

June 8, 2011

## *MESSAGE FROM MARKHAM*

On behalf of Members of Council and the Town of Markham, I am pleased to extend our best wishes to all those attending the Canada/United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce conference being held in the United Kingdom today.

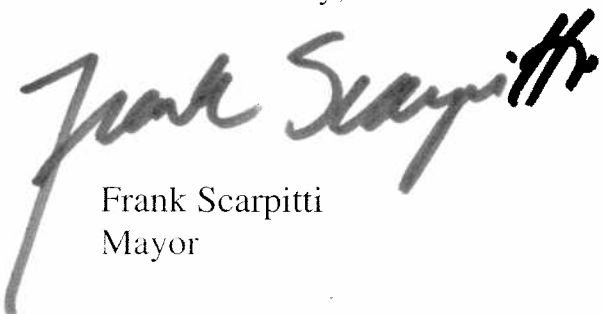
I thank Mr. Minken for giving me this opportunity to extend our greetings and to tell you a little bit about our community which is situated on the northern boundary of Toronto and is the most southern community in York Region. Markham has emerged as a diversified, cosmopolitan centre which combines the amenities of an urban lifestyle with a strong sense of community.

We have a vibrant and expanding business community which helps to keep Markham's taxes among the lowest in the Greater Metropolitan Toronto Area. With over 800 High-Tech and Life Science companies, we are proud to be known as Canada's High Tech Capital. Our economic development plan recognizes that the new global economy has few borders and limitations. Municipalities cannot afford to isolate themselves from global trends and influences.

Knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurship are the economic tools that keep Markham growing and sustainable for businesses large and small. I hope that when you are looking for a place to do business you will check out what Markham has to offer.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and productive conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frank Scarpitti'.

Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor