

CHRISTMAS CARDS SHOW THEY CARE



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Grade 1, 2, and 3 Cornell Village Public School students present handmade Christmas cards they created for patients of Markham Stouffville Hospital last Wednesday. Cards are intended for patients who are in hospital over the holidays. Tiffanie Samuels, 8, presents box of cards to Michelle Bower, director of community giving at the hospital.

of the liver. Acute hepatitis failure, Alagille's syndrome, Asterand's disease, Biliary fistula, Byler's disease, cancer of the liver, Caroli's disease, Cholangiocarcinoma, Cholecystitis, Cholelithiasis, Cholesteral ester storage disease, Cirrhosis, Crigler-Najjar syndrome.

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The Regional Municipality of York Notice of Submission Individual Environmental Assessment for Transportation Improvements in the Markham Bypass Corridor South of Highway 407

The Regional Municipality of York has completed the Transportation Improvements in the Markham Bypass Corridor South of Hwy 407 Environmental Assessment (EA) which addresses transportation improvements in the Markham Bypass to Morningside Avenue Corridor from Highway 407 to the McNicoll Avenue extension. The EA is being submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for formal review as required under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). The EA is being submitted under section 6.1(2) of the EAA and in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment on July 13, 2004.

The Undertaking consists of a new four lane urban arterial road in a 36 m right-of-way extending from the Markham Bypass / Highway 407 interchange in the Town of Markham to the future Morningside Avenue / McNicoll Avenue intersection in the City of Toronto (see map below). The Undertaking will cross Tributary B of the Little Rouge Creek, Rouge River, Morningside Tributary and Neilson Tributary. The Undertaking also includes crossing of both the CP Rail (Havelock Subdivision) and the CN Rail (York Subdivision), new ramps at the Markham Bypass / Highway 407 Interchange to provide access onto the highway from the south as well as a realignment of 14th Avenue to provide for an at-grade intersection with the Markham Bypass extension near the CP Rail with protection for an ultimate grade separation of 14th Avenue over both the Markham Bypass and the CP Rail.

The EA Report will be available for public review from December 23, 2005 to February 17, 2006 on the project website at markhambypass.ca or during normal business hours at the following locations:

Location	Address	Phone Number
1. Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch	2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A Toronto, ON M4V 1L5	(416) 314-8001
2. Ministry of the Environment, Central Region Office	5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor North York, ON M2M 4J1	(416) 326-6700
3. Regional Municipality of York, Office of the Regional Clerk	17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1	1-877-464-9675 ext. 1520
4. Town of Markham, Office of the Town Clerk	101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3	(905) 475-4744
5. City of Toronto, Scarborough Civic Centre, Clerk's Department	150 Borough Drive Toronto, ON M1P 4N7	416-396-7288
6. Markham Village Library	6031 Highway 7 Markham, ON L3P 3A7	905-513-7977
7. Woodside Square Library, Woodside Square Mall	1571 Sandhurst Circle Toronto, ON M1V 1V2	416-396-8979

Anyone wishing to make comments regarding the EA must submit comments in writing and/or by fax to the Ministry of the Environment by February 17, 2006. All comments must be addressed to:

