

We can send your letters to Santa

Santa Claus' North Pole workshop is switching to high gear these days as letters from children around the world pour into his holiday headquarters.

Luckily, we have earned special Santa status and, with a direct flight to St. Nick's private village,

can get children's wish lists to the Jolly Old Elf quickly.

So, kids, draw a picture and start listing what you want from Santa Claus and we'll see he gets your letters in time for the big day.

Send your drawings and letters to: the Economist &

Sun/Tribune, 9 Heritage Rd., Markham, ON, L3P 1M3, Attn: Santa Claus special delivery. You can e-mail letters to newsroom@econsun.com or fax us at 905-294-1538.

We'll publish as many of them as possible this month.

Is your teacher tops in York?

Join us in celebrating the many teachers across York Region who excel in their profession.

Each month for our At the Schools section, students are invited to nominate the outstanding teachers who are making a difference in their lives and in the community.

A Teacher of the Month will be chosen by a panel of judges and the winning teacher's class in Markham or Whitchurch-Stouffville will be treated to a pizza party courtesy of Pizza Pizza at Hwy. 48 and 16th Avenue in Markham.

The winning teacher will also

receive flowers from Lindy's Floral Boutique, 6287 Main St., Stouffville.

All winning teachers will be entered in the Teacher of the Year contest.

Entries detailing why the teacher deserves the honour should be no longer than 150 words. Be sure to include your name, telephone number and school.

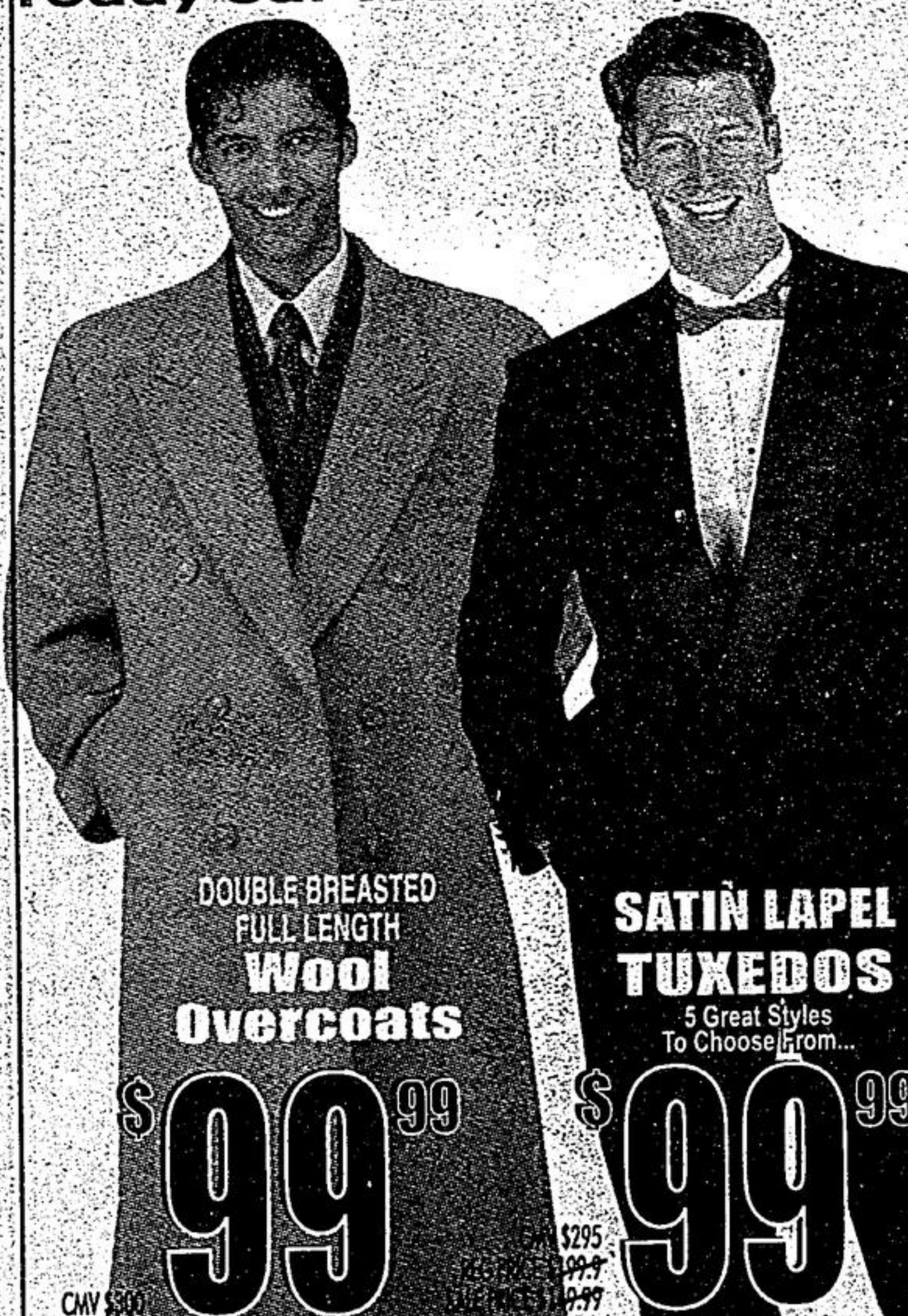
Entries may be dropped off at the Economist & Sun, 9 Heritage Rd., Markham, or the Tribune, 34 Civic Ave, Stouffville. You can also e-mail us at jmason@econsun.com.

