

# Bikers fight blindness in Ride for Sight

Event June 19 and 20

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Motorcyclists from throughout the province are revving their engines and getting ready for the Ride for Sight.

This is a charity event, celebrating its 20th anniversary, involves more than 5,000 bikers from all walks of life collecting pledges and riding together to raise funds for the Retinitis Pigmentosa Research Foundation Fighting Blindness.

"We have doctors, dentists, lawyers and teachers participating in this event," said Mary Lou Harding, the local co-ordinator of the event.

In past years, more than \$9 million has been raised to make a difference in the lives of children and adults suffering from retinal eye diseases including retinitis pigmentosa and macular degeneration.

This year, the goal is to raise \$500,000 or more to help fight blindness.

The ride will take place June 19 and 20 at the Great Northern Exhibition Fairgrounds near Collingwood.

The kick-off starts at the International Centre in Toronto with a pancake breakfast.

From there, the main ride departs for Collingwood for a weekend full of riding, camping, field activities, and entertainment.

Entertainment for the weekend includes country bands Young Country, The Mike McCarthy Band, and Violet Ray as well as rock bands Blind Whitey, Sin City Boys and Sass Jordan.

For more information on the ride, to participate or to pledge a donation, contact the Retinitis Pigmentosa Research Foundation at 1-800-461-3331 or Markham/Stouffville co-ordinators Harold and Mary Lou Harding at 294-1467.



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From left, Mary Lou Harding, husband Harold Harding, and friend John Moule prepare for the Ride For Sight which will be held June 19, and 20. The trio are the co-ordinators for the local Ride for Sight chapter.

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## Family Channel fun at Markham Festival

Family Channel has teamed up with Ford of Canada and Dairy Queen to create a fun-filled portable event that will tour Southern Ontario's festivals, fairs, beaches and any other place you're likely to find kids.

Family's FunShine Tour will be coming to Morgan Park in Markham for the Markham Village Festival June 19 and 20.

Festival attendees will have the opportunity to receive great giveaways and prizes, meet a Family character like Franklin or Babar and enjoy games and other activities in two specially-designed FunShine tents.

Two brightly coloured 10-foot by 10-foot FunShine tents will be set up at the festival.

The first tent features a lounging area where visitors can relax on funky blow-up chairs while they watch Family Channel.

The second FunShine tent contains an interactive area where visitors can enjoy games and activities, including a Spin-to-Win Family trivia game in which participants will have the opportunity to win prizes.

This tent also features an artist gallery where kids can draw and colour pictures of Disney characters.

Topping off the event is a chance to meet Franklin, Babar or Little Lulu.

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK STOPPING UP AND CLOSING OF A PORTION OF KENNEDY ROAD (Y.R.3), TOWN OF MARKHAM

THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK PROPOSES TO PASS A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING:

1. The stopping up and closing as a public highway of that part of Kennedy Road (Y.R.3), in the Town of Markham, in The Regional Municipality of York being part of Lot 12 on Plan 2196 and part of the road allowance between Concessions 5 and 6, designated as Parts 4, 5 and 6 on Plan 65R-20600.
2. The sale of the above noted lands to Ontario Realty Corporation.

Pursuant to section 300 of the *Municipal Act*, the Transportation and Works Committee of the Regional Council will, at its meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 30th day of June, 1999 in Committee Room "A" at the Regional Administrative Building located at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, hear any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard. Anyone wishing to be heard is requested to advise the Office of the Regional Clerk, attention Doris Sue (telephone 895-1231 or 731-0201, ext. 1303).

The proposed by-law and plan showing the portion of road to be stopped up and closed may be inspected at the office of John Culshaw, Director of Realty Services at the Corporate and Legal Services Department located at the Regional Administrative Building at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket (telephone 895-1231 or 731-0201, ext. 1424).

DATED at Newmarket this 12th day of June, 1999.

