No place to hide on mini-putting green

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On the putting green though, it's just golfer versus ball. There is no place to hide, especially when your 15-year-old partner thinks it's funny that a 12-inch gimme is no sure thing, especially when it scoots by the hole and stops rolling 36 inches away.

But mini-putt has its moments, especially on a course that offers a little something out of the ordinary.

And that's just what three York Region News Group reporters went looking for on an informal tour of a handful of York Region facilities.

I checked out some courses in the Newmarket area and found there's nothing quite like the experience of a scaled-down version of one of those target courses like they have in Arizona.

At the Phoenix Hill Golf Centre's Grand Canyon Putters Adventure Course, you'd swear you were out in the desert battling strategically placed rock formations — the craggy kind that offer no clue where the ricochets may lead.

Or, just a few kilometres away, it's Cardinal Golf Club's Northern Adventure, set in an abandoned mining camp.

Playing the clever subtle dips and dives at Phoenix Hill on holes named Buzzard's Gulch, Rattler's Run and Coyote Curve makes a fella wonder why he left the big course in the first place.

One particular eye-opener on the course is the 10th hole, aptly named Mucho Grande, a par-4 test that lives up to its name.

After a dog-leg from the tee area, players must negotiate a 45-degree elbow through a long, narrow passage to an elevated green. It's a lotta hole — easily the longest hole on the course.

At Cardinal, the contrast is vivid. The concrete-based putting surfaces are true and the course is decidedly more angular in the traditional sense of mini-putt golf.

Nevertheless, it's challenging play with its northern mining camp theme, complete with a crashed bush plane, lending itself to interesting holes such as the two-level jaunt through the Mosquito Falls Mining Company, the fifth hole.

Two levels again come into play at the 15th hole, where golfers reap the reward of a hole-in-one for hitting the right cup.

Intrepid reporter Roy Green was checking out mini-putt courses elsewhere and filed this report:

The latest thing in mini-putt is indoor glow-in-the-dark courses and York Region has not one, but two such venues — Putting Edge franchises in Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

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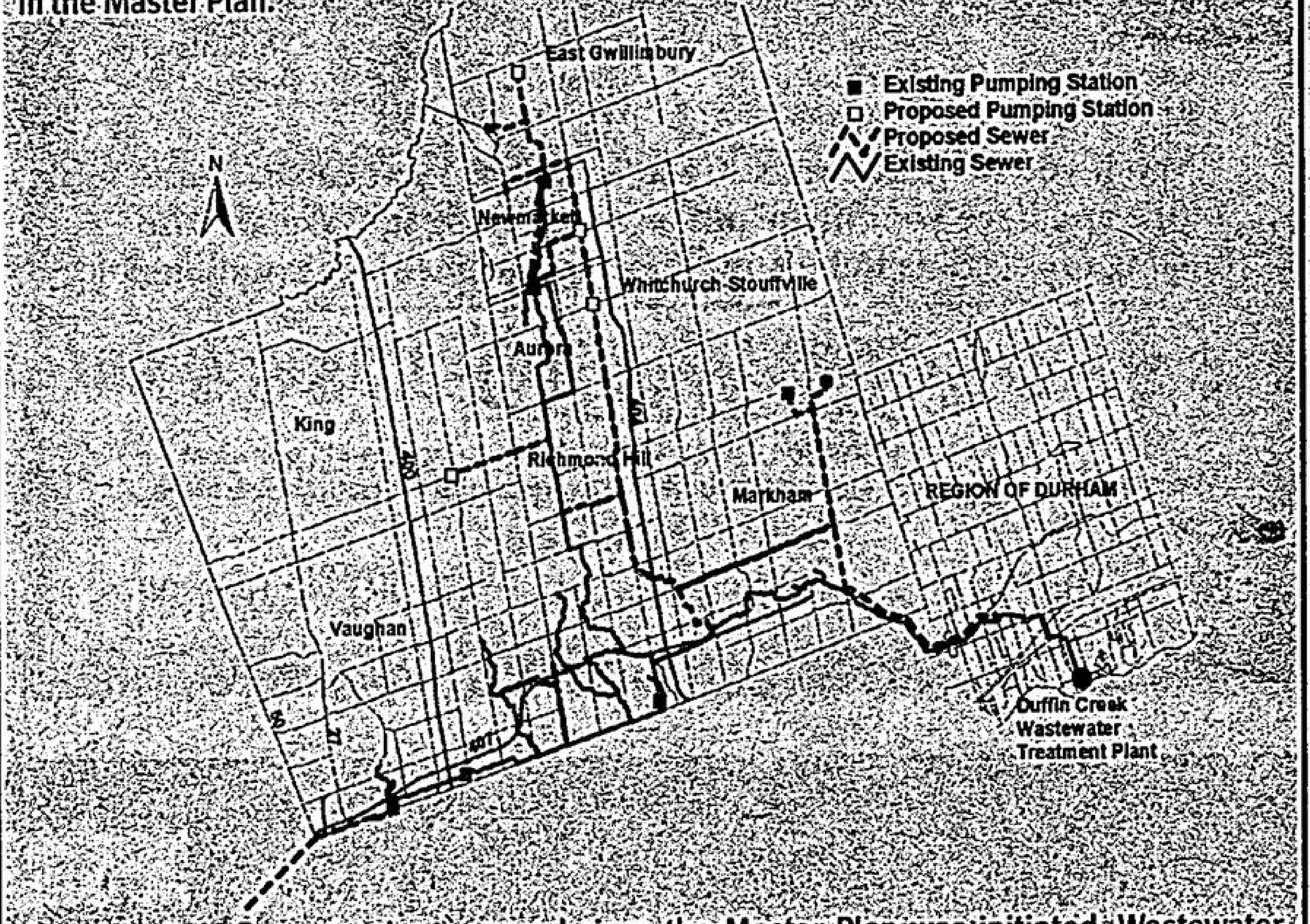
York-Durham Trunk Sewer System Master Plan Update

