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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING #2

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE (Y.R. 25) FROM WOODBINE AVENUE (Y.R. 8) TO HIGHWAY 48

The Regional Municipality of York is presently undertaking a study to determine the improvements required to Major Mackenzie Drive from Woodbine Avenue to Highway 48 in the Town of Markham. This study will address the emerging transportation needs in this corridor. The study is following the Class Environmental Assessment process for Municipal Road Projects.

A first Public Consultation Centre was held on Wednesday, May 26, 1999 to describe the problem and obtain public input into evaluation of solutions. Input received has been considered and a preferred solution has now been identified.

A second Public Consultation Centre will be held to present the preferred solution and the alternative road designs for public review and comment. The Public Consultation Centre (PCC) will be held as follows:

DATE: December 7, 1999

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Town of Markham, Anthony Roman Centre (Municipal Offices) Canada Room 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham (Hwy. 7 and Warden Ave.)

A brief presentation will be made at 6:45 p.m. which will then be followed by a public viewing of all materials presented. Representatives from the Region of York and DS Lea Associates will be available to answer questions.

Please note that there is an opportunity at any time during the study for public input. Input received will be considered in finalizing the selection of the preferred road design.

Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the project will be available in the public record for a thirty-calendar day period for public review and comment. The public will be notified of the ESR filing at the appropriate time through a similar newspaper notice.

Please direct any comments or questions you might have on the project to:

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York Region

Midwives support home births

Service allows women to choose birthplace, home or hospital

BY JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Writer

When Corinna Davidson discovered she was pregnant with her third child, she knew she wanted to receive care from a midwife — with the hope she could have her baby at home.

But even though they have been certified to practise in Ontario since 1994, a shortage of midwives in York Region has limited the ability of women to access the service.

"I was unable to find one — they're so scarce," said Davidson, who lives with her husband Jordan and their two older children in Stouffville, just east of Newmarket.

But because she couldn't find a midwife, she began prenatal care with an obstetrician.

Then she discovered the Caring Hands Midwifery Services of Alliston had established a practice in Newmarket and, halfway through her pregnancy, began care with midwives Mary Fish and Hilary Monk.

The two women recently secured the

privilege to practise at York County Hospital's birthing unit and Davidson became the first mother to have a baby with the support of a midwife at the Newmarket hospital.

Midwives have had privileges at Markham Stouffville Hospital for several years and Richmond Hill's York Central Hospital recently completed the paperwork that will give them privileges there, as well.

Fish said staff at the hospital have been receptive and helpful.

"They have been quite welcoming and professional," she said.

Births assisted by midwives in the hospital are also supported by doctors, who are available for backup should a problem occur.

Fish is a recent graduate of Ryerson's midwifery education program.

When discussing options with their clients, Monk said women are informed about the differences in choosing a home birth or an in-hospital birth.

*...you won't get a stranger
when it's time to have
your baby.*

"Midwives follow women to their choice of birthplace," said Monk, explaining they follow a set of guidelines that prescribe what is considered outside their scope of care and what might require an automatic transfer of care or consultation with a physician. At that point, a shared-care approach may evolve.

"For example, twins is a consult, triplets is a transfer," said Monk.

In Davidson's case, the baby was breech at one point during the pregnancy and she saw an obstetrician. But once an ultra-sound determined the baby had turned, she was able to continue with midwifery care.

"If he had been breech, I would have had to be referred back to the obstetrician," said Davidson, who delivered a six-pound baby boy, Cameron.

But even if it is determined that the mom is at risk, midwives can continue



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Corinna Davidson with son Cameron and midwives Mary Fish and Hilary Monk.

to provide nutritional and other support care.

Clients meet both Fish and Monk, and one or both will attend the birth.

"The idea is you won't get a stranger when it's time to have your baby," said Monk.

"We talk about the comparable risks of the two venues," said Monk, who is a strong advocate of home births in the right situation. "And regardless of where they choose to deliver, they do most of the actual labour at home."

Davidson had three hours of labour at home, followed by one hour at the hospital with no complications or pain medication.

