

Same phrase repeated

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ing to growl like Dan Hedaya, the underrated actor whose incessant phone conversations drive Mr. Hanks' title character Joe to the brink of suicidal despair in the quirky romantic fantasy.

I spoke those same phrases endlessly at Pacific Mall in Milliken, browsing through the racks of a kiosk called Bra Outlet, staring intently at a Hello Kitty door chime and pawing at rows of packaged shark fins.

"I know he can DO the job — but does he WANT the job?" I howled as I selected a Men's Pocky snack food and then paid for it by pitilessly thrusting out a twenty and, without really acknowl-

edging the cashier, grabbing the change in my fist as I continued talking loudly.

The woman showed no reaction, except perhaps in her eagerness to see me off. But a few minutes later, I was at it again, yakking it up while chewing my Pocky sticks in the foyer of the Milliken Mills Public Library. Again, no response.

"I know he can DO the job — but does he WANT the job?" I barked at the Milliken Mills Community Centre, where I tried leaning in towards children and parents headed for hockey practice.

One child exiting the library did look at me, but he was wearing a Scream mask — a design modeled on a horror movie series — so he may just have wanted attention.

I littered a lot, but no one seemed to care

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I came, I sat (or stood) and I littered.

So who cared? Not many people, judging by reaction to my tossing crumpled pieces of paper, tissues, coffee cups and a small milk carton around three locations in Stouffville.

Well, maybe they did care, but we're such polite Canadians that not many said anything. Either that, or they wouldn't admit they had even seen anything.

Now I have to say I never litter. I'm also a mother who, if I have said it once I've said it a

thousand times: "PICK THAT UP!" And third, people in our town will think I'm a nut.

However, duty called. So I took my place in line at the driver's licencing office and casually tossed out one tissue, then another and then another. One woman just at the edge of my peripheral vision was glaring at me, but when I explained what I was doing and why, she claimed she didn't see a thing.

People in line behind had to have seen something, too — there were about six squashed tissues on the floor at my feet by the time I finished. And I did see

them looking at me — quietly.

Then I picked up all the litter and took it to Tim Horton's. I sat where people were facing me. I tossed out a few tissues while one man was looking at me as he ate his lunch. His wife had her back to me. A couple of guys were at another table, but didn't say anything.

By the time, I went up to the man at the other table facing me to explain what I'd been doing, the floor was covered with seven tissues, a coffee cup, my bagel wrapper, a few loose papers from my purse and a stir stick. Nobody confronted me.

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The Regional Municipality of York NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT MARKHAM BYPASS EXTENSION FROM HIGHWAY 407 TO MORNINGSIDE AVENUE

The Regional Municipality of York is initiating an Individual Environmental Assessment for the Markham Bypass Extension from Highway 407 to Morningside Avenue. The study area is shown on the key plan below.

Numerous studies have been carried out since the early 1970's to address the transportation deficiencies in this corridor. The most recent transportation work defining the need for a continuous arterial road link was completed in conjunction with the OMB Hearing on the Morningside Heights subdivision in 1998. This study, entitled "Morningside Corridor Need and Justification Review", was completed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. This study concluded that a continuous major arterial roadway serving local, regional and inter-regional trips connecting Highway 401 to the future Markham Bypass is justified.

The interaction of travel demand between the Region of York and the City of Toronto is anticipated to grow as population and employment levels continue to increase in both York and Toronto. This demand will increase for both auto and transit travel. The focus of this study will be to develop alternative solutions for the additional roadway capacity that will be required across the York-Toronto Boundary in the vicinity of the study area.

The first phase of the work will be to develop a comprehensive 'Terms of Reference' which will establish the scope of alternatives to be considered in the second phase of the study, which will be the detailed Environmental Assessment.

