

Mayor predicts 'quite a few lawsuits'

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province were taking no position, the board approved the houses.

The development conforms to the moraine plan, because natural features in the area, a woodlot and a dry ravine, are left protected. Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti added this week.

The region closed some files for applications in transition when the moraine law was passed, but others are still on the books, said Neil Garbe, regional director of community planning.

And while Mr. McGuinty's comments thrilled environmentalists and politicians who fought for years to preserve the lands as open space, questions remain about how the province could acquire the former farms and kettle lakes from developers who battled just as hard to build homes on their properties.

"I think there's going to be quite a few lawsuits if (Mr. McGuinty) sticks to his guns," Richmond Hill Mayor Bill Bell said yesterday, adding he thinks the campaign pledge "was aimed at one or two developers"

but "a few innocent bystanders will get wounded."

Mr. McGuinty should ask himself if the province can afford a long and costly battle in court over the 6,600 homes, said Joe Valela, president of the Greater Toronto Home Builders Association.

All Ontarians should be concerned about what the cancellation will do to private companies and citizens, some of whom have invested millions in the moraine lands and may go bankrupt, he argued.

"They've got property rights, they've followed all the legal rules exactly," Mr. Valela said.

But no mention of lawsuits or the possible costs of expropriating the lands could dampen what environmentalists say is a historic moment.

"The impossible has happened," said Glenn De Baeremaeker, president of Save the Rouge Valley System.

He acknowledged many people believed the Liberals would not keep their promise and praised Mr. McGuinty for his pledge. "He's taken the side of us little people over some of the

most powerful men in the province," Mr. De Baeremaeker said.

"We don't owe them a penny for that land, not a penny. They are speculators who bought farmland."

Work continued on the fields yesterday and Environmental Defence Canada, a Toronto-based advocacy group, accused the builders of racing to pave the area before Mr. McGuinty is sworn in next week.

"These people are racing to cheat the people of Ontario, hoping that they can act faster than the new government," said Clayton Ruby, a lawyer speaking for EDC.

Carrie Hoffelner stood near the sales office of Aspen Ridge Homes on the corner of Yonge and Stouffville Road, getting a positive response to the "Save, Don't Pave" sign she was holding Friday.

"Motorists have been honking their horns as they drive by. People in this area are very concerned about development," she said.

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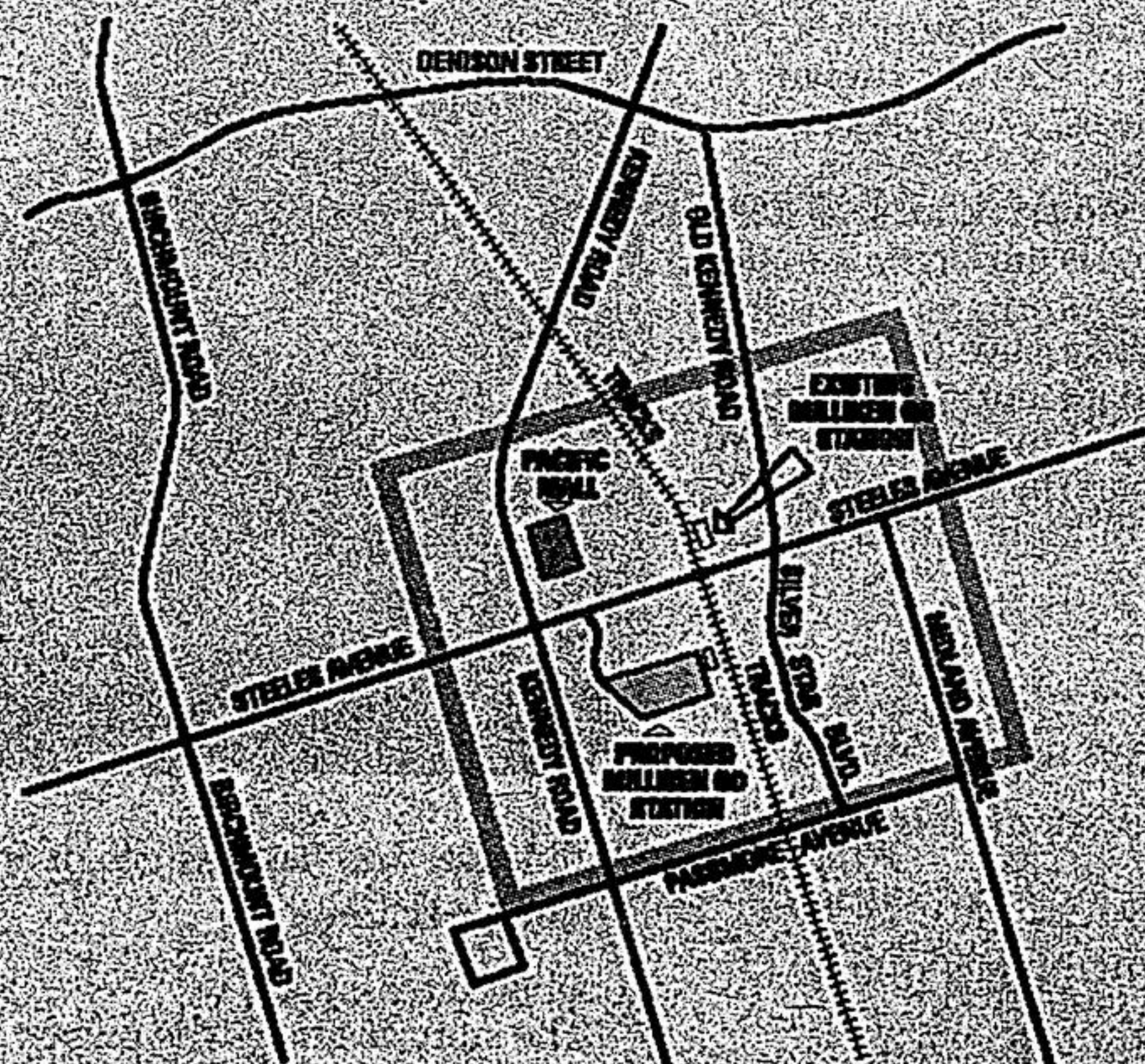
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City of Toronto

THE STUDY

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THE PROCESS

The project will follow the planning process for a "Group B" project as contained in the GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment (1995).

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to allow the public to review and comment on the process and the preferred layout. GO Transit staff and the study consultant will be on hand to answer questions and receive comments. Your participation is an important part of the process and we welcome your comments.

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2003
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Pacific Mall, First Floor - Mall Centre
4300 Steeles Avenue East
Markham, ON L3R 0Y5

COMMENTS

The study will culminate in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) being prepared and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment. At that time, the ESR will be available for public comment and the public will be advised of when and where it can be reviewed.

If you cannot attend the PIC but wish information about this project, please contact either:

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