



Quick Facts
Size: 17,000 square feet
Cost: \$9 million
Funded by: Town of Markham and the federal Cultural Spaces Grant Program
Estimated Completion: Late 2010

MARKHAM MUSEUM'S NEW ADDITION

In July 2009, construction began on the new collections building at the Markham Museum. This new \$9 million facility and landscaping project will complete the master plan, and position the Museum as a major attraction for Markham and the surrounding area.

The Museum will continue operating throughout the construction period using its 25-acre site. Please watch for directions on access to the site, as this will change from time-to-time during construction.

The addition will feature landscaping which will improve parking and the visual impact of the site. It will also be one of the first museum buildings in Canada built to LEED gold standards. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance "green" buildings.

When completed in 2010, the 17,000 sq. ft. addition will become the new main entry to the Museum and will give you a greater opportunity to explore Markham's heritage.

The building, which will be built at the north end of the reception centre, will incorporate gallery space for temporary exhibitions, a research area to study Markham history and local genealogy. It will provide much needed storage areas for the Museum's most fragile collections – the archives and textiles.

The new addition will compliment the museum's strategic focus to explore:

- the stories of settlement – telling the story of the ongoing adaptation to a new life in Canada, from settlement to present day
- the environment – looking at the impact each settlement phase had on the environment and the steps settlers took to reverse their environmental footprint
- technology – examining the shift from a farming community to a major urban centre and how the evolution of technology led to Markham's status as a major high tech centre in Canada.

This is a significant investment in cultural heritage in Markham – the most diverse municipality in Canada. Markham is an award winning heritage community and this new building will strengthen the Museum's role as a major regional attraction and Markham's commitment to heritage.

For more information, please contact Museum Manager Cathy Molloy at cmolloy@markham.ca or 905-294-4576.

Located on Highway 48 just north of 16th Avenue, Markham Museum offers a unique family and education experience, including 25 acres of parkland, orchards and heritage gardens. The museum features a variety of buildings representing the ongoing growth of our community. It hosts several major festivals and events, attracting over 50,000 visitors each year.

