

# Make developers pay: Di Biase

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"There's no reason why you can't charge \$1,000 or \$2,000 or even \$3,000 a unit and that money can go toward a Kettle Lake Park."

Hundreds of residents packed Richmond Hill's council chambers last week, upset the municipality is making 7,000 acres of greenspace urban.

Councillors argued the move actually protects the moraine, a landform which acts as the headwaters for 30 streams in the Greater Toronto Area.

Pointing out developers will lobby the Ontario Municipal Board this spring to open the lands for development, councillors insist their plan will protect sensitive areas of the moraine, including setting aside a set of corridors linking environmental features.

But furious residents said the move will turn the town into a developer's goldmine, and are now asking the region to deny the town's proposal.

They urged politicians to protect remaining greenland, suggesting a park be established like New York City did with Central Park.

"Whose interest does it serve to pave over every square inch of Richmond Hill, the residents or the developers?" said Vaughan resident Angela Grella, praising Councillor Brenda Hogg for being the only Richmond Hill politician to vote against making the land urban.

"I wish more politicians would stand up and represent the constituents who voted for them rather than the developers. I hope you people stand up and show some bravery."

Richmond Hill resident Penny Parmenter agreed. "Development is too positive a word for what is happening to the moraine. A better synonym is intrusion," she said. "Once the moraine is gone, it's gone forever. You can't just get on the Internet and order up another moraine from Sears or Home Depot."

Gloria Marsh, of the Richmond Hill Naturalists, said municipal politicians have been too complacent about accepting environmentally unfriendly, low-density housing.

"The region and town have not been strong enough in sending developers back to the table to redevelop homes that have a 1950s mindset," she said. "Why haven't the region and town made innovative homes mandatory?"

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**The Regional Municipality of York  
NOTICE OF UNDERTAKING  
PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED**  
Schedule 'B' Class Environmental Assessment  
14th Avenue (Y.R. 71) from Birchmount Road to Kennedy  
Road (Y.R. 3) Town of Markham

The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment for roadway and operational improvements on 14th Avenue between Birchmount Road and Kennedy Road, in the Town of Markham. The undertaking is being prepared as a Schedule 'B' project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects.

Within the section of 14th Avenue, a continuous centre left turn lane is proposed for operational improvements. This work will improve the circulation of traffic to adjacent properties along the section of 14th Avenue.

In order to carry out the work, a widening of the road allowance is required across the frontage of some properties located on 14th Avenue between the CNR tracks and Kennedy Road.

If you have any questions or wish to provide public input for incorporation into the planning of this project, please contact Peter Cholewa, P.Eng., Project Manager, Regional Municipality of York, Transportation and Works Department, 17250 Yonge St., Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1 (Phone: (905) 764-6345, Ext. 5048, or Email: peter.cholewa@region.york.on.ca)

Public comment will be received until February 11, 2000. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, The Regional Municipality of York intends to proceed with the planning and construction of the project for completion in 2000.



**STUFFED PORK  
TENDERLOIN**

A very popular item in our Meat Counter is our Stuffed Pork Tenderloin. They're so easy to prepare - just roast them for 45-50 minutes in a 350° oven.

What's the stuffing? It's our traditional sage and onion stuffing with some diced apricots and prunes added. How do we get the stuffing in without splitting them? That's a trade secret. No secret about how delicious they are though!

Regular \$8.95 lb.

**25% OFF**  
THIS WEEK

**FROM OUR  
BAKERY**

We have two items this week - both made from scratch. (In fact, everything that we make in our bakery is made from scratch - no bake-off here).

The first item is our coconut lemon squares. They're available in a 3" x 3" square (almost a 'cube', they're so thick) - and the second item is Jaana's 6" chocolate cakes (using real good chocolate) which should serve 6 (if people are watching). Both items are 25% off this week.

**FRESH DOLE  
BROCCOLI**

When I was musing aloud about what we should feature in fresh produce this week, Mario, (our produce manager) said "Broccoli", I said "broccoli?" "Why not?" said he, "you sell a lot of it anyway, and you get the best."

Well, that is true. There are only two outstanding "labels" of imported broccoli available. They are "Dole" and "Andy Boy" brands. And they are consistently better than any other "label" except for some, but not all of the local crop.

We pay a premium to get these brands.

**99¢**

Enjoy it this week. BUNCH

**WINTER  
BLUES?**

We've got them! Fresh picked blueberries from Chile. They'll perk up a fruit bowl, a bowl of cereal or a dish of vanilla ice cream just fine. It's my little girl's dessert of choice!

1/2 pints **1.99** each

**CREAM OF CARROT  
SOUP**

This is one of, if not the best selling soups we make. We start by making our own Chicken Stock, we use local carrots (while they're available), which are nice and sweet, we use cream and it's spiced just right.

Reg. 4.99 ea. Serves 3-4

**25% OFF**  
THIS WEEK

**CALIFORNIA  
STRAWBERRIES**

Our heaping pints of California berries are a deal this week. They're from California - so they have flavour to spare.

Heaping Pints **1.99** each

**SEVILLE  
ORANGES**

They've arrived. If you are a marmalade lover - your oranges are here!

**99¢** lb.

**CANADA  
'PRIME'**

Although we have our failures and sometimes disappointments, the thing that most people think of us for is our BEEF. We go to great lengths - more than any other store that I know - to procure and offer good BEEF. It's what we do and who we are.

So, imagine my excitement when our grading system was recently changed to better identify the best eating grade of beef as 'prime' (much like the Americans have done for years). This grade represents about 1% of our beef market - you have to be good to get there!

To make a long story short, we stock this grade as well as our usual grades. We pay a premium to get it, but if you love beef, this is what you need.

Available this week are strip loins, sirloins, filets and rib eyes - all aged at least 2 weeks.

**TERIYAKI  
SAUSAGES**

A great dinner sausage, but that's not all! You can pan-fry or B.B.Q. these in the traditional way, but they're equally great cut into a stir fry. Very tasty stuff!

Regular \$3.99 lb.

**1/3 OFF**

**FRESH CUT  
TULIPS**

Also new this week are fresh cut tulips in a variety of spring colours. It's a sure sign that spring is actually coming. And speaking of spring, I've planned big things for our little garden centre - it will be the best - and biggest yet!

**HUMMUS**

Next to our spinach dip, this is the most popular - it's a bad day when it's sold out. It's on feature this week, so it's a good time to try it!

Reg. \$1.79/100g **25% OFF**

**INDIAN RIVER  
GRAPEFRUITS**

These come from the best grapefruit growing area in Florida. They've been great lately and these are no exception. Normally, we sell a size '32' (which is a fairly large fruit) and a size '48' which is a smaller personal size. For this sale we have some size '40's' - which is an in between size. They are 'Ocean Spray' brand from the Indian River area of Florida.

**39¢** ea.

**the VILLAGE  
GROCER**  
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