

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:59 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: No to Arena

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
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**From:** Bill Hollett [<mailto:>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen; <mailto:>  
**Subject:** No to Arena

I do not support the funding model proposed for the Markham Arena.

Bill Hollett

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:59 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: Markham Arena

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
Tel: 905-477-7000, ext. 4290 | Email: [shuycke@markham.ca](mailto:shuycke@markham.ca)

**From:** Grace Chin [<mailto:gmc>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:12 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors; Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Markham Arena

Just a reminder that you are in office **FOR** the residents of Markham.

On that note let your conscience be your guide regarding the proposed Markham arena.  
Please **DO NOT** approve it at this time. Think of the financial burden that will be placed on the residents for years/generations to come. Is that the what Markham's residents need?????????

Grace Chin

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Hau, Lucy

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**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:59 AM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: NHL-Ready Arena project

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
Tel: 905-477-7000, ext. 4290 | Email: [shuycke@markham.ca](mailto:shuycke@markham.ca)

**From:** Tony Hsiung [mailto:...]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:52 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors; Huycke, Stephen  
**Cc:** L...  
**Subject:** NHL-Ready Arena project

To, Mayor Scarpitti, City Councillors and Acting Clerk,

As a Markham taxpayer, I do not want my tax dollars to benefit private businessmen.

I urge the Mayor and City Councillors **NOT** to proceed with the proposed NHL-Ready arena project by using Taxpayer dollars.

The arena must be **privately** owned, operated and funded.

Thank you.

Best regards,  
Tony Hsiung, Chartered Accountant

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**Subject:** FW: tonight's council meeting  
**Importance:** High

**From:** Campbell, Colin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:08 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Martha  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: tonight's council meeting  
**Importance:** High

Matha,

Please see correspondence below. Can you please add it to the file for tonight.  
Thank you

*Colin Campbell*  
**Councillor, Ward 5**  
**City of Markham**  
**101 Town Centre Boulevard**  
**Markham, ON L3R 9W3**  
**905-479-7750**  
**[ccampbell@markham.ca](mailto:ccampbell@markham.ca)**

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**From:** Keith Thirgood  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:47 AM  
**To:** Campbell, Colin  
**Subject:** tonight's council meeting

Hi Colin,

Can the following deposition be read into the record of Council's deliberations regarding rescinding the Financial Framework for the proposed NHL style Arena. The doctors don't want me to be doing things like going to stressful meetings, and none of the other members of the Board of the OMVR are available to attend. We do, however, want our input heard.

The Old Markham Village Ratepayers Inc., representing the heritage district of Markham Village, has been conducting an informal survey of residents of the heritage district regarding the proposed arena project and the financial framework under discussion tonight. After talking to over 100 people (a statistically significant number), we found the following results (all results approximate):

- In favour of an arena of the size proposed 20%
- In favour of a smaller arena 10%
- Not in favour of an arena at all 10%
- No opinion on having an arena 60%

In favour of the proposed financial structure 0%

In favour of the City being involved in any way financially 0%

Moderately to strongly opposed to the City being involved financially 70%

Vehemently opposed to the City being involved financially 30%

There has been no other issue we have dealt with where opposition has crossed political, socio-economic and business vs resident boundaries so completely. If our informal discussions are representative, then the residents and businesses of the heritage area of Old Markham Village are firmly against the City being financially involved in the arena project.

Regards,

Keith Thirgood  
President, Old Markham Village Ratepayers Inc.

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed "NHL ready arena"

**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:03 PM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed "NHL ready arena"

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
Tel: 905-477-7000, ext. 4290 | Email: [shuycke@markham.ca](mailto:shuycke@markham.ca)

**From:** Carlos Diaz [mailto:]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:58 AM  
**To:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Proposed "NHL ready arena"

Please note that I oppose the proposal to finance the Arena project with taxpayers money. There is no scenario under which I would agree to such financial arrangement. I have carefully listened to the Mayor on a one on one conversation (back in the summer at Main St Unionville), I have been to a Council meeting and carefully listened to the for and against opinions. I have read the proposal. I believe I am well informed. I do not belong to any group, but I have had many discussions with friends and neighbors and we all agree that the proposal that you endorse does not make any sense. If this proposal is not defeated tonight, I will join others to fight until the decision is reversed.