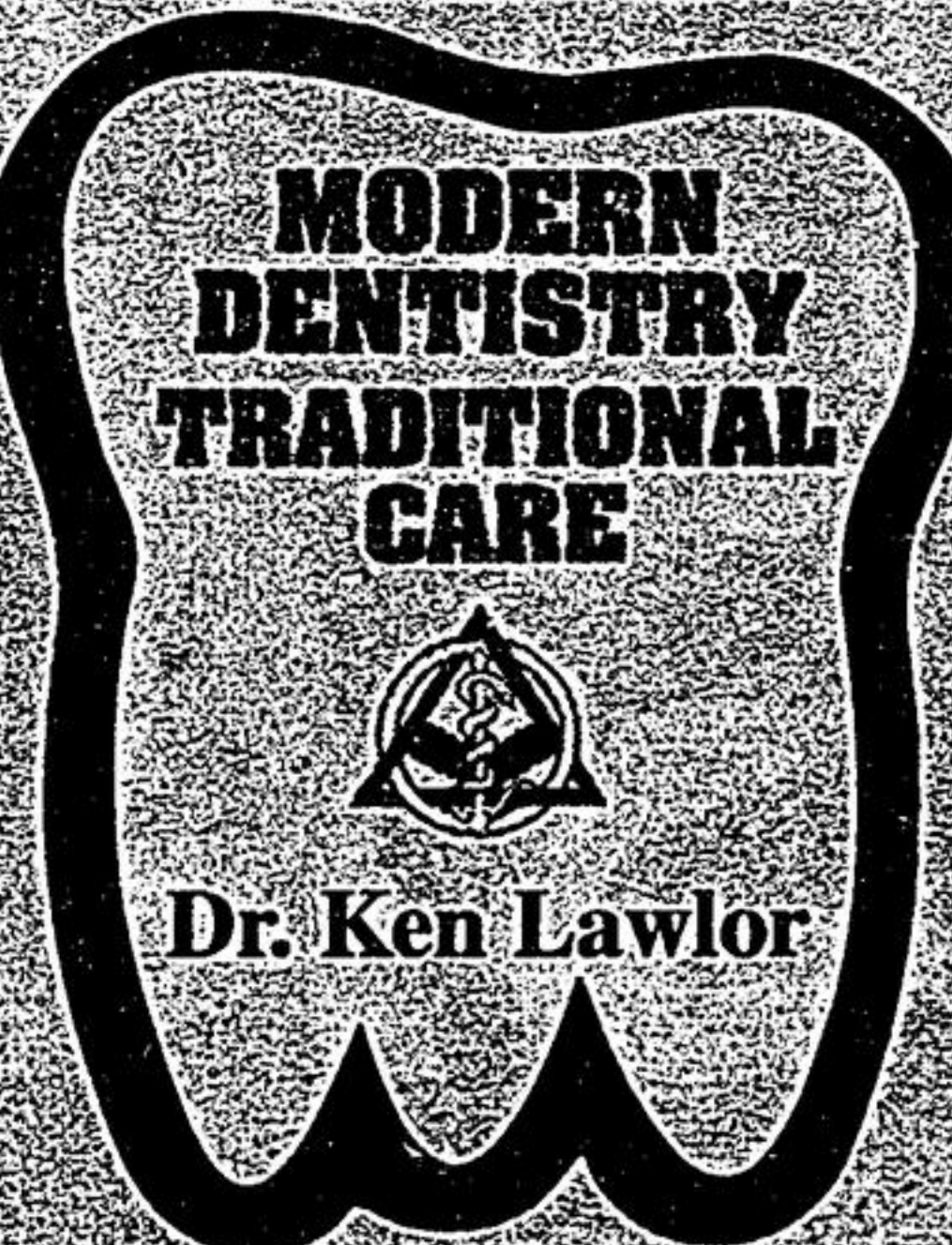
"I also had a doula (labour coach) and my husband in the room to keep me focused, and having all that support focused on me was wonderful. And it was constant," she said.

A doctor was also present for Cameron's birth, but only when Davidson was in the final stages of pushing.

"He just said congratulations and that was it and we went home," she said.

While it was her third child, it was recommended by doctors that Davidson deliver in a hospital because she had a caesarean section with her first child.

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