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**YORK RAPID TRANSIT PLAN**

**HIGHWAY 7 CORRIDOR AND VAUGHAN NORTH SOUTH LINK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY**

York Region is facing a number of transportation challenges. A top priority of the Region is to improve the movement of people and goods. In response to these transportation challenges, the Region has initiated the York Rapid Transit Plan (YRTP) to facilitate the implementation of a rapid transit network in York Region. The Plan encompasses studies of two major transit corridors and two connecting links to Toronto: the Highway 7 Corridor, the Yonge Street Corridor, the Vaughan North-South Link and the Markham North-South Link.

To **"Make the Right Connections!"**, the Highway 7 Corridor and Vaughan N-S Link EA is examining rapid transit services between Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham and from Vaughan Corporate Centre to York University. The first Public Consultation Centre in February 2003 summarized existing conditions and recommendations of the Terms of Reference. The second, in April 2003, provided an opportunity for the public to comment on the design of alignment alternatives and station facilities.

At this third meeting we will present:

- Results of the route evaluations
- Proposed station locations
- Urban design and streetscaping images
- Effects of widening of Highway 7 for the transit lanes
- Measures to accommodate traffic circulation and replace left turns into minor streets and properties along the route

The preferred alternative for Rapid Transit comprises:

- A two lane median transitway generally in the Highway 7 corridor between Highway 50 in Vaughan and Locust Hill in Markham, along with short sections of transit operation in mixed traffic at existing major north-south overpasses
- Stations at approximately 1 km spacing located generally at major intersections
- Access to an intermodal terminal facility in the Langstaff area providing connection to GO Transit and the proposed Yonge Street Transitway
- Access to a maintenance facility for transit vehicles
- Park and Ride and passenger pick-up/drop-off facilities at selected stations

**Come out... and help "Make the Right Connections!"**

You are invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming Public Consultation Centres to express your views on the design of alternatives and potential solutions for rapid transit in the Highway 7 Corridor. The third Public Consultation Centre will be held at:

<b>Hillcrest Mall</b> 9350 Yonge Street Richmond Hill, Ontario September 18th 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>Markville Mall</b> 5000 Highway #7 Markham, Ontario September 19th 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>The Promenade</b> 1 Promenade Circle Thornhill, Ontario September 20th 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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# Break-in may have been medical crisis

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A 37-year-old man found dead after breaking in to a Whitchurch-Stouffville home was in desperate need of medical attention, according to his brother.

John Tzortzouklis, a Toronto resident and father of two young boys, was pronounced dead shortly after York Regional Police responded to a home invasion call on Jesse Thomson Road Aug. 29.

Dan Jourjouklis, 40, who changed the spelling of his last name, said his younger brother had been taking several different medications after suffering a stroke.

"He suffered from anxiety and panic attacks," Mr. Jourjouklis said, adding his brother had been hospitalized in the past for his condition.

"He took medicine for everything you can imagine," he said.

However, Mr. Jourjouklis could not explain what his brother was doing in the Stouffville area, only saying his brother had friends there, although they were not expecting him the day he died.

He may have suffered a medical emergency while driving and randomly pulled into a home for

help, Mr. Jourjouklis suggested. York Regional Police said a man forced his way into the home, while the elderly homeowner called 911 and barricaded himself in a room on the main floor.

Police agreed robbery did not appear to be the motive for the break-in.

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"I don't blame (the homeowner), he was probably scared," Mr. Jourjouklis said.

"My brother never hurt anyone or had a history of doing anything wrong," he added.

Before his death, Mr. Jourjouklis said his brother talked about "taking it easy" following a history of abusing his medications.

"My brother wasn't a saint. None of us are. But he was a good father," Mr. Jourjouklis said.

His wife of 11 years and high school sweetheart, Kathy, and their children Christopher, 8,

and Nicklas, 5, were crushed by the sudden death.

Mr. Tzortzouklis had been supporting his family the past two years working at a printing company as a manager.

"He wanted to get back into the computer industry," Mr. Jourjouklis said.

Both brothers enjoyed working with computers and spent time with the same company early in their careers.

Mr. Jourjouklis is a computer analyst and said his brother specialized in parts and warranties.

With two young daughters of his own, Mr. Jourjouklis said he and his brother's families were close.

Their parents rented out the top floor of the family home to help with the mortgage, forcing him and his brother to share a room.

"We'd fight all the time, but we were best friends," Mr. Jourjouklis said.

"What we need is answers."

Police said toxicology tests may provide a better indication as to how Mr. Tzortzouklis died.

It will be at least two months before officers have the results.

Mr. Jourjouklis said his brother received a traditional Greek Orthodox funeral ceremony.

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