The Regional Municipality of York has retained Earth Tech Canada Inc. and MacViro Consultants to undertake an update of the York-Durham Trunk Sewer System (YDSS) Master Plan.

In 1997, the Regional Municipality of York completed the Master Plan Study for the York-Durham Trunk Sewer System. The map below identifies the municipalities in York Region through which the YDSS extends or is planned. The Master Plan Study identified and reviewed sewage servicing alternatives necessary to meet current sanitary sewage servicing needs and future growth as identified in the Regional Official Plan (ROP). Several priority and strategic projects to be implemented during the planning period are described in the Master Plan.



Approximately five years have passed since the Master Plan was initiated. Wastewater demands on the YDSS have continued to grow in proportion to the number of residents and employees serviced by the system. York Region continues to experience one of the highest growth rates in the Greater Toronto area. Local sewer systems in Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket rely on the YDSS to convey and treat sanitary wastewater. Extensions to the communities of Stouffville, King City, Holland Landing and Queensville are imminent. The YDSS Master Plan needs to be updated to ensure timely decision-making for this important infrastructure.

Some changed or new information to be considered in the Update includes:

- new policy that will see the Region assume ownership of all new trunk sewer pipes 18 inches or larger in diameter;
- extension of the Plan's time horizon from 2031 to 2036; and
- implementation of some projects identified in the original Master Plan.

The Update is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held as follows to display the detailed work program and schedule, important considerations and some preliminary recommendations for the public's review and comment:

Date: June 28th, 2000
Time 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Great Hall
York Region Headquarters
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

No formal presentation will be made, so you are welcome to drop in any time during the hours indicated. Representatives from the Region, Earth Tech Canada and MacViro Consultants will be on hand to answer questions. Detailed mapping and descriptions of the Master Plan infrastructure will be available for review.

Comments received at the PIC will be considered in subsequent steps of the Update.

After finalizing the study results, an addendum to the YDSS Master Plan will be prepared for review. The public will be notified of the review opportunity at the appropriate time through a similar newspaper notice.

Please contact either of the following if you are unable to attend the PIC and wish to obtain more information on the project:

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