

# Country show comes to fairgrounds

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*Opera York*

**York Region's Professional Opera Company Presents...  
TWO BY PUCCINI!**

**March 19, 23 & 25**

**GIANNI SCHICCHI**

A Comedy Starring Andrew Tees

**& SUOR ANGELICA**

A Tragedy Starring Stacie Carmona  
Under the Artistic Direction of Sabatino Vacca  
with the Opera York Orchestra and Chorus.

**Mar. 19 - 2:00 pm; Mar. 23 - 8:00 pm**

at **St. Elizabeth Theatre, 525 New Westminster Drive, Vaughan**  
**Mar. 25 - 8:00 pm; Markham Theatre**

**TICKETS: \$30**

**St. Elizabeth Theatre call 905-763-7853;**

**Markham Theatre call 905-305-7469**

**www.operayork.com**

For three days — March 17 to 19 — the Markham Fairgrounds will be transformed into an old fashion, yet thoroughly modern country market.

A welcome harbinger of the first day of spring on March 21, the Markham Country Decorating Show and Sale offers attractions for all ages.

The show is an opportunity to browse, meet craftspeople, country store owners, gardening experts, gourmet chefs and others.

Featured at the show are Ontario's reproduction furnishings, decorating accessories, country crafts, gardening accents and a variety of country cooking ware and foods, including homegrown herbs.

Lee Carswell of TV's Canadian Antiques Roadshow, will be on hand to provide free heirloom appraisals. Hourly door prizes are up for grabs.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$2 for children

younger than 12. Parking is free. The fairgrounds are on McCowan Road at Elgin Mills Road. For information, call 1-866-649-2480 or check out [countrydecoratingshow.com](http://countrydecoratingshow.com)

## Free Thornhill workshops on organic lawn care

Learn how to care for your lawn organically at a free workshop taking place twice in Thornhill this month.

The workshops are March 23 at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Church on Church Lane north of John Street and March 30 at Heintzman House community Centre on Bay Thorn Drive. Both take place from 7 to 9 p.m.

For four years, the Markham Green Neighbourhoods program has provided residents with the inspiration and tools to create naturally beautiful lawns and gardens.

This year, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and York Region Environmental Alliance are offering the workshops.

Each event includes a presentation, displays and draw for prizes.

Also offered are organic lawn care kits. Each kit contains approximately \$75 worth of lawn care products and is available at the subsidized cost of \$30. Call 416-661-6600, ext. 5338, for more information on the kits.

Contact the York Region Environmental Alliance at: 905-660-9782 to register for the workshops.

## Hoops camp at Middlefield


Raptorball, a March Break basketball camp for ages six to 13, takes place Monday to Friday at Middlefield High School, 525 Highglan Ave. in Markham from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp focuses on skills development and each participant receives a jersey, shorts, headband and a certificate of participation.

Fee is \$150. For information or to register, call 416-848-4650 or visit [www.etba1.com](http://www.etba1.com)

**York Region** The Regional Municipality of York and The Regional Municipality of Durham

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS**  
**SOUTHEAST COLLECTOR TRUNK SEWER**  
**INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
Affecting land in Markham, Toronto and Pickering

