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## Rouge River fishway to be modified

Migrating fish that will utilize the proposed fishway at the Milne Dam site on the Rouge River to reach suitable spawning grounds will get some assistance from the structure's designers.

Mark Heaton, a ministry spokesman from the Aurora District office, noted the proposed fishway scheduled to be installed this summer will undergo a slight design modification.

Heaton revealed the structure's double denile flume will be expanded in width to 8 metres from its original configuration of 4 metres.

The purpose in widening each denile flume, he said, is to create a greater flow of water coming out from the fishway.

The increased flow is expected to attract the fish, including rainbow trout in the spring, to enter that passageway instead of going to the natural flow emanating from the 4 1/2-metre dam.

"Instead of having a fishway with 30 cubic feet per second of water going through, we will now have up to 80 cubic feet per second of water," he pointed out. "With a design modification you will get a greater flow that a fish should detect."

Heaton was quick to point out there will be no significant change in the cost. In addition, there are no other changes planned to the proposed construction schedule.

Anyone wishing to voice their concerns or to add any input can call Heaton at (905) 713-7406.

### Egg collectors wanted

With another rainbow trout spawning run just around the corner, the Ministry of Natural Resources Aurora District office is getting ready and seeks some assistance when it proceeds with its annual egg collection at the Milne Dam site on the Rouge River.

Mark Heaton, a ministry spokesman, would like to hear from school groups that might be interested in taking part in this annual ritual.

This year's egg collection is expected to take place during the first two weeks of April. The work will take place between Monday and Friday and one day on a weekend.

Any groups wishing to take part should call Heaton at (905) 713-7406.



Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 13  
1:00-7:40 pm

Registration accepted for beginner class starting Wed. February 16, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Wed. March 1, 10:00-noon  
70 Main St. Markham  
Cascadia behind the Pizza Pizzeria

For more information  
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# Waxers hope to end playoff curse

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
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When the Markham Waxers take to the Centennial Arena ice tomorrow for the first game of their Provincial Junior A Hockey League best-of-seven playoff series against the North York Rangers at 8 p.m., they will attempt to exorcise some demons.

In the last six seasons, the Waxers have been haunted in the postseason, losing in the first round in each of the campaigns.

This season, however, represents another time and place.

And while second-year Waxers' head coach Russ Herrington acknowledges the playoff hex has weighed on the minds of some people within the organization, he feels the club's fortunes are about to change for the better.

For starters, the Waxers held a slight upper hand with the Rangers during the regular season, winning twice while battling to stalemates in two other games.

What has Herrington accentuating the positive is the way his charges have played since the Christmas break. In their final 14 regular season outings, the Waxers prevailed in 11 of those matches, including Monday's road finale over the first-place Vaughan Vipers 6-4.

"I like our chances," Herrington said of his team, which compiled a 24-18-3-3 fourth-place mark in the southern conference. "How far we go in the playoffs you can't predict. But I feel comfortable with the group we have and the strides we made in the last six weeks with the way they've executed our game plan and in getting mentally prepared."

Although the Waxers are primarily a young team, Herrington feels there's enough experience in vital positions to get the club over the hump.

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Markham Waxers vs. North York Rangers

Friday February 11th, 8:00pm  
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Ministry of Natural Resources / Ministère des Richesses naturelles  
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Final Public Notice  
Milne Reservoir Fishway

The Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora District is proceeding with the proposal for the Milne Reservoir Fishway. A Public Notice was previously issued on July 7, 1994.

The Milne Reservoir Fishway Project will involve modification to the existing dam in order to provide passage for fish to upstream spawning areas and habitat. The project is part of the Rouge River Fisheries Management Plan to rehabilitate the Rouge River watershed so that it will support healthy, self-sustaining fish populations consisting of cold and warm water fish communities. The Law Development Group Limited, on behalf of the Cornell Community, is the major provider of funding for the design and construction of the fishway.

The project is being planned in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment for Small Scale MNR Projects. This notice is intended to give you the opportunity to provide input to the planning of this project. Where you feel, after consulting with MNR staff, that serious environmental concerns remain unresolved, it is your right to request that the project be subjected to an individual environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act. This decision rests with the Minister of the Environment.

Comments and information collected regarding this study will be kept on file and unless otherwise requested, will be available for public review.

Should you have any inquiries, comments or requests regarding this project please contact the District Manager, Aurora District.

If we have not been advised of any serious concerns within thirty (30) days of this notice, the project plans will be finalized and filed with the Ministry of the Environment and the project will commence without further public notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA / Pêches et Océans Canada

Highway 407 East Partial Extension

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), acting as the Responsible Authority (RA) under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) is engaged in a screening level Environmental Assessment (EA) as required under Section 20(1) of CEAA for the above noted project.

The 407 East Partial Extension involves:

- the construction of a 15.9 km 4-lane (ultimate 10 lane) toll highway from the Highway 407 Centre terminus (Highway 48) in the west to its terminus at Highway 7 east of Brougham in the Region of Durham.

Construction of the Highway 407 East Partial Extension can be commenced once the requirements of the federal EA have been completed.

Public consultation is a significant component of the Highway 407 East Partial Extension CEAA review. As part of DFO's federal environmental assessment under CEAA, it is within the Minister's discretion to invoke CEAA subsection 18(3) "Where the Responsible Authority (RA) is of the opinion that public participation in the screening of the project is appropriate in the circumstances, the RA shall give the public notice and an opportunity to examine and make comment on the screening report." The CEAA screening report prepared by the RA (in this instance DFO) will be available for public comment at the following locations:

Markham Community Library 6031 Highway 7 Markham, Ontario L3P 3A7	Pickering Public Library Whitevale Branch 475 Whitevale Road Pickering, Ontario L0H 1M0	Reg. Municipality of Durham P.O. Box 623 605 Rossland Rd. E. Whitby, Ontario
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The Screening Report will be available for the comment period: February 9, 2000 - March 10, 2000. All comments must be received prior to March 11, 2000. Accompanying documentation produced through the provincial EA process will also be available at the above locations.

If you would like to receive further information or provide written comments on the CEAA screening report, please contact:

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