

# Residents angered, mystified by moraine plan restrictions

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Property values, future development possibilities and future use of private properties topped residents' list of concerns at a recent public meeting in Whitchurch-Stouffville on the Oak Ridges Moraine conservation plan.

Since most of Whitchurch-Stouffville is on the moraine, the plan has significant implications for the town's official plan and the secondary plan for Gormley, Stouffville and Ballantrae-Musselman Lake.

All municipal plans have

to be brought into conformity with the moraine plan, passed in 2002.

The town has until Oct. 22 to forward amendments to the province for approval.

The town is seeking an extension for the Vandorf/Preston Lake secondary plan, which is being considered separately. It could come before council in the spring. "I feel betrayed," said Stouffville resident Cap Cowan, whose 16-acre property on the outskirts of town was not included in the town's longer-term development plans.

"My equity is in major

jeopardy because of some people's decision on an area I have invested in for a long time. I think we have an issue of compensation here."

Consultant Liz Howson of Macaulay, Shiomi Howson Ltd. said a clause in the plan rules out compensation.

She added the plan calls for a review 10 years after adoption.

"Will property assessment be frozen for 10 years as well?" Councillor Steve Pliakes retorted.

Ms Howson advised residents to contact the

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to check if their assessments reflect the impact of the moraine plan.

The moraine plan divides the ecologically sensitive moraine into five categories: natural core, natural linkage, countryside, rural settlement and the settlement area.

The natural core area has the most stringent restrictions for the protection of the land, water and wildlife in its confines, allowing only such uses as fish, wildlife and forest management, home businesses and indus-

tries and low intensity recreational uses, among others.

Each succeeding category allows more intense land use

Residents who want to know more about the plan and find out which designation their property falls under can contact the town's planning office at 905-640-1900.

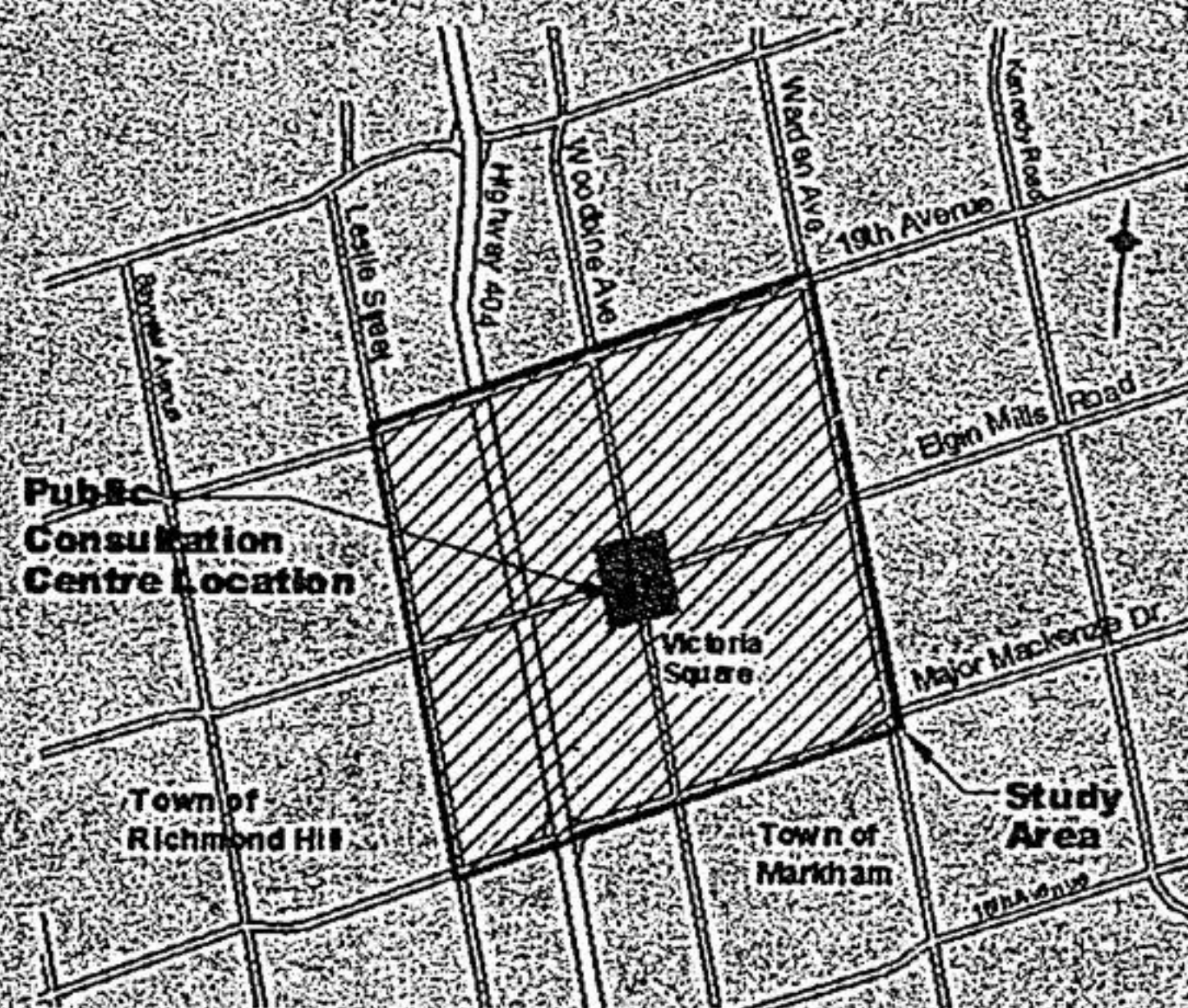
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### WOODBINE AVENUE (Y.R. 8) TRANSPORTATION AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Regional Municipality of York (Region), through their consultant Earth Tech Canada Inc., has completed the Woodbine Avenue Transportation and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study. Widening of Woodbine Avenue from Major Mackenzie Drive to 19th Avenue and constructing a Woodbine Avenue By-Pass around the Hamlet of Victoria Square was identified as the preferred solution to accommodate increasing traffic volumes through this area.

The study followed the approved planning and design process for a Schedule 'C' project under the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2000)*. In accordance with the Municipal Class EA, the planning process undertaken and the conclusions reached were documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR).

The ESR is available for review by agencies and the public at the following three locations during regular business hours for 30 calendar days beginning on September 30, 2003 and ending on October 30, 2003:



The Regional Municipality of York  
Clerk's Department  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Town of Markham  
Clerk's Department  
Anthony Roman Centre  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

The Town of Richmond Hill  
Clerk's Department  
225 East Beaver Creek Road  
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

During this review period you are encouraged to contact either of the project team members identified at the bottom if you have any questions or concerns about this project.

If, after consulting with the Region and/or Earth Tech, you feel that your concerns remain unresolved, you may request that the project be subject to a "Part II Order" (elevation to an individual EA) by submitting a written request to the Minister of the Environment at the following address with a copy to the Region and Earth Tech before the end of the 30 calendar day review period:

Minister of the Environment  
12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West  
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

The project will proceed based on the preferred solution if there are no outstanding Part II Order requests at the end of the 30 calendar day review period. For further information, please contact:

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