

Toronto's great from this side of 20-minute buffer

We took a deep breath, gassed up the mini-van and went in among them last Saturday. Our purpose for heading into the heart of Toronto was two-part. First off, with my mother-in-law about to be married in Maryland and me without a summer suit, we decided to check out a men's haberdashery specializing in upscale, pre-owned dress wear. And having struck out so far in our attempt to replace the cushions pilfered from our wicker porch set last month, our second task was to visit a Yonge St. store which carries such items.

We arrived at the site of the clothing store in the Yonge and Eglinton area, but immediately noted that parking spaces were at a premium. After 15 minutes of circling, however, we finally got our big break when a car pulled away from a metered spot directly in

front of the shop. But upon backing into our space, we became aware of a rather strange man standing on the sidewalk with a look on his face suggesting we were infringing upon his territory.

Dressed in a loud pink shirt and wearing a straw hat that made one think of the late Truman Copote, he continued to hover around the van after we walked away. Wary of his motives, we wondered if he was perhaps the neighbourhood informant who ratted to the police when meters expire. We made a note to come back and feed the meter a couple of quarters should we overstay the 25 minutes we had purchased.

Once inside the store, we were shown an impressive array of discarded Italian suits bearing names that suggested the original owners spent more than I've shelled out for

clothes in my entire life. We finally convinced the owner that while a used Armani suit at \$475 was certainly a bargain, we had budgeted an amount closer to the equivalent of a week's no-name groceries.

We finally settled on a domestic number from Chez Eaton. Buoyed by our success, we skipped back to the van, where we were relieved to see that our funny little meter watchman was nowhere in sight.

We drove down Yonge until we got to the store we hoped would solve our cushion quandary. But this time we had no choice but to break down and find a parking lot for the van.

Our quest was in vain as we quickly discovered that even with the 20 per cent off sale in effect, we'd still pay almost as much for the software



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as we had for the entire wicker set.

Returning just minutes later for our van, we suggested to the attendant that this was probably the easiest three and a half bucks he had made all day. He indignantly responded that we could have paid up to \$10 for the same privilege elsewhere. Susan replied that we were from the country where parking is always free. He shot back that country folk are all rich because they sell chickens. It was at this point we decided against querying the man as

to which of Toronto's many fine post-secondary institutions he had attended to earn his degree in parking lot services.

Returning to Don Mills, where Susan's dad lives, we realized we still had a half-hour or so left until the time we had agreed to pick up the kids. We stopped in for a quick lunch at a restaurant at the corner of York Mills and Bayview. We realized we were still in the big smoke when we went to pay, only to find our light lunch had set us back well over what we normally spent on those wonderful take-out dinners at our favourite Stouffville restaurant.

We picked up the kids and returned home with our used suit, concluding that Toronto is a nice city to live 20 miles to the north of



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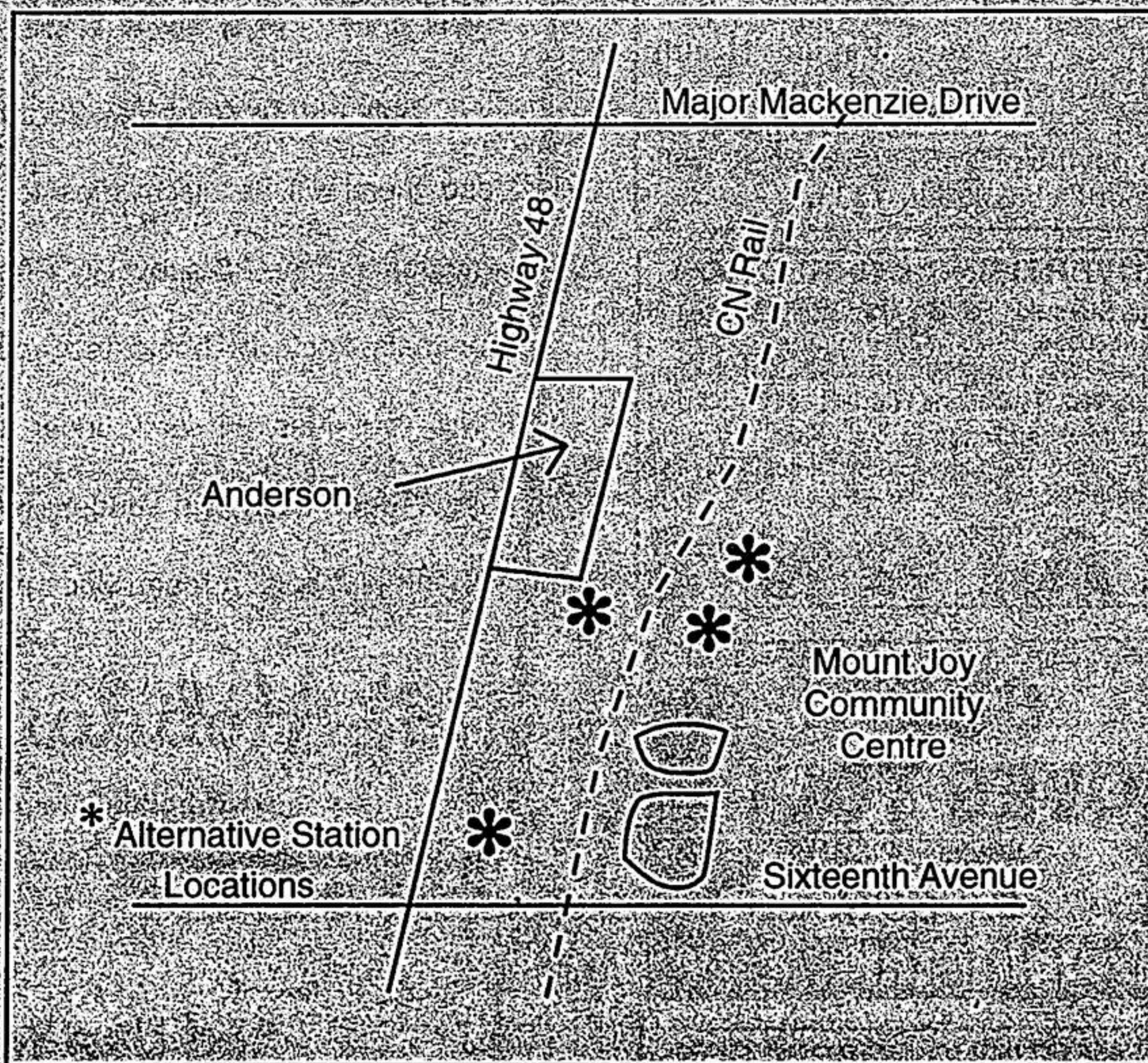


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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT/ PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Mount Joy GO Transit Station Site Assessment Study

The Town of Markham and GO Transit have initiated a study to examine alternative GO Transit station sites along the CN rail corridor between Sixteenth Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive. The purpose of this study is to identify suitable sites for a future station. The study area is shown on the key plan below.



The results of the study may be used at a future date to complete an Environmental Assessment for a future GO station.

You are invited to the Public Information Centre, scheduled for:

June 18, 1998
Markham Village Community Centre
Highway 7 and Highway 48
6-9 p.m.

The purpose of this Information Centre is to present the study objectives, background information, and the optional station locations.

For further information, or if you wish to be on this study's mailing list, please contact:

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