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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.

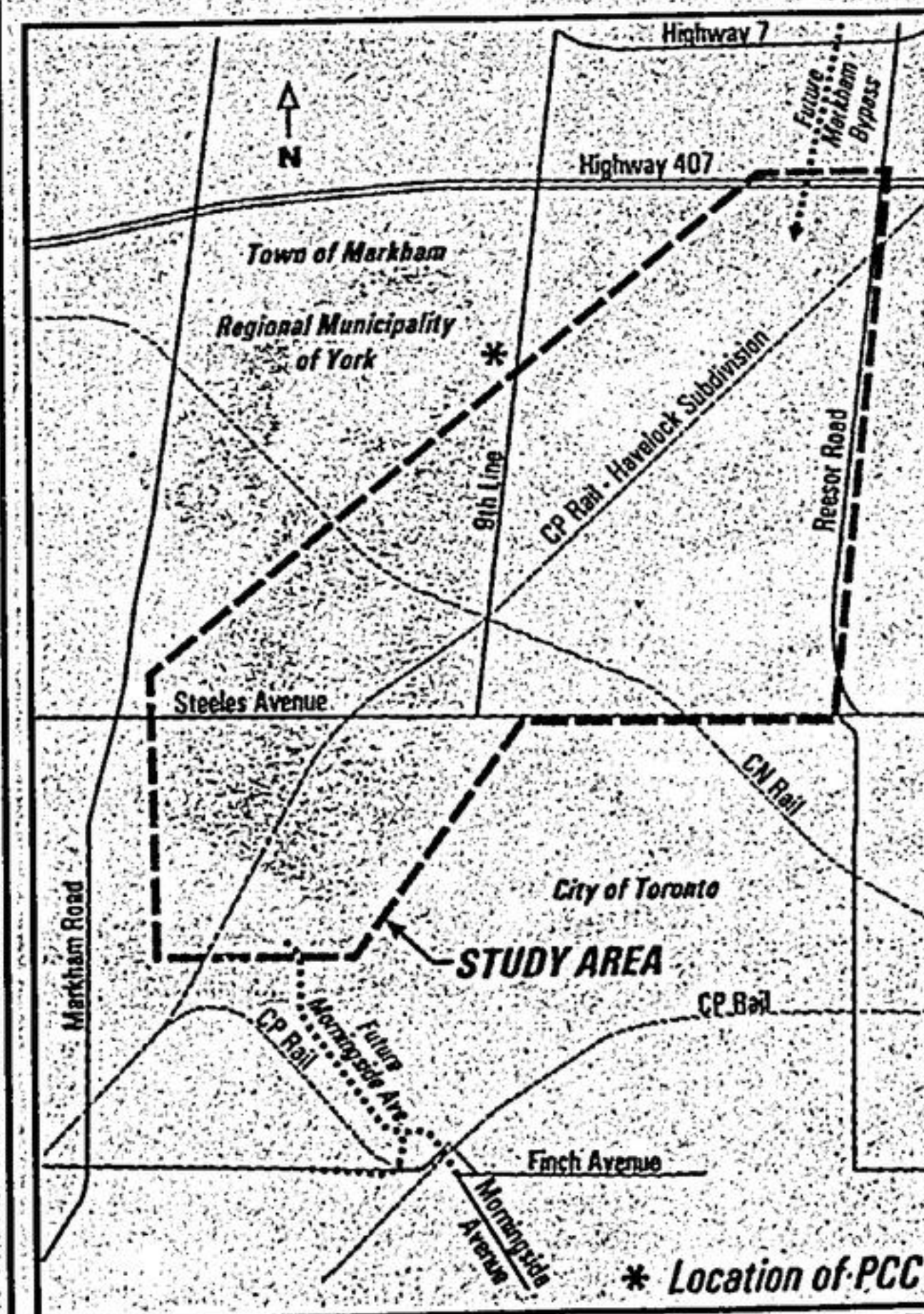
The first phase of the work will be to develop a comprehensive Terms of Reference which will establish the scope of alternatives to be considered in the second phase of the study, which will be the detailed Environmental Assessment.

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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