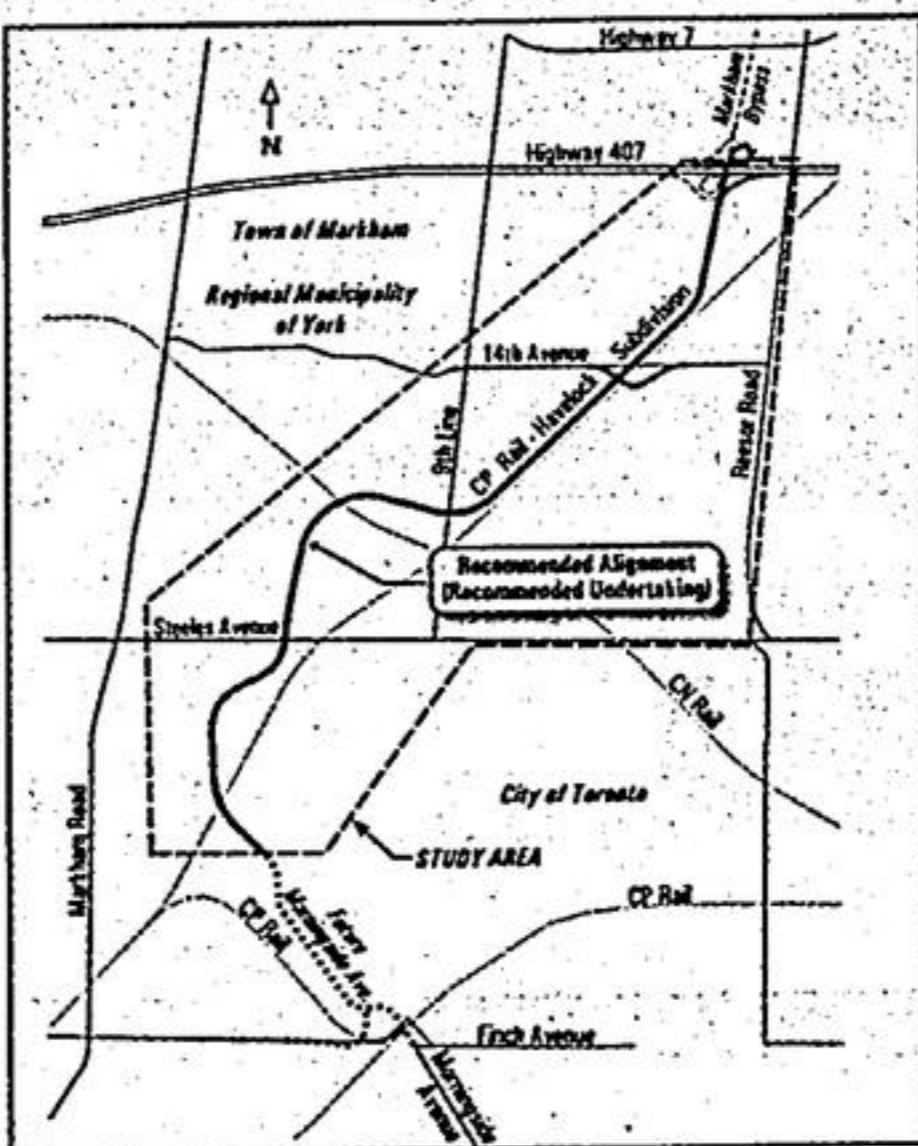
Mr. Kevin Plautz, Project Officer
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
Phone: (416) 314-7184
Fax: (416) 314-8452

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent. If you have any questions, please contact:

Mr. Steve Mota, Project Manager
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Planning and Development Services Department
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Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and can be released, if requested, to any person.

This notice is dated December 21, 2005.



Hospital gets \$20,000 to put toward MRI services

Markham Stouffville Hospital received some early holiday cheer in the form of a \$20,000 cheque from TACC Group president Silvio DeGasperis Thursday.

The second annual gift of its kind from the family-run construction company will support the hospital's MRI services, which launched last January.

Early in the New Year, the diagnostic imaging department will begin offering evening appointments to patients in need of MRI screening. A plan is also under way to see the service operational during the day on Saturdays. With these changes, the hospital is working toward increasing its monthly MRI caseload beyond 366 patients.

"We are pleased to give back in the communities where we do business," Mr. DeGasperis said. "So much of what we do revolves around building neighborhoods where families can thrive and grow. Knowing that our support of Markham Stouffville Hospital's MRI has helped reduce wait times for close to 3,000 patients in the past year alone is the perfect complement to our philanthropic aims."

Since welcoming its first MRI patient earlier this year, wait times at the hospital have decreased from 20 weeks to approximately eight weeks. In addition, this increased efficiency has seen monthly MRI visits increase by almost 20 per cent. Prior to operating MRI services of its own, the hospital shared equipment with two other York Region hospitals and patients were required to travel to Newmarket for tests.

Word on the Street

Three Christmas Musical Performances

Saturday, December 24
4:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm*
(Birth to Age 5 Children's Programming provided 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm)
*No Children's Programming @ 7:00 pm

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
Sunday, December 25 @ 10:45 am (Nursery available for parental use)

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