

# Petition calls for traffic lights

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Ontario Transportation Minister David Turnbull received a petition proving residents of Markham's east-end are "extremely passionate" about the need for traffic lights at Reesor Road and Hwy. 7, Councillor Jack Heath says.

The 375 signatures were gathered by a local man, Tom Williams.

In a letter to Turnbull, Heath calls the lack of a light dangerous for drivers crossing or turning onto the highway, and notes the intersection has seen many serious accidents over the years, one of them fatal.

### MONEY MUST BE FOUND

Ministry staff have said the spot deserves the lights, but other improvements might have to be done to the area first and money must be found.

Heath advised Turnbull that "no more time should be lost" in studying the intersection.

"There is an unacceptable risk that someone else is going to be seriously hurt or killed in the interim," his letter says.

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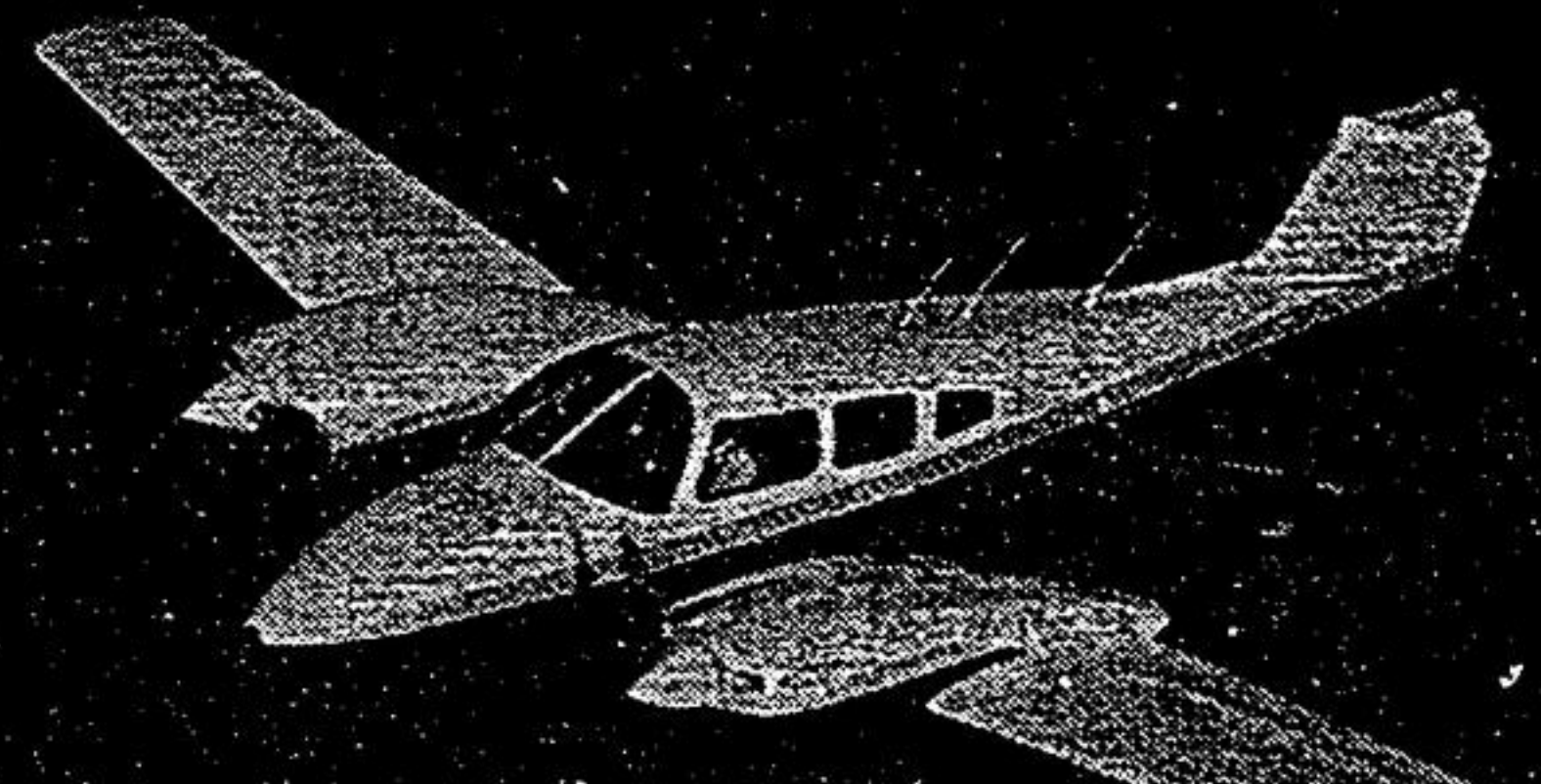
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## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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

1. WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ST. JOHN'S SIDEROAD TOWNS OF AURORA AND WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
  - (a) the widening and reconstruction of St. John's Sideroad (Y.R. 26) from Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) to Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) in the Town of Aurora, to a basic right-of-way width of 36.0 metres with additional widenings at cuts, fills, water course crossings and intersections, to provide a basic four-lane road with left-turn and right-turn lanes at key intersections;
  - (b) the widening and reconstruction of St. John's Sideroad (Y.R. 26) from Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) to Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) in the Towns of Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville to a basic right-of-way width of 36 metres to provide a basic two-lane road to Regional standards with left-turn and right-turn lanes at key intersections;
  - (c) adjustments to existing traffic control signals and associated illumination to accommodate the proposal revisions to the road layout at the intersections of St. John's Sideroad (Y.R. 26) with Yonge Street (Y.R. 1), Industrial Parkway, Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) and Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) (signals planned to be installed in 2000);
  - (d) the provision of an underground conduit system and illumination at the intersections of St. John's Sideroad (Y.R. 26) with Pinnacle Trail/John West Way, Trent Street/Earl Stewart Drive and Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8);
  - (e) the carrying out of all related works and undertakings in connection with the above; and
  - (f) the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands for the works discussed above.

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 19th day of January, 2000 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 Elma Stevenson (telephone 895-1231 or 731-0201, ext. 1303). If any party entitled to be heard does not attend at the hearing, the Committee may proceed in his/her absence and he/she will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

The proposed by-law and plans showing the proposed works may be inspected at the office of Paul Jankowski, Director, Design and Construction Branch, at the Transportation and Works Department located at the Regional Administrative Building at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket (telephone 895-1200 or 764-6345, ext. 5088).

Dated at Newmarket this 8th day of January, 2000:

DENIS KELLY  
Regional Clerk  
17250 Yonge Street  
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