Carlos Diaz

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**Subject:** FW: Arena Project

**From:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 1:02 PM  
**To:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** FW: Arena Project

**Stephen M.A. Huycke**  
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**From:** Evelyn St. Laurent  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:57 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors  
**Cc:** Huycke, Stephen  
**Subject:** Arena Project

Dear Sirs,  
I am completely opposed to this project. I have not seen surveys or data to support such a centre.  
Mr. Mayor and those councillors supporting this project: Why aren't you listening to your constituents and available data?

## **Deputation**

- to be included in the meeting tonight, January 29, 2013

Mr. Mayor, Members of Council

Re: Financial plan for Proposed Arena

We are all deeply concerned at the absurdity of continuing to seek finances for the arena that no one wants.

People with expertise in this area have weighed in on the arena project, and pronounced it a 'bad idea financially' for the city of Markham' .... So why is the Council of the City of Markham flying in the face of good advice to create this huge financial burden for the tax paying citizens of the City of Markham.

The only people making money from this project are the developers; and if they thought it was such a great idea, they would be have been more than happy to fund it.

The voting public, whom you represent, has a long memory.

Jim & Marcia Archer  
Joyce & Jim Allen  
Carlos & Sue Pereira

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*Hon. / L'hon. Peter Kent, P.C., M.P. / C.P., député*  
Member of Parliament for Thornhill - Député de Thornhill

His Worship, Frank Scarpitti, Mayor  
City of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

January 28, 2013

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

I'm writing to offer my support – as one of Markham's Members of Parliament and a Markham ratepayer - to continue and finalize the approved financial framework for the proposed Markham Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre.

From details released to date, it seems clear that Markham taxpayers would not be exposed to financial risk, **IF**:

...the private sector Remington Group assumes full responsibility for \$162.5 million, and posts a guarantee for that full amount and any cost overruns in real property.

...the balance of the \$325 million construction cost is guaranteed to be generated by a range of development fees for residential units in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Centre and, with operating expenses covered through retail, office and commercial leases as well as event parking and ticketing fees.

I am further encouraged by cost/benefit estimates that suggest the proposed new Centre would be economically viable even in the absence of a new NHL franchise/tenancy.

Completion of the financial framework for the proposed Centre would better allow Council to make a truly informed decision on the merits of the project.

A positive outcome would generate significant economic benefits, not only for Markham, but for the northern GTA region. (600 two-year construction jobs, 886 expected post-construction jobs, 13.2 million in provincial taxes, and an expanded York Regional transit system)

I wish you and council all the best as, I hope, you move ahead to finalize the financial framework of the proposed Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre for Markham.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter Kent'. The signature is stylized and includes a large loop at the beginning.

Peter Kent PC MP Thornhill

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**Hau, Lucy**

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**Subject:** FW: Please read on my behalf at Council Meeting tonight....

**From:** Sameer Thaver

**Sent:** January 29, 2013 2:19 PM

**To:** Scarpitti, Frank; Rose, Laurie

**Subject:** Please read on my behalf at Council Meeting tonight....

As a proud Markham resident... I am immensely proud to support this incredible facility. However, I personally would like to see it's overall capacity expanded by 5, 6 or at the most 10,000 people as the potential for this arena is immense.

Not only do I see Hockey, Stage Shows and other such events but the potential would also be there to welcome promotions such as the WWE to hold incredible live PPV events such as a Summerslam, a Royal Rumble or even a live televised broadcast of Raw or Smackdown, all of which can bring tremendous attention and notoriety to our fair city. In addition to extra revenues which would come from fan festivals that are held for their major annual events.

In my opinion, don't listen to all the naysayers in this instance and lets get this project going & even further grow it's total capacity so more people can take full advantage of this great arena . The potential and possibilities are immense, there is absolutely no downside and it would prove to be a massive boon to our economy.

