

Police warn residents to be wary of e-mail scams

Halton woman bilked of \$16,000 US

Halton Police are warning people not to get involved in unsolicited business transactions after an Oakville resident was scammed of more than \$16,000 US.

Police report an Oakville woman received an unsolicited e-mail in September, allegedly from a businessman in South Africa with information on a company raising money for underprivileged communities in Africa.

The sender said he had obtained

her e-mail and phone number through an acquaintance.

Following the initial contact by e-mail, the man then phoned the woman and convinced her to become involved in a financial transaction, claiming he was having difficulty transferring funds.

She then received a cheque by courier from an investment company in Pickering, which she deposited in her own account.

Several days later she forwarded the money by wire transfer through a bank in Latvia.

The bank later notified her it was a fraudulent cheque. Her attempts to contact the businessman and the com-

pany have been unsuccessful.

The Halton Police fraud bureau cautions people not to answer unsolicited e-mails regarding lottery prizes, investment opportunities or other business deals and offer several tips to avoid becoming a victim of a scam.

- Do not respond to unsolicited e-mails that involve financial deals, lottery winnings, prizes or other business opportunities.

- Do not deposit any cheques or bank drafts received through any of the above deals—the cheque or draft will eventually be determined to be fraudulent or stolen, and the bank may hold the depositor accountable for the money.

- Be aware that although the cheque may initially clear and the funds may be released within a week, the cheque or bank draft will later be determined to be forged when it returns to the issuing company.

- Hang up immediately if someone involved with the above deals calls, they are extremely persistent and will pursue relentlessly.

- Never send any banking or personal information to an unverified email address or website.

More information on scams and frauds is available by contacting Phone Busters, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre at 1-888-495-8501, or visit www.phonebusters.com.

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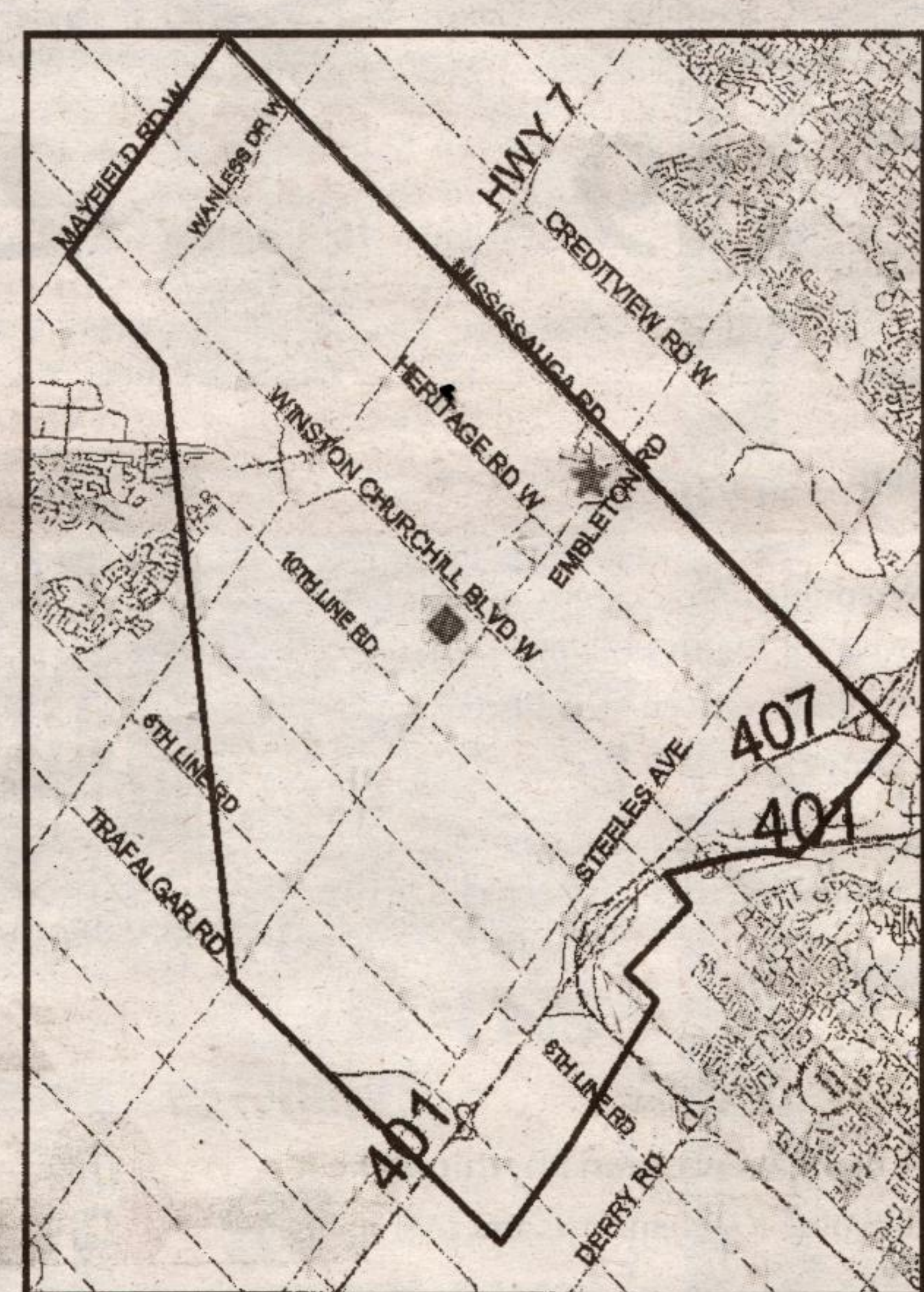



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT & NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR AND BRAMWEST PARKWAY
FROM HIGHWAY 401/407 TO MAYFIELD ROAD

The City of Brampton is preparing the Terms of Reference for a future Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new North-South transportation corridor from Highway 401 in Halton to Mayfield Road in Brampton, and the Bramwest Parkway transportation corridor in Brampton from Highway 407 to the new North-South corridor. The study area is shown on the key map below.

The Terms of Reference will be a "road map" of how the North-South Corridor and the Bramwest Parkway Environmental Assessment and public consultation will be conducted.

The City is giving notice of the study commencement and the first set of Public Information Centres (PICs). The purpose of this set of PICs will be to introduce the study and present the consultation approach to the Terms of Reference, the Background to the Undertaking, the Description of the Problem or Opportunity, and the Study Area.



Public consultation is vital to this study.

You are invited to attend the 1st set of Public Information Centres which is scheduled for the times and dates below:

November 29, 2004
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Huttonville Public School (2322 Embleton Road, Brampton, ON)
★ Located at the star on the key map.

November 30, 2004
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Croatian Cultural Centre (Winston Churchill Blvd, Halton Hills, ON)
◆ Located at the diamond on the key map.

City staff and their consultants will be available at the Information Centres to answer your questions about the project. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them to:

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