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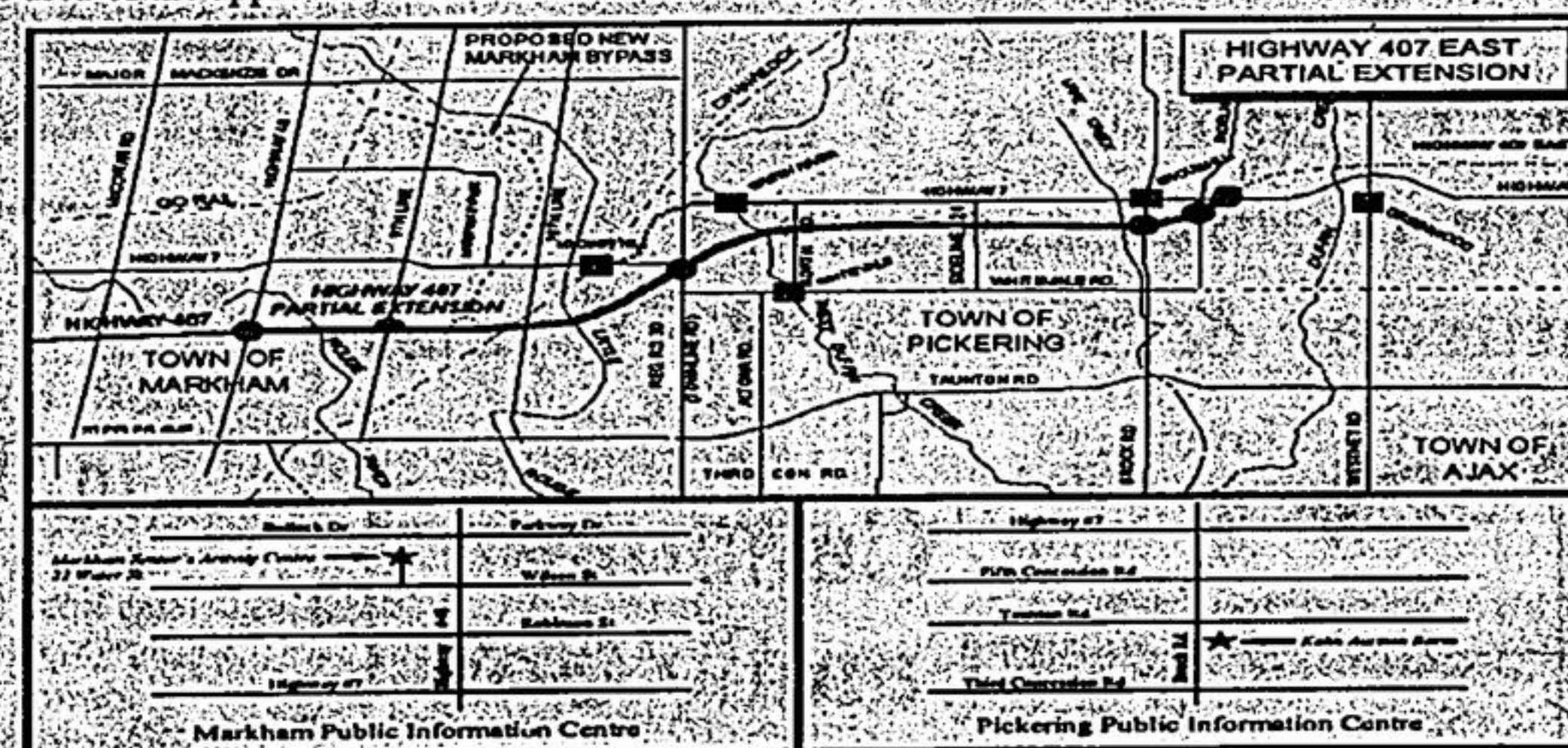
Seating is limited. To reserve a spot for this seminar, pick up a ticket at Markham Economist & Sun, 9 Heritage Rd., Markham or Stouffville Tribune, 37 Sandiford Dr., Suite 306, Stouffville.

There is no admission charge, but we will be collecting a non-perishable food item for York Region's food banks.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE - HIGHWAY 407 ETR EAST PARTIAL EXTENSION MARKHAM ROAD TO BROCK ROAD/HIGHWAY 7

The 407 ETR Concession Company Limited (ETR) is the private sector consortium which has purchased from the Province of Ontario the right and obligation to own, develop, design, build, operate and toll Highway 407 from the Queen Elizabeth Way in the City of Burlington to Highway 7 east of the Brock Road in the Town of Pickering. Under the ETR umbrella, the SLF Joint Venture is a separate entity which is responsible for the delivery of the design and construction of the new highway components via a construction subcontract. SLF is proceeding with the detailed design and development of Highway 407 from Markham Road (Highway 48) in Markham to Highway 7 east of the Brock Road in Pickering. This project is being undertaken in accordance with the Conditions of Approval granted under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Order in Council No. 1704/98).

The area of the approved extension is shown below.



Information drop-in centres have been arranged to provide the public with opportunities to review and comment on details related to alternatives being considered for the refinement of the approved corridor and road alignment.

The Public Information Centres will be held between 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Monday June 21, 1999 - at the Markham Senior's Activity Centre located at 22 Water Street, in the Town of Markham
- Thursday June 24, 1999 - at the Kahn Auction Barns located on Brock Road North in the Town of Pickering (between Third Concession Road and Taunton Road)

All input will be considered in determining and mitigating effects on the environment and will be documented in the Design and Construction Reports which will be filed with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

For further information please contact  
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