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Yonge Street Corridor
Transitway Study
(Preparation of Terms of Reference
/ Needs and Justification)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRES

York Region has commenced the Yonge Street Corridor Transitway Study in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. In order to reach the transit ridership objectives reflected in the Region's Official Plan, the current investigation has confirmed the rationale for the implementation of a north-south rapid transit facility. Study findings indicate that: 1) the Yonge Corridor is the preferred corridor, and, 2) Bus Rapid Transit is the preferred technology. Opportunities and constraints have been identified for further analysis during the subsequent EA Study to determine the preferred alignment within the Yonge Corridor. Based on the study findings and comments received to date, draft Terms of Reference outlining the proposed scope of the EA Study have been prepared for review with technical agencies and the public. Copies will be available for review at the consultation centres and will be placed thereafter on the Region's website.

The next step is to finalize the Terms of Reference for the Individual Environmental Assessment (EA), in consultation with the public and technical agencies. The Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for review and approval. Once approved, they will provide the framework for conducting the EA Study.

Public Consultation Centres

The purpose of the Public Consultation Centres is to review the study findings and the draft Terms of Reference, and obtain public input and comments. Anyone with an interest in the study is encouraged to attend and participate.

Tuesday, April 24, 2001
Alexander Mackenzie High School
300 Major Mackenzie Drive West
Richmond Hill
7:00 p.m. - Open House
8:00 p.m. - Presentation

Wednesday, April 25, 2001
York Region Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket
7:00 p.m. - Open House
8:00 p.m. - Presentation

If you cannot attend one of the consultation centres, please forward your comments to us.

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The draft Terms of Reference will be reviewed in light of comments received, revised and submitted to MOE for approval. After their submission to MOE, the Terms of Reference will be placed on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry for public review before being considered for approval by the Minister.

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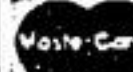
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Grannies protest development on the moraine

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which barely drew 50 supporters, marked a full year since the City of Toronto was denied standing at a Ontario Municipal Board hearing in Richmond Hill.

The city had set aside \$800,000 to promote awareness of the moraine and \$1 million for its case at the hearing against proposals to build some 8,000 homes on either side of Yonge Street in the town. It has funnelled some of that money to groups with standing at the hearing, which is now in its 11th month.

The Raging Grannies, elderly protesters with flowers in their hats, also took a stab at a builders' view of the moraine. "We need it for golf and houses, and probably more gravel pits," the women sang.

"We just need that land to make money, and then we'll be out of your hair."

The rally organizers even seemed to spoof their own image, persuading onlookers to hug a tree — literally — on

the legislature grounds. "It could be the last tree on the moraine," Liberal MPP and his party's critic on the issue

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— Raging Grannies, ode to the Oak Ridges Moraine

Mike Colle shouted, hanging off a limb.

People are choosing to live in Richmond Hill and builders are just responding to the market, said Neil Rodgers, a spokesperson for the Urban Development Institute, which represents real developers.

"I think people should have the choice of where they want to live," he said Thursday.

"We're the bad guys? I think that's unfair."



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