

Now that frost has hit, start working on bulbs

Some of your gardens will have been hit by a killing frost already and you will be removing frozen annuals. When doing this, note the size of the root mass. Can you still see the small cube of roots you planted last spring? If so, you failed to open the root ball sufficiently before planting. For best results above ground, good roots are needed below the surface.

Brenda Lee wonders if she must wait until the annuals are finished to plant bulbs.

While it is easier to plant in an open space, it is possible to work around existing annuals and perennials. The result will be a more natural looking drift of bulbs rather than round

clumps.

Wendy Williamson wants suggestions for storing dahlia tubers. This week my dahlias and cannas were frozen so they were dug and laid out to cure in a dry well-ventilated area (a garage, shed, porch or covered verandah). In about a week, I will remove the excess dried soil and cut off the stem about two inches above the base.

Each clump of tubers (or canna rhizomes) will be placed upside down in a box of peat moss, sawdust or shredded newspaper and stored in a cool dark place (wine cellar, crawl space, etc.) where there is no change of freezing. Check monthly. If tubers are shrivelling, sprinkle with water. Cut off any portions that show signs of rotting. In April, you will be able to see the growing tips. Make divisions with a sharp knife and pot them up indoors for a headstart on spring.

Carolyn Constantinides wonders about some crocus bulbs which she dug up. There were several bulblets attached to the original bulb which had become hard and woody. The crocus is actually a corm like a gladiolus. Each year the food in the original corm is completely consumed and reduced to a woody pad and new corms are produced for next year's plants. When you dig gladiolus for winter storage, the removal of the old corm is part of the cleaning process.

Several people asked about the best time to cut back perennial foliage. I strongly advise to leave the foliage as it is until your early spring clean-up. Foliage holds snow on the garden

and this is the best form of mulch. The only exceptions are to remove diseased portions e.g. mildewed phlox, iris leaf spot, black spot on roses and to cut back halfway, stems of just planted perennials to encourage them to make new plantlets at their base.

By the time you read this the winners of the Bulb Boxes will have been notified. Their names will appear in next week's column.

Thank you for your many questions and kind comments. I will continue answering your letters over the next weeks.

I hope to meet many of you at the Markham Fair, Oct. 2 through 5. I will be located in the Flower Building giving short Garden Talks on a variety of timely topics and answering your questions. See you at the Fair!

Send your questions to:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Class Environmental Assessment for WOODBINE AVENUE (Y.R. 8) FROM 16TH AVENUE (Y.R. 73) TO MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE (Y.R. 25) TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Regional Transportation and Works Department is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment for Woodbine Avenue from 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive in the Town of Markham. This project is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment Process for Municipal Road Projects.

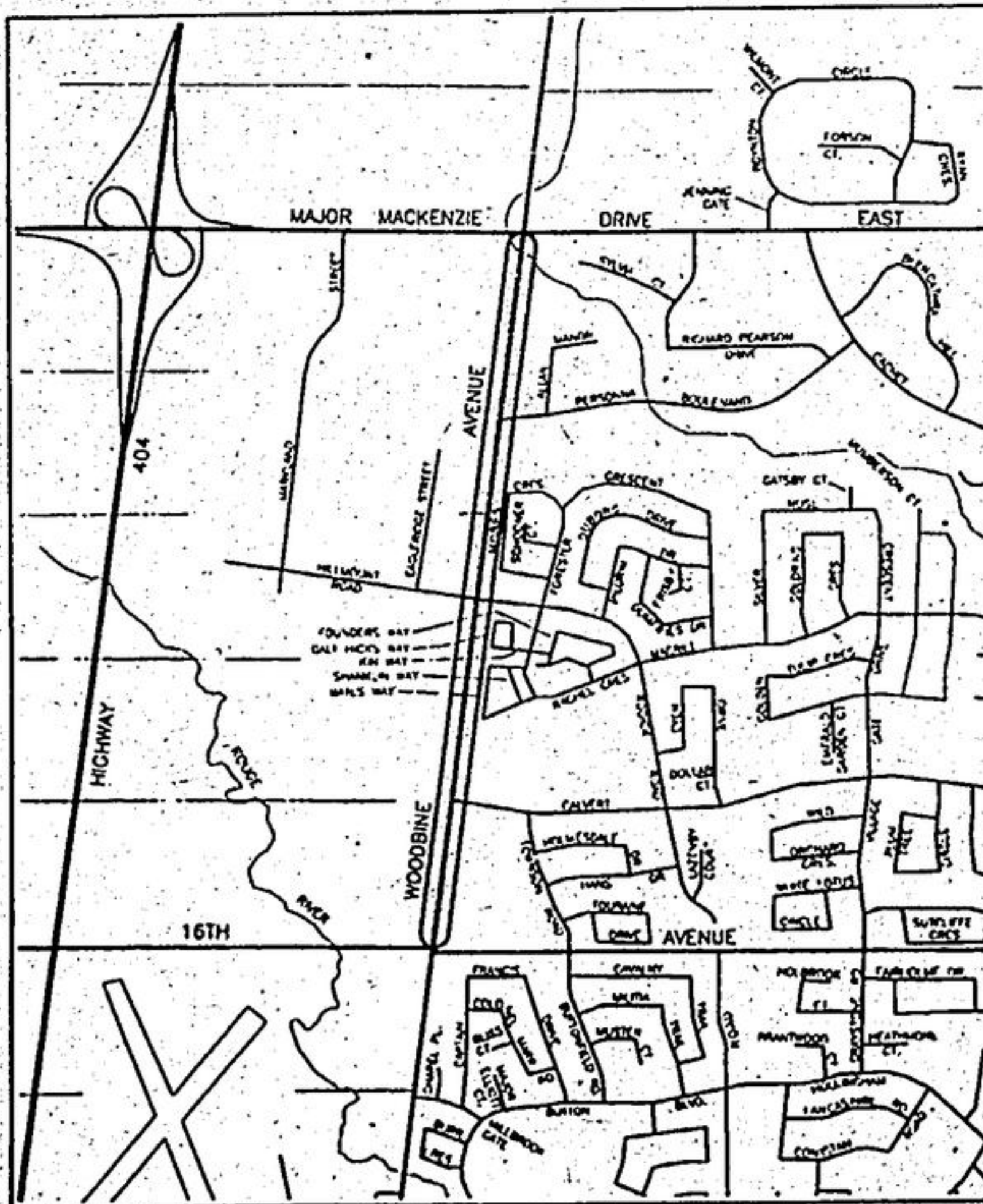
Existing traffic volumes on this section of Woodbine Avenue are approaching the capacity of the roadway and, as a result, traffic operations are congested and delays are lengthy during peak periods. The Regional Transportation and Works Department is currently reviewing options for accommodating both existing traffic and additional traffic related to approved future development in the Town of Markham.

The primary objective of the public information centre is to receive public input on the existing problems and possible alternative solutions for improving the situation. Background information has been assembled and may be reviewed at the Information Centre to be held at the time and location indicated below. Regional staff will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss your views on the project.

DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 1997
TIME: 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.)
LOCATION: Buttonville Public School
141 John Button Boulevard,
Markham

If you are unable to attend the Information Centre but wish to provide comments, please write to the address below. In order to maintain our schedule we would like to receive your comments by October 17, 1997.

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LOCATION PLAN
Environmental Assessment
Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8)
From 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive East
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