Sameer Thaver

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Hau, Lucy

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**Subject:** FW: Re Arena

**From:** Davison  
**Sent:** January 29, 2013 3:42 PM  
**To:** Tari, Alida  
**Subject:** Re Arena

Dear Sir,

Please accept this negative vote for the propose Arena, which your Council feels should be built at our, your Taxpayers, expenses. Get the monies from the proposed builders, and make sure that this Arena will be for NHL use and a team in the offing. We do not need Tax increases down the road to support a" Ghost Arena" in our City. Also, PLEASE use your resources to get Amica to do positive work on their 'hole in the ground' FOR ALMOST 2 YEARS on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. What an eye sore for the City

Regards, Carolyn and Bob Davison



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

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**Paul Calandra**

*Member of Parliament for Oak Ridges—Markham*

January 29, 2013

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Members of Council,

I was disappointed to learn that Council would be debating a motion that would essentially kill any further consideration of the "GTA Centre" proposed for Markham. As you know since 2008 the global economic downturn has caused a great deal of hardship for hard working people all around the world.

Here in Canada we have fought the downturn head on. We have done this by working together at all levels of government regardless of political stripe. Right here in our own community we have seen investments in roads, community centres, transit, safety, and recreation. We have leveraged scarce resources to ensure that as Canada emerged from the downturn, our communities would stand ready to seize the opportunities that our investments have provided.

The proposed GTA Centre offers the City of Markham a unique opportunity to build on the investments that we have made together since 2008. A multi-million dollar investment in our community is one that deserves to be fully reviewed and considered by Council. To shut down the process before a thorough review can be completed, in my opinion, sends an extremely discouraging message to those who stand ready to make further investments in our community.

Regardless of one's position on the proposed GTA Centre the facts remain that the project will create jobs both through the construction of the Centre and on-going employment for hundreds of individuals after it is built. The Centre also offers a unique opportunity to better utilise local investments that have been made in the Pan-Am games and those made through Canada's Economic Action Plan including the expansion of transit services currently underway in Markham and across York Region.

Public private partnerships have become an important tool in helping to improve communities while limiting the exposure of taxpayers in the construction and expansion of important infrastructure. Additionally, governments must stand ready to become partners in helping to develop much needed infrastructure – especially at a time when our economy still remains fragile.

Recently, our government announced an investment in the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project between Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia. By providing a federal loan guarantee and allowing the two provinces to secure favorable credit terms we have unleashed an investment of over \$6.3 billion which will create thousands of jobs, produce clean energy and give these two provinces an economic boost in a fragile economy.

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I have made no secret of the fact that I am a supporter of the construction of the GTA Centre. I believe it will provide jobs, economic growth and opportunity to our community. I believe the Centre will give our young people even greater local employment opportunities, it will allow local business to grow and expand and will make it easier to sell Markham across Canada and around the world.

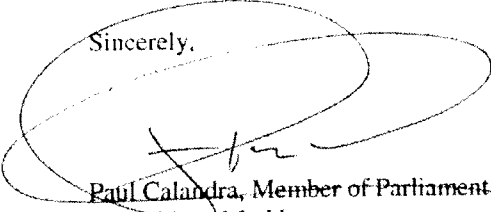
I would like to spend more of my own entertainment dollars in my community, be it at a concert, convention, or any number of events to which such a Centre will play host. I understand that ultimately it is Council that will make a final decision on the project, I only hope that Council will not turn its back on a massive investment before completing a thorough review.

I respectfully ask that you vote to continue the process and receive all the information that is required to make an educated and informed decision. I believe the easy thing to do would be to simply say "no" to the project but as elected officials we are paid by our constituents to make the difficult decisions as well as the easy ones.

Every day Canadians work hard and sacrifice much in order to help build our communities. Our salaries come directly from the pockets of these hard working Canadians and we owe it to them to do the jobs for which they elected us. If ultimately your thorough investigations and due diligence lead you to a decision for or against the project then at least it will be based on all of the facts.

