

**Remington Group Launches New Era of Sustainable Development in Markham**  
*Design focused on strengthening the community experience in a natural setting, while expanding the economic foundation of the Town*

**June 22, 2006 - Markham, ON** - The Remington Group's ambitious Downtown Markham project, the largest planned mixed use development in Canada, launched today. The \$3B community combines residential, retail and commercial properties, all built to high environmental standards, and designed to reflect the sustainable development needs of the province.

Downtown Markham is designed as a European-inspired mixed-use community. The vibrant urban centre is built at a human scale that promotes car-free travel, with all retail amenities, numerous parks, streams and other green spaces located within easy walking distance.

"Downtown Markham is a unique development in Canada, built from the ground-up to integrate with, rather than build over, the natural environment," said Rudy Bratty, Chairman and CEO, The Remington Group. "Residents of Downtown Markham can live, work and play in an economically vibrant community that emphasizes sustainable development, public space, alternative energy and a higher quality of life."

Building design follows sustainable guidelines, including energy efficient power sources and LEED certified residential developments. Downtown Markham also features urban design that reflects and respects the natural environment, all built at a level of quality that will attract even greater numbers of residents to the Town of Markham.

### **Sustainable Growth**

The Town of Markham and Province of Ontario are both working to accommodate urban growth while minimizing sprawl. Downtown Markham's design allows for greater density in an environmentally friendly urban area. The community's 98 hectares (243 acres) will become home to 9,500 residents living in 3,900 new condominiums and townhouses. The first residential build, the Rouge Bijou condominiums, will be available for purchase in July.

More than 16,000 people will work in approximately 4.2 million square feet of office space in the development. The community also features easy access to public transit, including Viva and GO Transit.

### **Foundation for Economic Success**

The Town of Markham's history of economic success will be strengthened by the arrival of Downtown Markham. Economic clusters across the continent are in competition with each other for skilled workers. As the Town moves to expand upon its past successes, the new vibrant community will attract a cosmopolitan knowledge workforce searching for a community offering access to the arts and culture, shopping, leading schools, and numerous natural recreation areas for families.

### **Building an Environmental Legacy**

Downtown Markham is designed to fit into the natural beauty of the Rouge River Valley. The Remington Group worked with a broad range of government ministries and independent environmental groups to ensure green building policies are properly developed and adhered to. The community's energy needs will be met with district energy, a highly efficient, low

maintenance and environmentally friendly method of heating and cooling buildings and homes.

From rebuilding fish habitat and protecting the existing Rouge River ecology to securing LEED certification for residential buildings and choosing environmentally friendly power sources, The Remington Group has worked to ensure Downtown Markham's footprint on the environment is as light as possible.

### **About The Remington Group**

The Remington Group Inc. is a privately held company that owns and operates land development, building construction, property management, and related businesses.

Led for more than 60 years by brothers Rudolph and Jerry Bratty, we have built more than 6,000 homes throughout the Greater Toronto Area. We have a substantial landbank of zoned and serviced residential sites and continue to acquire prime development lands for future commercial projects.

Our wholly owned income portfolio includes more than 3 million square feet of well located properties throughout Ontario, including industrial, commercial and retail buildings, as well as an inventory of zoned and serviced land in prime locations. Over the years we have earned a reputation for honesty and hard work. Today, Remington is recognized as an ethical and dedicated development company by homeowners, tenants, community groups, business partners, and all levels of government and their agencies. Our commitment to the creation of desirable and sustainable residential and commercial developments is unwavering.

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