

# Arts competition deadline tomorrow

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For six weeks last summer, Sarah Parkin learned baroque dancing, participated in opera classes and enjoyed fencing.

This is far from a typical teenager's idea of summer fun but it was all part of a six-week course she took at York University that covered all aspects of opera.

Ms Parkin's involvement in this course was made possible by a \$1,500 bursary she won in the 2003 York Region Celebration of the Arts talent search.

The 17-year-old Aurora High School student used \$1,100 of that money for the opera course and plans to put the rest toward her schooling next year when she begins a bachelor of music

degree in vocal performance at the University of Toronto.

The deadline to apply for this year's Celebration of the Arts talent search is tomorrow.

Ms Parkin sang Poor Wandering One from Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* in the semifinals and finals of the competition and co-emceed part of a Celebration of the Arts gala performance in 2004.

She remembers a warm atmosphere among competitors. "No one was cutthroat. Everyone was open," she said.

So what advice does she have for future competitors?

"Make as many connections as you can and have as much fun as you can and if you win, you win and if you don't, you can try

again next year. Winning isn't the most important thing. Don't go in with the philosophy that you have to win. Just do the best you can."

The York Region Celebration of the Arts talent search event was the brainchild of York Region Newspaper Group publisher Ian Proudfoot.

In the past, successful participants have won cash prizes, recording studio time and gift certificates.

Applications can be dropped off by 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at any York Region Newspaper Group office. Visit [www.yorkregion.com](http://www.yorkregion.com) and click on the Celebration of the Arts icon for addresses.



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The Regional Municipality of York

## EXPROPRIATIONS ACT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of York for approval to expropriate lands described in Schedule "A", hereto, in the Town of Markham in The Regional Municipality of York, geographically in the Township of Markham in the County of York, for the purposes of:

- the widening and reconstruction of Warden Avenue (YR 65) from Steeles Avenue to 16th Avenue (YR 73), to a basic width up to 36.0 metres with additional widenings at cuts, fills, water course crossings and intersections;
- to provide a basic seven lane road on Warden Avenue (YR 65) between Steeles Avenue and Apple Creek Boulevard with left-turn and right-turn lanes at intersections;
- the adjustments to existing traffic control signals and associated illumination to accommodate the proposed revisions to the road layout at the intersections; and
- the reconstruction and widening of the bridges over the CN tracks, north of 14th Avenue (YR 71), and the Rouge River, north of Highway 407, to provide for six traffic lanes over these structures.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the lands described in Schedule "A", hereto. Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:  
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

The Regional Municipality of York  
Denis Kelly  
Regional Clerk  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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#### SCHEDULE "A"

An estate in fee simple in the lands described as follows:

Lands in the Town of Markham in The Regional Municipality of York, geographically in the Township of Markham in the County of York, being composed of those lands designated as Parts on a Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region more particularly described as follows:

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