

# Flying airplane overwhelming for first-timers

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10th busiest airport, had placed me in the capable hands of 26-year-old Ms Swaneveld, who started flying three years ago after meeting bush pilots in the Yukon.

Now a licensed commercial pilot and qualified instructor, she said the scariest flying moment for her was the first time she handed the controls to a student. I wondered if she had relived that moment when she let me fly the plane. In my case, flying likely wasn't the correct word. So intent was

I on keeping the correct altitude and attitude and staying on the course Ms Swaneveld had chosen, I might just as well have been in front of a computer. Seldom did I look down to enjoy the view.

After allowing me to make a few gentle turns, Ms Swaneveld showed me how to bank turn at a 45-degree angle without losing altitude. She also showed me how to trim the plane so it could almost fly itself. I chose not to let go of the controls.

But if she instilled one thing in me, it was a strong suspicion that if motorists checked their vehicles

the same way aircraft are checked, there would be fewer accidents on the highways.

After meeting Ms Swaneveld at the Toronto Airways dispatch desk, she led me through the pre-flight inspection.

Inside, there was another lengthy list of checks to be made before we even taxied to the runway. In fact, on the control panel is a list of about 120 checks to be made, before and after the flight.

For Ms Swaneveld, there are no shortcuts. Even though she has done it countless times, "I always

use the check list as though it's my first time," she said.

She admitted it can be overwhelming for a first-timer. That's why Toronto Airways offers interested people an introductory flight such as the one I took, where the potential student actually flies the plane. For information, call Toronto Airways at 905-477-8100.

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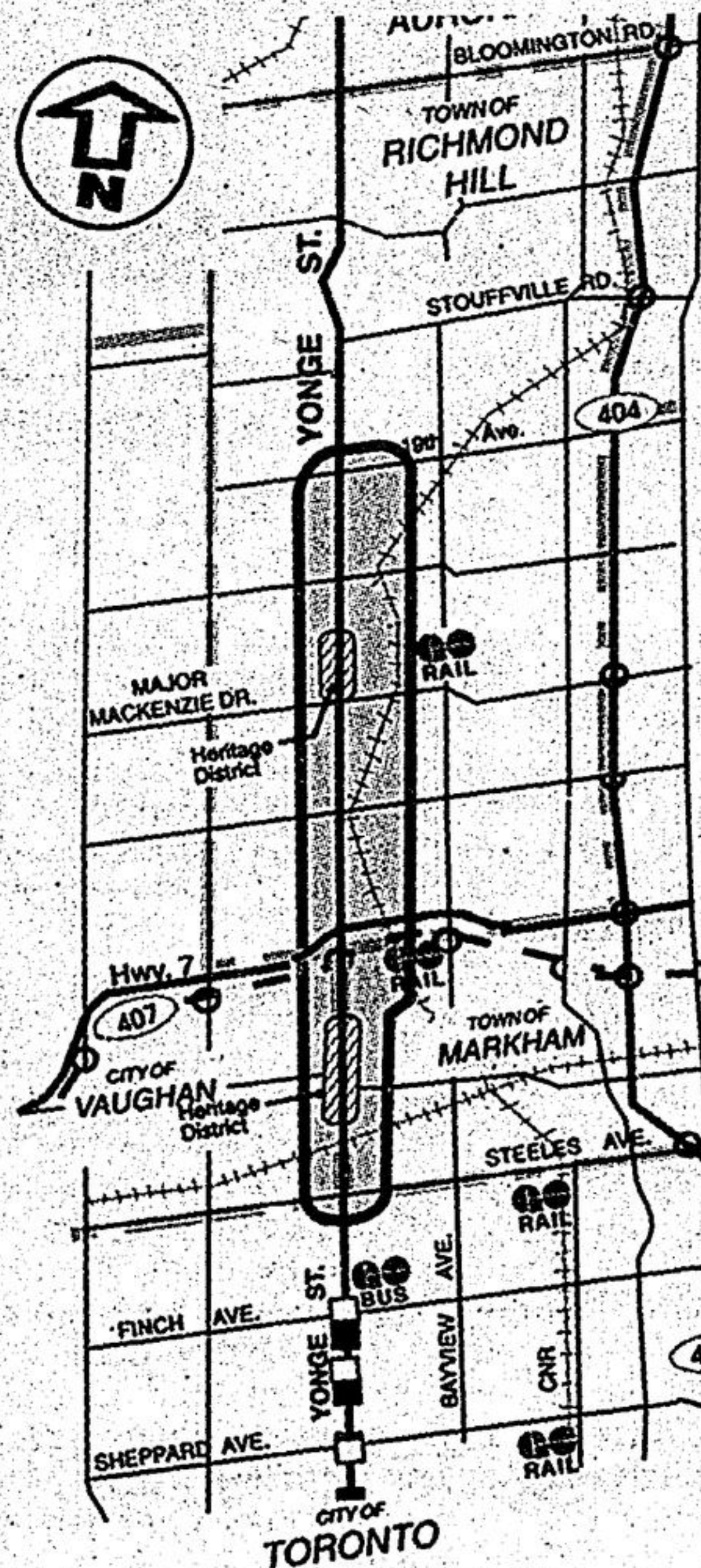
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As part of the Yonge Street Corridor Transitway planning process, Terms of Reference (ToR) were recently submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) for formal review as required under the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, the ToR will serve as a benchmark for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment (EA) document for this undertaking.



The Yonge Street Corridor Transitway is intended to extend the influence of the regional rapid transit network in order to substantially increase transit ridership within York Region. If approved, the proposed undertaking and its alternatives will be located within the Yonge Street corridor between Steeles Avenue and 19th Avenue as identified in the adjacent map.

You may inspect the ToR during normal business hours at the following locations:

1. Ministry of Environment and Energy  
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch  
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A  
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5  
(416) 314-8001
2. Ministry of Environment and Energy  
Central Region Office  
5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor  
North York, ON M2M 4J1  
(416) 326-6700
3. Regional Municipality of York  
Office of the Regional Clerk  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1  
(905) 895-1231

Your written comments regarding the ToR must be received prior to October 4, 2002. All comments should be submitted to:

Donna Bigelow, Special Project Officer (A)  
Ministry of the Environment and Energy  
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch  
2 St. Clair Avenue West  
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5  
(416) 314-7225

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent.

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