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Hospital receives funds for implant operations

Markham-Stouffville Hospital is among a number of facilities to receive increased funding from the provincial government for hip and knee implant operations.

Ontario Minister of Health Elizabeth Witmer made the \$2-million funding announcement at a press conference Monday. Markham-Stouffville Hospital will receive \$68,560 from the ministry. Province-wide, 27 hospitals, mostly

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in the Greater Toronto and Northern Ontario areas, were given the funding in order to increase the number of hip and knee implant operations made available to residents.

"Our society is rapidly growing, aging and changing, and the demand for these procedures has continued to grow," said Witmer in a press release.

The demand for hip and knee implant operations in Ontario increased by an average of 9.2 per cent a year between 1985 and 1995, said the ministry. This was due mainly to an aging population and the higher incidence of arthritis and osteoporosis. The implant surgery, using an artificial prosthesis, is required when a patient's pain becomes too great and mobility is significantly impaired, the ministry said.

Along with the funding for more surgeries, the ministry is also committing \$100,000 towards a patient registry and information system which is expected to result in shorter waiting times, identification of cost-effective implant models, and make access more equitable by providing funding where demand is greatest.

The registry was proposed by the Canadian Orthopaedic Association.

Other York Region hospitals to receive funding for hip and knee replacement were York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill, \$74,150, and Newmarket's York County, \$36,730.

Join us for Easter dinner.

Celebrate Easter with us. There's no better time to experience the joy of communion with Jesus Christ. And, of course, no reservations are necessary.



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- April 5 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION Services: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- April 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY Services: 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.
- April 10 GOOD FRIDAY Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- April 11 GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER Saturday 8:00 p.m.
- April 12 EASTER DAY Services: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The Mayor and Members of Council of the Town of Markham extend Best Wishes to Members of the Muslim Community celebrating Hajj and Eid-ul-Adha on Tuesday April 7, 1998



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Public Information Meeting To Discuss Markham's Transportation Needs

Markham Council and staff are holding a Public Information Meeting in your neighbourhood to hear your concerns about the transportation needs in Markham. We are bringing together the departments and agencies which are responsible for transportation planning and operations in Markham and we want to hear from you about local issues such as congestion, traffic infiltration, development, traffic calming and parking. Come out and meet with Council and staff and let us know what is important to you.

Monday, April 20
7-9pm

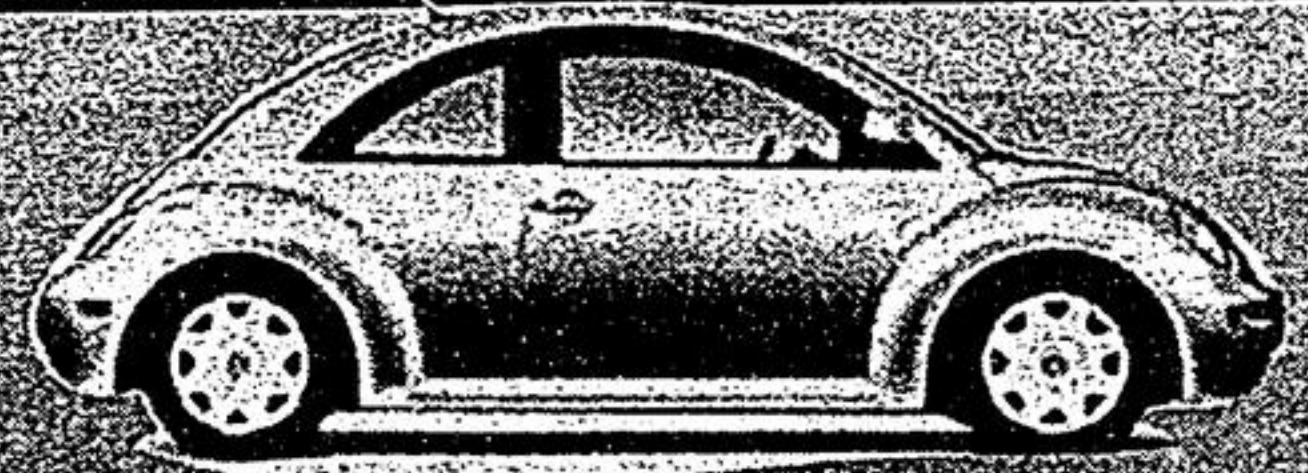
Thornhill Community Centre
Fireside Lounge

Bayview & John Street

Transportation Committee Chair
Regional Councillor Gordon Landon



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Saturday, April 11, 1998 at 7:00 pm
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