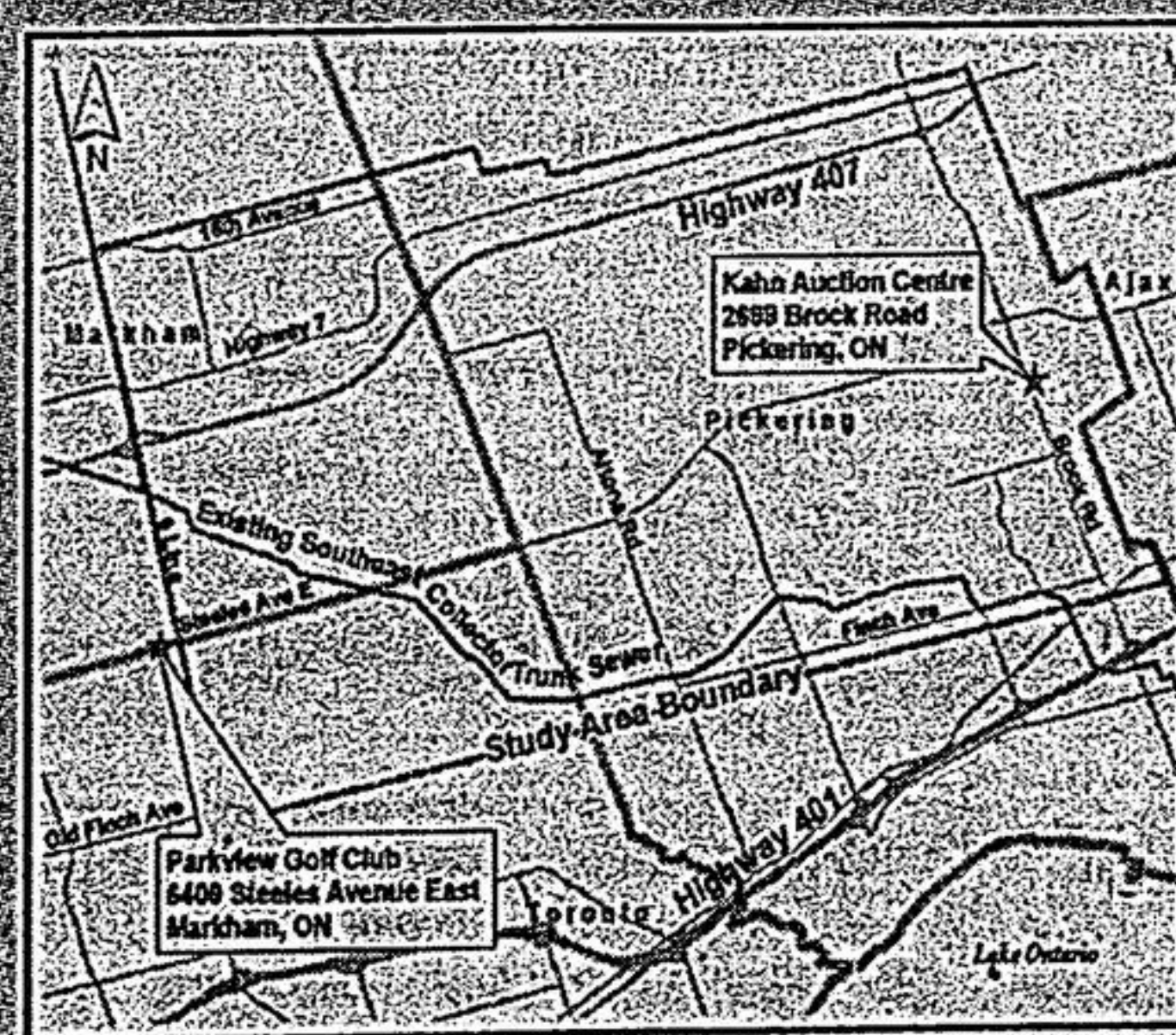


The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) and the Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region) will hold two Public Information Forums (PIFs) as follows to allow interested persons to comment on the initial components of the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Environmental Assessment (EA):

<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, March 28, 2006	<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, March 29, 2006
<b>Time:</b> 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	<b>Time:</b> 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b> Parkview Golf Club 6400 Steeles Avenue East Markham, ON	<b>Location:</b> Kahn Auction Centre 2699 Brock Rd. Pickering, ON

The initial components include the purpose for/rationale of the undertaking, proposed alternatives to the undertaking, preliminary baseline environmental conditions within the study area, the proposed screening and evaluation methodologies for the alternatives to the undertaking, and the proposed screening criteria and evaluation criteria/indicators/measures.

The existing Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer is an integral component of the York Durham Sewage System (YDSS). York and Durham Regions are undertaking the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer EA to address the additional sanitary sewer flows projected from future growth as allowed for in York Region's Official Plan. Durham Region is a co-proponent with York Region on the EA since a portion of the study area is within Durham Region, and Durham and York Regions are co-owners of the existing YDSS within Durham Region. The study area is generally bounded by 16th Avenue and Highway 7 to the north, 9th Line to the west, Finch Avenue to the south, and the Pickering/Ajax municipal boundary and 16th Sideline to the east, as identified in the Key Map below.



The proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer EA, which was issued in the Summer of 2005 for comment, was approved by the Minister of the Environment (Minister) on February 28, 2006. Now that the ToR has been approved, the Regions of York and Durham have begun preparing the EA that will ultimately be submitted to the Minister for review and approval.

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist York and Durham Regions in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Your participation is an important part of the process and we welcome your input. We encourage you to attend either one of the two PIFs to review the materials available and provide any comment or information that you have with regard to the project. Please note that additional rounds of PIFs will be held at key points later in the study to receive your input.

A copy of the approved ToR as well as a discussion paper on the "Alternatives to the Undertaking" are available for your information on the project website: <http://sec.cenet.ca>

Please direct written comments to one of the following team members, or through the e-mail connection from the project website by April 14, 2006.

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The Regional Municipality of York



Over the next 25 years, York Region will experience continued rapid and dynamic population and employment growth. The Ontario Government expects that by 2031, the Region will:

- Add 600,000 people, to bring our population to 1.5 million people
- Add 340,000 jobs, to bring our employment to 780,000

York Region faces a number of difficult planning issues. Public/stakeholder input is crucial before the Region makes any decisions. Your input on these challenges is key:

- protecting our natural heritage
- maintaining our high quality of life
- accommodating significant population and employment growth
- addressing traffic congestion and ensuring that there is appropriate infrastructure investment to support growth rates.
- ensuring that human services keep pace with growth
- maintaining a vibrant economy and attracting employment

So come and share your thoughts and ideas with us at one of the following open houses and Town Hall meetings:

- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Open house
- 7:00 to 7:30 - Presentation
- 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. - Facilitated Discussion

Meeting Date & Location	Location
Tuesday, March 21, 2006 Town of Richmond Hill	Regional South Services Centre 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill
Thursday, March 23, 2006 Town of Markham	Town of Markham Anthony Roman Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Canada Room
Tuesday, April 4, 2006 City of Vaughan	City of Vaughan Civic Centre 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, Council Chambers
Thursday April 6, 2006 Town of Georgina	Georgina Civic Centre 26557 Civic Centre Road, R.R. #2 Keswick Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 12, 2006 Town of Newmarket	Regional Administration Centre 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket Seminar Room

For further information please visit [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) or call 905-830-4444, extns 1526, 1532, or 1508