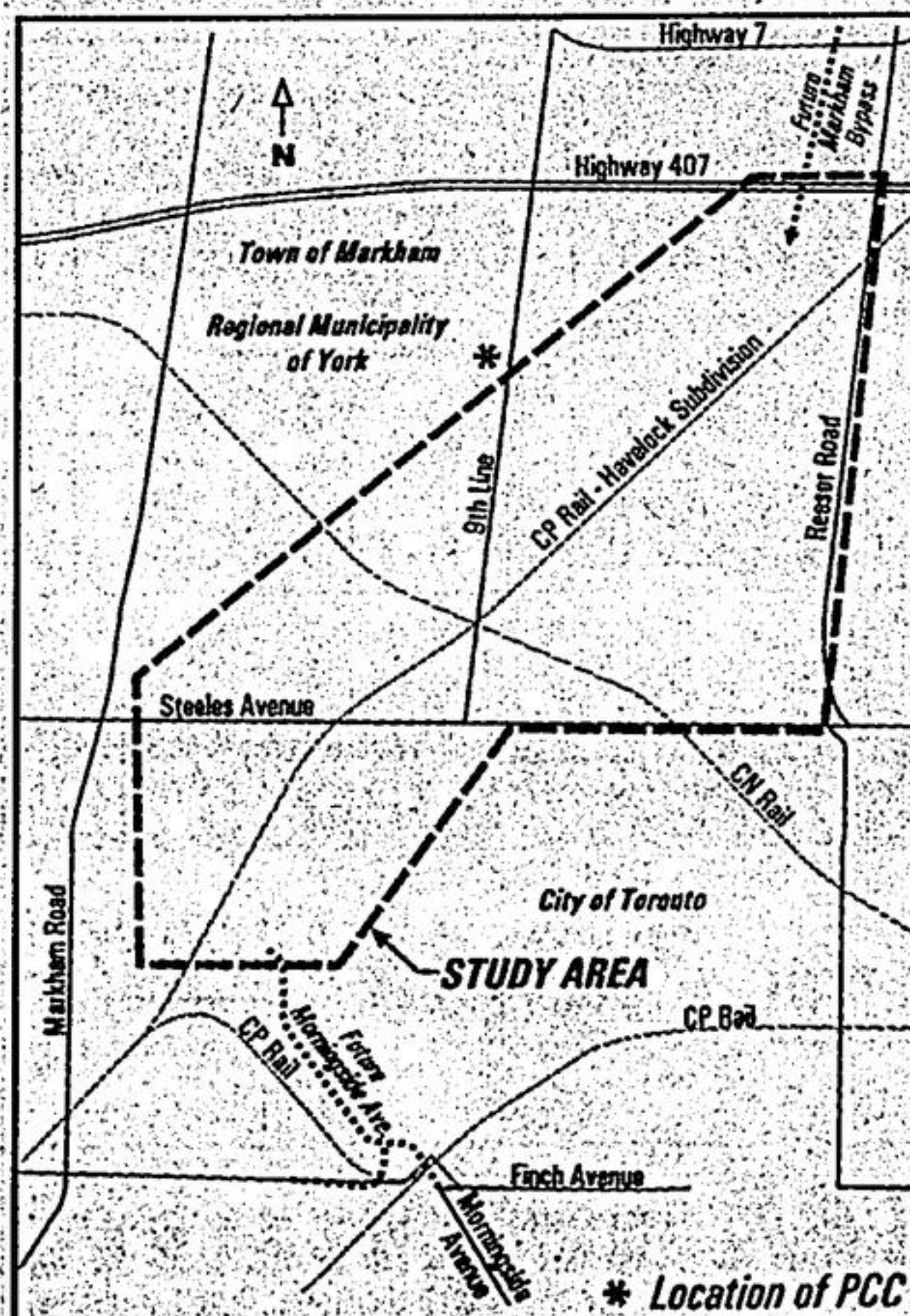
A Public Consultation Centre has been arranged to present the study process, existing conditions, and the next steps in the study. The Consultation Centre will also provide area residents and other stakeholder groups an opportunity to provide comments regarding the study. The Consultation Centre is scheduled for:

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE

DATE: December 11, 2002
TIME: Open House 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Presentation 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Rouge River Community Centre Auditorium
120 Rouge Bank Drive
Markham, Ontario
(west side of Ninth Line, south of Hwy. 407)

This study is being carried out as an Individual Environmental Assessment.

For further information on this project, or if you wish to be on this study's mailing list, please contact:



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