

The Regional Municipality of York
**Major Mackenzie Drive Road
 Widening/Watermain:
 From Woodbine Avenue to Markham Road**
**Addendum to the Schedule C Class
 Environmental Assessment**

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The Regional Municipality of York completed a Schedule C, Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to improve Major Mackenzie Drive from Woodbine Avenue to Markham Road (Highway 48), including all intermediate intersections. *The Environmental Study Report (ESR) for Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) from Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) to Highway 48 (Markham Road)* was completed and the Notice of Completion filed in March 2001.

The revised project includes the addition of a new 1050mm diameter trunk watermain from McCowan Road to Woodbine Avenue. The watermain will connect in the east to a watermain and reservoir currently being constructed north on McCowan Road and in the west to an existing watermain at Woodbine Avenue. The watermain was generally planned for the north side of the road, within the limits of the road reconstruction. Therefore, to minimize impacts on traffic and the environment, it was determined that the project should be undertaken as part of the road widening.

An Addendum has now been completed to the Environmental Study Report (ESR), which was issued in March 2001. The Addendum contains details on the revised project, including environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

This Notice places the Addendum to the ESR on public record for the mandatory 30-day review period. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and receipt of necessary approvals, York Region intends to proceed with construction as outlined in the Addendum.

The Addendum is available for review at the following locations:

- Regional Municipality of York**
 Clerk's Department
 17250 Yonge Street
 Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
 Tel: (905) 764-6345
 Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Town of Markham**
 Clerk's Department
 101 Town Centre Blvd
 Markham, ON L3R 9W3
 Tel: (905) 475-4744
 Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Interested parties should provide written comments to Michael Rabeau, Project Manager, York Region Transportation and Works Department and to Mr. Stewart Dickson, Project Manager, MacViro Consultants Incorporated, by December 16, 2004.

If concerns regarding the revisions to the road widening/watermain project cannot be resolved in discussions with the Region, a person/party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a "Part II Order"), which addresses individual environmental assessments. The Minister must receive requests, at the address below, for Part II Orders by December 16, 2004. A copy of the Part II Order request must also be sent to Mr. Michael Rabeau at the Regional Municipality of York. If there are no Part II Order requests received, the project will proceed to the construction phase as presented in the EA Report.

The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky
 Minister of the Environment
 12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West
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Transit fees costly for low-wage workers

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And transit routes often don't match working hours, as Newmarket resident Sandra Doyle discovered when she took a part-time job just a few miles away in Sharon.

"I got off work at 4:30 p.m. but there wasn't a bus from Sharon until 5:30," she said. "That's gotten better recently, but I don't know if I'd do this if I had to do it every day."

And even though housing

prices here are lower than parts of Toronto, it's a relatively minor difference, according to Keith Bray of the Markham Board of Trade.

"It's safe to say there's not a surplus of affordable housing for someone in a \$20-an-hour job," Mr. Bray said.

But not all employers are reporting recruitment problems, even after moving from one town to another.

Allied International Credit and its 400-strong workforce moved from Markham to larger quarters in

Newmarket in 2003. Aside from a slight shift in drawing area, the company has had no problems filling positions, according to Laurie McNall, vice-president of human resources.

NO PROBLEM

"The work pool is somewhat different," Ms. McNall said. "In Markham, we pulled more people from the Toronto area, but now the pull is coming from smaller communities in York Region (and) up to and including

Barrie. We haven't had much of a problem."

Chris Williams, a spokesperson for Paramount Canada's Wonderland, said being in Vaughan hasn't been a problem.

"Our full-time staff of 150 people generally come from the north part of the region and Barrie," Ms. Williams said. "But our summer hiring of about 4,000 staff for anywhere from several weeks up to 10 months comes largely from the GTA, Toronto and York Region."

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