

Main St. parking plentiful

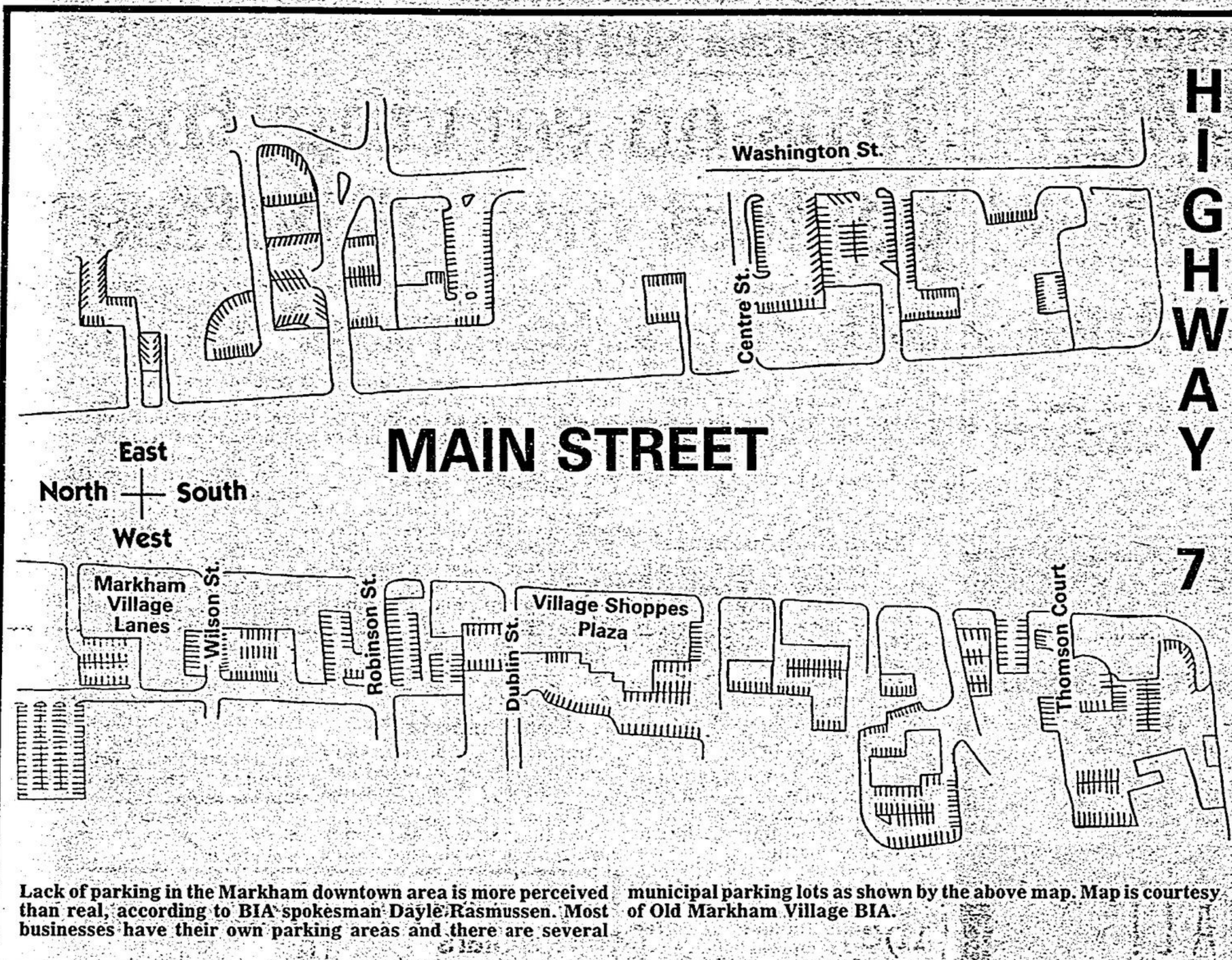
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Main Street parking in Markham has been a sore point with residents who feel space is limited, but with the addition, last year, of the large municipal lot behind Markham Village Lanes, off-street parking is plentiful when you're willing to explore the possibilities.

Nearly each business in the village has its own parking lot provided behind the prospective establishment. The Town of Markham provides municipal parking lots; behind the Bank of Nova Scotia, Town Optical, The Seagull Restaurant and Markham Village Lanes.

"There is a lot of off street parking, it really is a case of being aware," said Dayle Rasmussen, Administrative Assistant for Markham's BIA (Business Improvement Area).

Mrs. Rasmussen believes that the Main Street parking situation is a perceived problem. A survey done last year for the old village pointed out that shoppers take advantage of the Main Street stores nearly equally, summer and winter.

A pamphlet labelling available parking in the village can be obtained from most Main Street merchants.



Lack of parking in the Markham downtown area is more perceived than real, according to BIA spokesman Dayle Rasmussen. Most businesses have their own parking areas and there are several municipal parking lots as shown by the above map. Map is courtesy of Old Markham Village BIA.

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