I thank you for your consideration and I look forward to continuing to work with you to make our community an even better place to live, work, invest, and raise a family.

Sincerely,



Paul Calandra, Member of Parliament  
Oak Ridges-Markham

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January 29, 2013

Mayor Scarpitti and City Councilors  
City of Markham  
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Dear Mayor and Fellow Councilors:

As a proud citizen of Markham, I have been honoured to watch my children and grandchildren grow up in what I have always believed to be one of the best communities in Canada.

I operate a business that employs many people living in Markham and own various industrial/ office buildings located in Markham and pay my fair share of taxes towards the City of Markham.

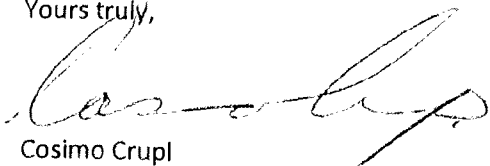
I am writing to you to help convince you of all the benefits that the proposed new sports and entertainment centre would bring to the City of Markham..

Besides all the jobs this new venture would create, it will help other businesses in Markham to thrive as it would bring thousands of people to Markham annually and help keep the citizens of Markham spending their money locally. This will only help property values and bring more tax dollars to the City.

Besides the economic benefits, the fact that my children and their children will have the opportunity to locally attend concerts, sport events, Home, Car and Boat Shows, etc. will improve their overall quality of life while living in Markham.

We must continue to make Markham one of the best cities in the world. Stopping this courageous venture would be a big mistake and I strongly encourage you, the council, to get behind this fabulous opportunity and endorse it.

Yours truly,



Cosimo Crupi

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Hau, Lucy

**Subject:** FW: Markham Sports Entertainment Cultural Centre.

**From:** Mary Brawley [mailto:m

**Sent:** January 29, 2013 10:36 AM

**To:** Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; [joeli@makham.ca](mailto:joeli@makham.ca); Kanapathi, Logan; Campbell, Colin; Landon, Gord; Chiu, Alex; Ho, Alan; Moretti, Carolina; Burke, Valerie; Shore, Howard; Hamilton, Don

**Subject:** Markham Sports Entertainment Cultural Centre.

Dear Councillors

Like you and many Markham Residents my MAGIC e-account has been peppered since last spring with fiery and dire anti-MSECC mail. This morning is no different. In keeping with MAGIC's mandate to be facilitators of information I have not taken a side nor did I feel it fair for us to do so. However, today is different and I am writing to you as an individual who has taken the time to read all the MSECC e-mail received both pro&con embedded with assumptions/accusations & speculations swirling around our Mayor, Staff, Council members, Mr. Roustan, Mr. Bratty & as of yesterday morning a fellow MAGIC member. I've read the Town website links, local newspaper, some academic articles, and the proposed Motions that will require your vote this evening and I have an opinion..

It's my opinion that if you vote against this project you will be voting for a 'Missed Opportunity' for the following reasons:

