

# Petition

To: The Council of the City of Markham  
By: The Box Grove Community (Ward 7)

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## Background

Approximately six acres of land (Site A as shown in the attached Sketch) located East of Rizal Avenue and North of Marlborough Road was originally zoned for a Catholic elementary school. The York District Separate School Board returned this land to the Box Grove Hill Developments Inc. (the developer) due to a lack of demand for a school. The developer is planning to build 30 residential units in more than two thirds of the land. The remaining land is proposed to be a small park.

The developer owns another land of about 20 acres (Site B as shown in the attached Sketch) in Box Grove located north of Copper Creek Drive between Wal-Mart and Box Grove Medical-Arts Centre. Site B is currently zoned for Industrial-Use. The developer is offering the whole Site A for a larger park and is asking for the Box Grove Community to support the conversion of zoning of Site B from Industrial-Use to Mixed-Use.

The community of Box Grove with more than 2,500 houses and 9,000 residents has only three parkettes that contain just three slides, a see-saw, seven benches, and two small covered areas. These parkettes are designed for small children and no place is available for older children. There is no safe place in Box Grove for children to partake in soccer, baseball, kite flying and other outdoor activities that demand a fair amount of space. The total area of the parks in Box Grove is less than two acres which is only 0.8% of the total residential and commercial area. As a result, the community experiences a severe shortage for areas where children of all ages and parents may meet and play.

Site A is ideally located in the middle of Box Grove and it is the last piece of land where a feasible safe gathering area can be built. It is also within walking distance for most of the Box Grove residents. In addition, it is a golden opportunity that the developer is offering the land for the best interest of the community.

Site B zoned with Industrial-Use DOES NOT fit into the community at all. There is NO potential business case for an industrial use of this land in the near future. The industrial use of the land will bring heavy vehicle traffic into the community. The Mixed-Use zone of Site B will provide the right mix of residential units with convenient services and much needed employment opportunities for the community. Our neighboring Cornell Community is a very good example for a successful community based on a Mixed-Use type zoning. Further, the Mixed-Use zone will yield additional revenues to the City of Markham in the immediate future.

## **Petition**

We, the undersigned residents of Box Grove Community, request the Mayor and the Regional and Ward Councillors including Councillor Logan Kanapathi (Ward 7) of the Council of the City of Markham perform the following actions in the best interest of our community:

1. To acquire approximately 6 acres of land of the previously proposed school site (Site A as shown in attached Sketch) from Box Grove Hill Developments Inc. to build a park; and
2. To convert the zoning of the land of approximately 20 acres located north of Copper Creek Drive between Wal-Mart and Box Grove Medical-Arts Centre site (Site B as shown in attached Sketch) from Industrial-Use to Mixed-Use.

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