1. The early day claim that this was a rushed deal meant to pass before the public had an opportunity to grasp it - is somewhat fictitious for me. The New Markham Centre has been in this City's & Council's imagination since the early 1990's (No one knows this better than Councillor Jones and I applaud his 'think big or go home' attitude). He has a lot of time invested, it should be recognized and like any proud parent he expects the best end-result - it is his legacy. Problem is...people move in and move out...they don't have the constancy of work & memory and I would bet most like me had no real idea of what a new City Centre means. That's our responsibility. Staff's unstinting open-door-policy for hard discussion, explanation & others' insight to Council, groups and individuals alike, the City's web site is informative, several City wide info sessions, as well as printed public material (e Markham Live magazine). Staff should be commended here. Clearly, if any one person was interested over past months all one had to do is pick up the phone and call.
2. The claims that we shouldn't be in the business of running an Arena, we shouldn't be involved in a Private/Public Partnership, the Private Partner will go bankrupt, increase taxes, etc. Well, I don't have a problem with a collaborative 3P relationship and Gov't is Business. It's a sign of the times and a good response to economic pressures that sees less Provincial dollars flowing to Municipalities. Moreover, the tentative framework states that the City will not be paying for cost over-runs, on-going capital maintenance, operations/booking events, space nor paying for Municipal services & importantly, the Private Partner's loan is fully 'secured'. Because the area is in the process of becoming the 'new City Centre of Markham - Transportation & other infrastructure improvements will happen with/without this deal. (Councillor Jones I appreciate you being a stickler here) At the end of the day the City will own a great blding on 7 acres of land next to a major Transportation hub, 407,404, future residential/retail build-up and as a capital asset its value will increase in time. I'd be remiss if I didn't include the value & wgt a Brand name will carry beyond the City. Will we have the tax to support this adventure? Absolutely. What some of the fearful don't appreciate is that this community has moved beyond the A.G. Casson & Varley vignettes of yester-year. We are a ethnically diverse community moving toward a 'Jetson' like society where communication and we hope transportation can be faster than thought. According to the Physicist, Geoffrey West, cities are just big organisms & from a Global perspective...every week from now till 2050 - 1 million people are being added to our cities and almost all cities survive and developers know this. That's why they are queucing. They are in the business of making money and sometimes you have to spend it to make it. If on the other hand, the City

had to purchase the land, pay for cost over-runs, operate it, pay for municipal services, provide for unplanned infrastructure & transportation I would agree with the naysayers. This is not the case. Lastly according the Prof. JG Long, because of the small foot print & flexibility & unlike Stadiums, Arenas are good candidates for investment and, I just heard that there will be a new NFL Stadium out West with a cheaper price tag...someone should ask 'why' here.

3. Without exception. every Councillor has acknowledge that they are not against the idea of Arena/Cultural Centre. It would seem that Councillor Jones is concerned that Mr. Roustan cannot deliver and peppered our in-box with research to support this claim. I have no opinion here except to say no one is indispensable & he does seem to fit Malcolm Gladwell's 'Connector' category. He does know people and seems to be able to bring them to the table...that's got to be worth something and I trust that you will all do your homework and make a good decision here and that doesn't mean public character assassination if you choose move forward without him. Councillor Campbell flatly says it won't work without a hockey league. Maybe. With that said, this blding is more than hockey and its truly hard to believe that once built the NHL&TV wouldn't be interested in broadcasting from a state-of-the-art space with so many seats. And here I would ask...why 20,000 seats? Moving on - Regional Councillor Heath was concerned about parking which has been provided for and everyone is worried about the threat of not being elected next time around if you vote 'yes'. I think this is intimidation before the fact. It is anti-democratic...Do as I say or be sorry. You all should stand up and fight this attitude. I did it for Councillor Jones at a very contentious All Candidate Debate 2yrs ago and you need to do it for each other...One more thing...remember most people don't vote nor care. It's probable true for the arena as well. Well that's about it...I wish you all well what ever way vote and say...be the best you can...it will be a long night.

Kind Regards and thanks for taking the time to read....  
Mary Brawley



Frank E. Russo, Jr. Senior Vice President,  
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DATE: January 29, 2013  
TO: Honorable Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Markham City Councillors  
FROM: Frank E. Russo, Jr.

Global Spectrum has been closely following the comments made by George Gillett to Markham City Council in regards to the new arena in Markham. As a member of Graeme Rouston's team and as the operator of this proposed new venue, there are a few points that I would like to draw your attention to.

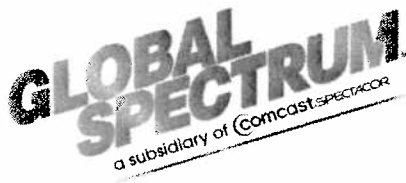
First, Global Spectrum is willing to revise its Memorandum of Understanding with Graeme and will assume on-going responsibility for any annual operating losses based on mutually acceptable terms and conditions. This revision is offered based on our confidence in this project and in our ability to manage a facility that will achieve outstanding results hosting concerts, sports events, special events, conventions, trade shows, and many other events.

Next, I would like to address the suggestion made by George Gillett that the City consider a Markham Live project before it develops an arena. Global Spectrum is owned by Comcast Spectacor, owners of the NHL Flyers at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, which is part of an overall sports complex that consists of Citizens Bank Park, home to the MLB Phillies and Lincoln Financial Field, home to the NFL Eagles. Global Spectrum, in partnership with The Cordish Company of Baltimore, developed the Philly Live concept, now known as Xfinity Live!, a 55,000 square foot dining and entertainment complex, featuring over a dozen different dining and entertainment options.

Xfinity Live! would never have been developed if it was not for the existing sports complex and the critical mass of hundreds of thousands of sports and entertainment fans attracted annually.

Mr. Gillett also referenced Live "concepts" in Los Angeles and Dallas. The developers of LA Live are AEG, owners of the Staples Center. AEG built the Staples Centre before LA Live. AEG also invested millions of dollars to build the Sprint Center in Kansas City, in the "hopes" of attracting an NBA or an NHL franchise. Although a professional sports franchise has yet to materialize, the Sprint Center continues to be a very successful venue. The Cordish Company, referenced above, developed the Live concept around the Sprint Center within a few years of the arena's completion- now known as the commercially thriving Kansas City Power and Light District.

Markham is in competition with several North American cities hoping to attract an NHL franchise. We believe that with the support of Council, Graeme Rouston's project is the right way to go forward—it represents the City's best chance to realize a world-class arena and a professional sports franchise. As we have said on many occasions, an NHL team is not required for this arena to succeed financially, though it is a worthy goal that we hope to one day achieve.



Graeme Rouston's team offers the City of Markham a project that is financially sound, superbly designed and of great economic and cultural benefit to the surrounding community. We do not want Markham to miss this unique opportunity to build a world class, multi-purpose sports and entertainment facility, and encourage you to continue working with GTA Sports and Entertainment to develop the GTA Centre.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank E. Russo, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'F'.

Frank E. Russo, Jr.  
Senior Vice President  
Business Development & Client Relations

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**From:** Rose, Laurie  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 6:01 PM  
**To:** Pettit, Martha  
**Cc:** Hau, Lucy  
**Subject:** letter for January 29 Council -- Anne Marie DeCicco-Best

**From:** DeCicco-Best, Anne Marie  
**Sent:** January 29, 2013  
**Subject:** letter for January 29 Council -- Anne Marie DeCicco-Best

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and council members,

It gives me great pleasure to provide a few comments regarding the process and construction London city council undertook when I was Mayor to build the John Labatt Centre now known as Budweiser Gardens. We opened the centre a little more than ten years ago at a cost of \$42-million dollars debentured by the city. The council structured the public private partnership with Global Spectrum as the operator and Ellis Don as the builder. It was the best way to ensure we had a quality day to day operation that attracts still today in excess of approximately 100 events per year. It is also home to the Memorial Cup champions London Knights who sell out every game at 9100 seats.

The JLC was by far the best project we have ever built. It rejuvenated our downtown, stimulated our economic base, in particular the hospitality sector, and has allowed us to attract world class events including the world figure skating championships being hosted this coming March.

Even so there was great community resistance at the outset. Some felt it shouldn't be located downtown; there were concerns about parking and traffic congestion; some felt the support wouldn't be there to make it successful and some wanted a completely different project. But council was resolute that this project would meet the community's expectations and we moved ahead.

I can again say without a doubt that not only did the concerns not materialize but just the opposite came true. The centre has ignited a sense of excitement and interest with every event that takes place, that has never been seen before. The investment has paid dividends that is priceless. I strongly supported the project from its inception and believe that it changed the face of our community in many ways that are beyond what you can put a price tag on. If your council decides to move forward, in particular with private sector financial support, it will only add value to your city and for your citizens.

I would be happy to answer any questions you or your colleagues may have.

Sincerely, Anne Marie DeCicco-Best  
Mayor, London, Ontario 2000-2010